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## THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE INC.

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The GET Photographic Competition 2016 theme was "**Promote the Fingal Valley**".

Tasmanian Master Photographer Owen Hughes presented

Open Winner Anne-Maree Thomas \$500 for her photo titled "Aurora Australia". More results p11

### Lions Club of St Marys Inc.

wishes to advise we will be conducting the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday December 24 in St Marys at 5.30pm. The Parade will commence in Newman Street, proceed west on Main Street to Cameron Street, turn left into Groom Street, turn left into Story Street, return to Main Street and disperse.

The Parade does not require total road closure as alternate routes are available, but minor delays may occur.

Permit conditions for the procession require that the event be completed by 6pm.

Any groups walking in the Parade not able to maintain a reasonable pace and keep up to the general group may be requested to walk a shorter distance.



**John McGiveron (President)**



**Santa and the  
MACE helpers at  
the Rossarden  
and Friends Kids  
Christmas party  
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Keep articles short, simple and to the point.

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### Community Notices

**The Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. staff and volunteers wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season and a fulfilling 2017.**

**We thank our readers for their continued support and look forward to an exciting year ahead.**

**Wendy Dawson, Editor.**

### Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc.

Talbot St Fingal

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**Facebook** We have a new Facebook page which is our main communication tool for what is happening at the FVNH. Like our page to keep up to date.

**Christmas Parade** will be held on Friday December 23 at Fingal Recreation Ground. Time: 5pm for 5.30am start. Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Tattoos, BBQ etc.

**Christmas Raffle** Raffle books available at Fingal IGA / Post Office, Avoca Roadhouse / Post Office, Hillys IGA St Marys / Post Office, Mathinna Club / Post Office and FVNH. **TO BE DRAWN DECEMBER 23**

**Wedding Dress Parade** will be held at the FVNH on Saturday April 8, 2017. Ladies do you still have your wedding dress? If you would like to show off your beautiful gown, please contact Marilyn Statham on 0427 285 190 or Elizabeth Death on 0419 370 752 before January 31, 2016.

**Play Centre** We are now taking enrolments for 2017.

#### **Committee, Staff and Volunteers**

would like to wish you all

a Happy Christmas and a Happy, Safe New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

*The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. is funded by the Crown through the Department of Health and Human Services*

To everyone we usually involve in Christmas celebrations (cakes, Christmas dinner etc.) please understand that due to our difficult and unforeseen circumstances over the past few months, we will NOT be doing any 'Christmas things' this year except with our immediate family.

We will greatly miss these annual activities that have been part of our family traditions for over 40 years.

We will greatly miss the friendship.

**Christmas blessings to you all from Peter and Beverley Rubenach, Gray**

Thank you to everyone who has helped, and offered best wishes, to both me and my family since I broke my leg in early September. Because so many people have been so kind - and also as help is ongoing - I can't thank people individually, so please everyone accept my sincere thanks and gratitude. What a wonderful community I'm blessed to live in. God bless you.

**Beverley Rubenach, Gray**



## Community Notices

### Lions Club of St Marys Inc.

Due to the current situation where TasNetworks rules and policies will not allow our club to erect the town decorations in St Marys using the power poles along the street - something we have been doing for over 40 years - we have decided, in the interests of promoting the festive season in our town, *to offer a \$500 prize to the business judged to have the best Christmas decorations on their premises.*

The winner will be announced at the Lions Club Christmas Party on December 24th, so come on all local businesses, let's see some festive spirit!

The Lions Club of St Marys have plenty of banners available, just give us a call if you need any.

We would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to our desire to make our town stand out for the Christmas season by the local TasNetwork employees who have erected our banners since all this started, sometimes in their own time.

Because of rules and policies now directed from higher up, they can no longer do this work. Thanks again boys!

**John McGiveron, President.**

### Response from 'a TasNetworks spokesperson':

"In order to attach something to TasNetworks infrastructure, the organisation or body wishing to do so, must go through an application process. Through this process TasNetworks assesses the application against a number of criteria including, how the banners will be erected and removed, the additional load (weight) the banners will place on the pole, and whether the applicant has the appropriate public liability insurances in place.

"The criteria, which are based on the Australian Standards for *Overhead Line Design and Construction* manual, have been designed to ensure that any attachments to TasNetworks infrastructure do not impact on the safety or reliability of our assets.

"Unfortunately, the specific banners requested by the St. Marys District Lions Club did not meet the criteria and TasNetworks was unable to approve the request this year.

"We understand that this is disappointing for the community. However, it is important to note that TasNetworks is committed to continual improvement in the area of safety, and that means that we must review and revise our policies and procedures each year, to ensure that our networks remains as safe and reliable as possible."

**Mt Elephant Pancakes** would like to wish our loyal customers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

**Best wishes, Michael, Louise, Georgina, Vanessa and staff.**

### Dear friends, people of the Valley, Four Mile Creek and Scamander.

I wish to express my most heartfelt and humble sympathy to all who witnessed and / or were victims of the bushfires in 2006. Yes! it was ten years ago. I wonder how many of you have remembered?

On the day (last Sunday) the local Star FM broadcast nothing; the Examiner newspaper printed nothing; the B.O.D.C did nothing - AMAZING!

I always wanted to pay tribute to remember the event; after all, we all need to express our empathy and compassion. We all deserve it.

So I spent a lot of time and effort to compile a photographic display to pay tribute to this event.

*The only person kind enough to display the 220 unnamed photographs was Brian Forsyth. Thank you Brian!*

Our council have had enough time, space and means to do a favour for our community. WHY BOTHER?

The St Marys hall may display them around mid-January.

**George Keri, Scamander**

The St Marys Salvation Army would like to THANK the following people for their support:

Nanette Adams

Pam Gillies

Juanita McDonald

Bruce & Kaye Nailer

Adam & Kate Rogers

Gaynor Stillman

All the parents from JAM. All the people from the community who kindly donate via our Salvo tins in the following establishments:

Mt Elephant Fudge

The St Marys Post Office

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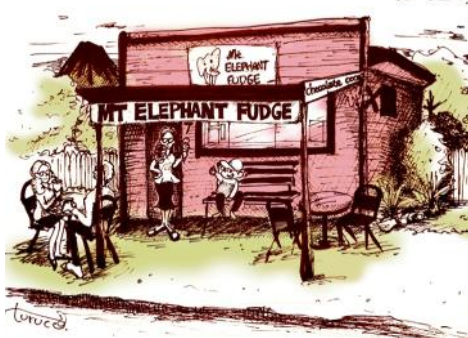
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An exciting community project in the development phase;  
the **St Marys Community Space**,  
is evolving.

Collection tins bearing this logo will soon appear in local businesses. We will also have collection tins at the **Christmas Eve Parade** in St Marys and at the **New Years Eve Races** at the Recreation Ground in St Marys

During January and February 2017 ALL money spent in the **St Marys Op Shop** will be donated to the fundraising campaign! Mark your DIARIES for **January 27<sup>th</sup>** when an outdoor concert – featuring **The Trawl Dogs** – and outdoor food vendors, along with other activities, will commence from 12:30 till 9:30pm. Entry to the event will be by **DONATION** Watch local spaces for posters advertising these events plus more!!

Always looking for more volunteers –  
Phone Janet on 0404 562 320



**MT ELEPHANT FUDGE**

*Wishing one and all a  
Joyful Christmas  
and a bright and successful 2017!*

**Kindest Regards - Lizzy & Jack**

**Gift Vouchers Available**

## Australia Post St Marys

### HOLIDAY HOURS

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## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION



**COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF  
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**Live music from the Pretty Things**

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**Local celebrity pie eating competition**

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of course an Aussie BBQ!**

**Young Citizen, Citizen of the Year and the  
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### St Helens History Room

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#### 'Boats In Bottles' Exhibition

St Helens History Room is pleased to present its latest exhibition 'Boats In Bottles'. The official opening is Saturday December 17, 2016 from 1 pm at the St Helens History Room, where refreshments will be available. The exhibition consists of nearly 40 model boats set in bottles that represent the life work of Mr Richard Massey.

Mr Massey is the model maker of this private collection currently on display, and during his lifetime has worked on or captained each of the model boats presented. Mr Massey progressed from Ship's Peggy to



Ship's Master, working in the shipping industry from 1951-2013.

He has generously lent his collection to the St Helens History Room for display purposes, and the History Room is delighted with the exhibition which is available for viewing until March 2017.

Kym Matthews, Curator



## Fancy yourself a Kitchen Queen or King?

### Put your baking skills to the test at the Australia Day Lamington and Pavlova Bake Off

Registrations open at 9am on the day...  
and it's FREE to enter!!

Entries will be judged by local culinary experts,  
Roz MacAllan, Bob McQuattie and Anita Lewis

### Prizes and bragging rights to be won!

Where: Portland Hall, St Helens

When: Australia Day— Thursday, 26th January 2016 (with  
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## HMAS Tobruk: Disappointment as Tasmanian plan for dive wreck scuttled

**The Tasmanian Government missed a "golden tourism opportunity" in failing to secure a de-commissioned navy ship as a dive wreck, a local dive group has said.**

HMAS Tobruk will be sunk off the coast of Queensland, the Federal Government announced on Friday.

It was used extensively during regional peacekeeping, humanitarian operations and border protection. The Break O'Day Council on Tasmania's east coast wanted the ship to be scuttled at Skeleton Bay, near St Helens, a plan that it said would attract thousands of divers each year.

A group in southern Queensland was also vying to have the ship sunk off the coast between Bundaberg and Hervey Bay.

Tasmania is the only state which has not been gifted a former Australian warship to use as a dive wreck. Dive operator Peter Paulson was the project manager of a group that had spent years trying to secure the ship for scuttling off Tasmania's east coast. Mr Paulsen claimed the Tasmanian Government's bid failed because it did not give the Navy sufficient paperwork.

"These ships don't sit on the shelf to pick up when you feel like it," he said.

"They only come around on very, very rare occasions, and this was a golden opportunity missed by this Government. And we gift wrapped this thing for them."

The State Government said it was extremely disappointed its bid had failed.

In a statement, the Government said it was unfair of the Commonwealth to expect Tasmania to pay \$10 million for the Tobruk, given this had not been required of other states.



*HMAS Tobruk was retired last year after 35 years of service. (Australian Defence Force)*

[http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-03/hmas-tobruk-dive-wreck-tasmanian-government-missed-opportunity/8088914?WT.ac=statenews\\_tas](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-03/hmas-tobruk-dive-wreck-tasmanian-government-missed-opportunity/8088914?WT.ac=statenews_tas)

## The Say, by Cagerattler

If someone knocked on your door with a warrant to come in to your house and survey your TV set up, or come in and seize items of value, what would you think?

This doesn't happen in some dictatorship or totalitarian society ... this is in present day England.

If you want to use your TV to watch live broadcasts it's £145 a year for normal people until the age of 75, but with some concessions for certain people.

The inspectors have the right to enter your premises if they think you are not paying or declaring your circumstances, and warrants for non compliance can incur huge fines. Items of value can be taken if the fees and fines aren't settled almost immediately and the bailiff can do it legally. Often police have to attend to uphold common law - it is so draconian that when I first read about it I thought the dreaded TV licence days here were back ...

In Britain also there are cities, not least London City centre, where the motor tax you incur to travel into the city is hugely expensive. No wonder expat Brits find our country a welcome change in this regard.

Grow up Great Britain and stop persecuting your own citizens, they cop enough now just having to put up with so many other imposts. Unbelievable.

As this is the last Valley Voice of the year please allow me to thank you for letting me add my two cents worth each fortnight, and I wish everyone a very happy and very safe festive and holiday season..

A very special thanks to Wendy, our intrepid editor, the volunteers and helpers who put our Valley Voice together - now approaching 50 years.

It's a great asset to the community.

Hope to do it again in 2017. Cheers to all.

What do you think?

*Rod McGiveron, St Marys*

## On this day in December 1810

On 15 December 1810, **Governor Lachlan Macquarie** introduced the first building code into the colony. The code required that all buildings were to be constructed of timber or brick, covered with a shingle roof, and include a chimney. Governor Macquarie also ordered the construction of roads, bridges, wharves, churches and public buildings. Following an inspection of the sprawling, ramshackle settlement of Hobart Town in Van Diemen's Land, now Tasmania, Macquarie ordered government surveyor John Meehan to survey a regular street layout: this layout still forms the current centre of the city of Hobart.







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## **Falmouth's heart is in the right place ...**

Falmouth Community Centre is proud to announce that due to the generosity of our community, a recent fundraiser has enabled the purchase of two St John Ambulance Heart Start First Aid Defibrillators for our community; one to be placed outside the Falmouth Community Centre for public access, and one to be housed in our Falmouth Fire Brigade vehicle so it can be on hand when our brigade is attending emergency operations.

The St John HeartStart First Aid Defibrillator is the number one selling defibrillator around the world, is easy to use and is designed for people with little or no experience, making it ideal to use in a remote community such as ours in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.

We are truly grateful to all members of our wider community for their amazing generosity and for helping us achieve this important goal. It is a vital asset for our community, considering our remote location and if one life can be saved by having these defibrillators in our community, then that is priceless.

**Roxy Cowie, Chief Executive Officer of St John Ambulance Australia, Tasmania will conduct the Official Handover to the Falmouth Community Centre and Falmouth Fire Brigade:  
Time: 1pm**

**Date: Saturday January 14, 2017**

**Venue: Falmouth Community Centre, 18 Morrison St,  
Falmouth**

***PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES***

***This will be followed by a presentation on how to use a defibrillator and answering any questions you may have.***

We do hope you will join us for this very exciting and important community event.

Our community has managed to raise excess funds which is amazing. We want to pay it forward for another defibrillator. If any other remote and local community in the Break O'Day Municipality is prepared to raise the balance of funds required to purchase one, then please send your expression of interest to the email below or via post to The Secretary, Falmouth Community Centre, 18 Morrison St, Falmouth.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Falmouth Community Centre on

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## 10 years ago

As I put pen to paper, or rather finger to keyboard, Thursday evening 10 years ago we the St Marys Volunteer Fire Brigade, under the guidance of Brigade Chief Michael Aulich, along with surrounding Brigades were fighting a fire at Mt Durham (Mt. Nicholas). Some of us had just spent a few days in the Georgetown area helping out, on the way home from there on our last night we were greeted by a car load of hoons throwing beer bottles at us. What they didn't bargain on was the fact that we have radios in the trucks, so one call to Firecom and a few kilometres up the road the boys in blue had them pulled over (we had already been instructed to keep going).

We had a few hectic days on this fire (Mt. Durham), finally finishing up on Saturday the 9th. That behind us we all settled down for a quiet evening ready for a restful day on Sunday.

Sunday 10th December 2006 dawned as a normal summer morning. Yes, we were inundated with smoke from the mainland fires but Mt. Durham was quiet so we could have a restful day. How wrong I was!

In the early afternoon I was servicing my own fire fighting unit, just in case I needed it at some time. Michael and Wendy were about to go for a swim when Mike received a phone call from a resident on Lohreys Road concerned about the smoke; that part wasn't so bad until the caller stated that he could hear a roaring sound, this triggered the alarm bells. One shout from Mike and I dropped all that I was doing (the fire fighter remained in pieces until the unfolding event was over).

On the way to Lohreys Road we had the Brigade put on alert to await our findings. On our arrival at Lohreys Road it was quite obvious that we had a major fire on our hands, the Brigade was mobilised and assistance called for from all surrounding Brigades as well as helicopter support and back up from Launceston. A very quick check of all homes in the immediate area with advice to leave now if you were going, otherwise it would be too late to do so. To those choosing to stay and defend, a very quick crash course in what they had to do to ensure their survival. By this time the Brigade had arrived with one unit, the other unit had to respond to Gardner's Creek Road.



In this short period of time, the fire had turned into a raging monster and it was time to get out or face the consequences. The smoke column had extended over the top of the ranges towards St Marys, the burning embers started falling to the ground and within a few minutes the fire had grown into an unstoppable thing of great magnitude. Let's get out now while we can, we can do no more here. Mike jumped in the driver's seat, I was about to get in when I noticed the tray cover on fire. No good to me like that, I had to belt it out with my bare hands then jump in before I missed my ride.

That's the beginning of a monster that escaped from a camp fire and already spotting 4kms away.

As I recount this event, apart from Brigade Chief Mike, I will not be using individual names as to try and do that I run the risk of doing an injustice to people and that would be very unfair.

Each and every Fire Fighter did a magnificent job, with all having their own story to tell. Most do not like talking about it in any depth of detail, because we are fully aware that emotional scars still run deep across all sectors of the community.

This is just the beginning, I will serialise the event as I saw it and hopefully the Valley Voice will find room to include it. Where to now? Well it was a massive task to deploy all units to the most useful positions as well as monitor the fire's progress and try to judge it's rate of spread, which at this point in time seemed to surpass anything that we had experienced before (the 67 Hobart fire rate of spread was greater).

We work under the acronym of RECEO

RESCUE	no. 1 priority, so we go straight into rescue mode to check the safety of all
EXPOSURES	where do we start with these, there are so many of them and so few appliances
CONTAIN	it was evident that this would take days or weeks
EXTINGUISH	a task that would take weeks if not months
OVERHAUL	we will deal with this when the time comes

With the fire up and running and peoples' safety being checked on, we could only then swing into property protection, not that we could have done anything earlier because of the terrain, rate of spread along with combined conditions.

Conditions on the day when the fire broke out were: Temp. 38c R H 18% (relative humidity) and dropping.

It is worth noting that with these temperatures, when the R H drops below 28%, it is extremely difficult to control any fire, so we all knew that we had a battle on our hands.

With the approach of evening and slightly cooler air, the fire still continued its unhindered progress.

It would be around 37 hrs before most of us saw our homes, beds or loved ones again; we knew that we were safe,



however I often wonder just what anguish they went through while we were away at the fire front. With an incident of this magnitude so much has to happen all at once. With so many fires already on the ground and working hard, they have to be fed. This is where the business places and general public came in to play, they were all magnificent with food coming from everywhere, now most of it had to be delivered to the fire ground. I recall setting off around 9pm to deliver meals to the fires at Germantown, however about 1/2km from my destination the fire forced me to retreat, head down St Marys Pass, Upper Scamander road, find the appropriate road to give me access to the fires - they got their meals around 11pm. No grumbles, just gratitude that I had made it in with food for them. The IMT (Incident Management Team) set up at Fingal - more later. Property Triage commenced - this determines if the structure is defensible or not and how - more later. I feel this is enough for this episode, next time I will cover additional happenings in those 37 hours plus a few more.

**Gerald Aulich (AFSM)**



***Congratulations*** to the winners of the 2016 GET Photographic competition



Under 18 winner Catherine Bean of Fingal won \$250 for her photo "Mist in the Valley"



The People's Choice Award with a cash prize of \$150 is voted by customers visiting the Purple Possum Café Gallery over a one month period, where 12 Finalists are on display from a total of 72 entries. This Award was presented by BODC Deputy Mayor John McGivern to Mandy Kidd of Launceston for her photo "The Welcoming Committee". Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to those who entered this year. Start snapping for next year! 2017 GET Photographic Competition Theme: "Flora and Fauna in the Fingal Valley"

The St Marys Salvation Army and the Break O' Day Anglican Church would like to invite people to donate gifts to go under the Christmas Tree in Ana's Hairdressing Salon in Main St, St Marys. These gifts will be distributed in time for many children and adults to be blessed. Thank you in advance for your support of this project and our thanks to Ana once again, for her generosity in providing the space and the tree.

**Hello everyone.**

The St Marys Pacing Club's organization of our annual race meeting on NEW YEARS EVE is progressing well, with all things in place. The first race starts around 1pm and we can only hope for the good weather to continue as the day grows closer.

You may not all be aware the race day is on December 31 - New Year's Eve - not the traditional New Year's Day meeting - due to that day being a Sunday and Tasracing hold their premier race meetings on Sunday evenings (this year being a Hobart meeting).

Once again we would like to thank all our wonderful loyal sponsors who have again sponsored this race day. Without these people and businesses the day would be very difficult to continue and survive.

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The junior fashions on the field will be on again for both boys and girls of various ages, with something for every participant. Thanks to the wonderful sponsoring who have donated money towards the junior event with the surplus allowing us to provide a jumping castle and a free raffle for boys and girls with great prizes.

The major raffle this year has a wheelbarrow of groceries, a two night stay at Oakdene Heritage Accommodation St Marys, plus electrical items.

There will be a guaranteed seven race card with the first race expected to start around the 1pm time slot. The Southern Cross St Marys Pacing cup will be the major race of the meeting with a \$10 000 first prize.

As usual we ask for any volunteers who would be able to offer a half an hour to help out in the kiosk. Our rosters enable volunteers to staff the kiosks between races, then be finished helping out and continue to enjoy their day. Anyone in a position to help out kindly let one of our committee members know or contact myself on the details below.

We are having a working bee on Saturday 17 with painting of the afternoon tea area as top concern, and tidying up around the facilities. A BBQ lunch will be provided for all helpers.

Thanks again to all who have indicated their support, have a safe Christmas and we look forward to catching up on New Year's Eve at the races to bring in the new year with hopefully a winner or two.

Cheers

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## ST MARYS PACING CLUB



### Australia Day Awards 2017 Citizen of the Year & Young Citizen of the Year

#### **Citizen of the Year:**

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on or before January 26, 2017.

#### **Individuals Eligible for Award:**

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and / or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible

#### **Young Citizen of the Year:**

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years of age on or before January 26, 2017.

#### **Individuals Eligible for Award:**

This award is for a young citizen who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and / or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

#### **Nominations for Awards close 5pm Monday January 2, 2017.**

Nomination forms available from the Break O'Day Council Office or website, or email

[Chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:Chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au) or [Erica.Lowry@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:Erica.Lowry@bodc.tas.gov.au)

Council will not accept any late nominations.

**Postal Details: Australia Day Awards** Break O'Day Council, 32-34 Georges Bay Esplanade **ST HELENS TAS 7216**

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### Artwork Competition (6-12yr)

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Unleash your inner artist by entering our Youth Art Competition and tackling this year's theme  
*"What Australia Day means to me"*

#### Competition Guidelines:

- Artwork must be no larger than A4 size (210 x 297 mm)
- One entry per person
- Submitted to Erica at Council no later than Monday January 9, 2017.

Artwork will be judged by staff at Break O 'Day Council, finalists announced on Wednesday 18th January 2017 (*notified by phone*).

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Above right: Great Eastern Copper Syndicate's treatment vats at Scamander

Right: Suspension bridge, Upper Scamander from The Weekly Courier, Thursday November 11, 1909



Thanks to Dale Matheson of Scamander for sending these photos in. Editor.



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## **Rossarden & Friends Kids Christmas Inc.**

*Christmas Party* on December 11 at Avoca Primary School



Well another fantastic Rossarden and Friends Kids Christmas party for 2016 at the Avoca Primary School!

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We also had a visit from the M.A.C.E (Motorcyclists Advocating Child Empowerment). These guys do lots for children. They are a voluntary, community minded organisation dedicated to protect and advocate for children of Australia who are victims of child abuse, neglect and bullying.

Can't thank you enough for coming, the kids enjoyed every minute.

Oh and of course the bigger kids - you know who you are!!!

Many thanks to everyone who helped and donated one way or another. Thank you to Avoca Primary school for the use of the facilities because it makes it a safe and fantastic day for all.

A huge thanks to Santa's little helpers as without these guys the day wouldn't be possible.



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## **From Generation to Generation - A True Christmas Story by Beverley Rubenach**

### **Part 1: Rivendel (near Swansea) 1861 - 1862**

The excitement the two young Irish women felt as they disembarked from the ship in Launceston was now replaced with trepidation and fatigue. Darkness of the cold night has descended on the travellers several hours ago. As the coach bumped and jostled over the bush road from Avoca to Cranbrook, Elizabeth Fry became increasingly agitated.

"We never be reachin' our destination for we already been travelling three days."

"Oh Lizzie, what be three days compared with our many months of sea voyage half way around the world?" her friend Bridget Fenelley asked patiently.

"Naught, I expect," the woman admitted, "but what if there be no-one to meet us in the middle of the night?"

"We already been told the master of Rivendel do treat his indentured servants well so we be alright. Stop fretting."

As she spoke, Bridget could distinguish the flickering lantern in a not-too-distant building. They were now so close to the start of her fulfilment of her dream of one day owning her own herd of cows. A dream that had driven her to leave family and homeland. A wagon awaited, a tall blond-haired young man beckoned for them to climb on board. He was speaking in some language neither girls could understand, so all they could do was hope and pray they were being transported to the right destination. Because Bridget could neither read nor write, she gave a relieved sigh when Elizabeth explained excitedly that the sign on the gateway they had just entered read Rivendel. The young driver, without saying a word, handed the women to the charge of a grumpy old woman. She led them to a small basement room.

"You rise at four o'clock, clean the fireplaces, set and light the fires, fetch wood and water and cook breakfast. Then report to me for orders for your day's work," she barked and slammed the door impatiently.

"Oh my, Bridget, how we be doing all that when it must already be close to dawn and we both so travel weary?"

"Come now friend," Bridget, the optimist encouraged. "Things aren't all bad. That young driver be mighty comely and handsome," then she giggled and added, "Well in the dark he looked pretty good."

"Bridget, you be comin' all the way from Queen's County Ireland to own ya own dairy herd, not to own a husband."

"Can't see any harm in havin' both," Bridget sighed as she flopped onto her bed and fell sound asleep.

The two women believed their indenture would see them doing their former occupation as dairy maids, but to their dismay they were given the lowest of positions - scullery maids.

"Things will soon get better," Bridget would say at the close of each day. And they quickly did for Elizabeth. The gentle, quiet beauty was promoted to lady's maid to the mistress of Rivendel.

Being a little peeved at her friend's success, Bridget sought the company of the young driver who had caught her eye on the night of her arrival. She learnt his name was John Warnder. It was about all she could understand, as he spoke in a language she presumed was Dutch. Despite his scant knowledge of English, and her heavily accented Irish, they managed to communicate for they had one thing in common - their love of animals and their knowledge of how to care for them. Bridget wasn't sure what John's role was on the property but he had a reputation as a healer of both plants and animals. Every spare moment Bridget had she spent with John. They shared knowledge and experience, for Bridget had been a renowned healer, prophet and palm reader in Ireland. Soon people from all over the Swansea area were coming to the pair for time honoured advice and healing.

Bridget's promotion from the drudgery of scullery maid came unexpectedly. Bridget was called urgently to assist John in curing the cows who were 'bloating' on fresh new pasture.

"Move them all to the fields where the docks grow plentiful," she advised. "Let them eat their fill. Plant dock in all the pastures and there will be no more trouble from bloat." She was right. The master of Rivendel came saying "Bridget, as a thank you for saving my herd you are now the chief dairy maid."

In Ireland, under the employ of a harsh, unkind squire, Bridget was in strife if she as much as spilt a drop of milk. Here she had the master's permission to use all the milk and cream she desired. And she did.

The headstrong Bridget's relationship with John worried the cautious Elizabeth. "Take care dear friend," she warned, "that John sure be handsome but he be footloose and fancy free. He never be one to settle down with a woman."

Bridget shrugged.

"Bridget, I hope for your sake there be no hanky panky goin' on between you two!" "There be some things I not be a sharing' even with my best friend," Bridget retorted, closing the subject.

Shortly afterwards Bridget woke one morning feeling queasy. "I think I be eating too much cream," Bridget complained to Elizabeth.

"Then you best stop eating any for a week and see if you feel better," Elizabeth advised. Bridget took the advice but she continued to feel ill.

"Bridget, I be thinkin' there be more wrong in your belly than over-indulging in cream." At this statement from her friend Bridget's face turned white and she clutched her stomach. Her friend's frankness has caused her to face the fact that she had tried to deny for weeks - she was with child!

Tearfully, fearfully, she ran to the sanctuary of the stable. Shaking from the realisation of the seriousness of her dilemma, she sobbed a confession to God of her immorality. Instead of the 'hellfire and brimstone' punishment she expected, she felt a great peace. Visions of the nativity scene in the church windows of Queen's County, Ireland, flooded her mind with memories. The Christmas story she had heard ever since she was a child became reality. She had empathy with the young woman in Nazareth, hundreds of years ago. The young unmarried Mary was afraid to tell her betrothed husband Joseph that she was pregnant. Bridget dreaded breaking her news to John. Mary was in danger of being stoned to death for 'adultery'. Bridget was in danger of losing her position and being homeless because of her immorality. Mary's baby,



Jesus, was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Bridget wondered where her child would be born and where she would lay the child if she was rejected and penniless. Wiping her eyes, Bridget stood up and declared "I be knowin' one thing for sure - if I have me a baby girl I be callin' her Mary."

True to character, Bridget faced her dilemma head on and quickly. John was flabbergasted at the unexpected news but he promised to stand by her and the baby.

The very moral but fair master of Rivendel was initially shocked but after a day of thought came to Bridget saying "I'm disappointed but you are a valued worker with two more years of indenture to serve. Therefore, if you and John marry soon you can stay at Rivendel."

Life continued as normal as plans for Bridget and John's wedding commenced. Bridget continued her healing and using her amazing gift of insight and intuition. This gift proved to be a life saver for the master of Rivendel's only son, and resulted in providing an important stepping stone for her future.

This came to pass one morning as Bridget was casually churning cream into butter. She paused as 'the feeling' came upon her. This 'feeling' she recognised as God's prompting. "Something is wrong!" she whispered. Instinctively she ran to the nearby bull paddock.

The master's nine year old son was running screaming and stumbling across the field with a very irate bull in hot pursuit. Brave Bridget jumped the fence and ran in between the boy and the bull. She stood her ground. With calm authority she chided the charging animal, "Bull, animal created by God, stop chasing this boy, a child of God!" The startled bull skidded to a stop! The boy ran to the arms of his father who had come running upon hearing the commotion. Bridget reached out her hand to the stationary bull. Ever so quietly and gently she touched his forehead. "Thank you bull, for not harming that boy." Then leaning close she whispered in the animal's ear, "but just between you and me he probably deserved anything you could have dished out." The bull tossed his huge horns and began grazing unperturbed.

But Bridget had something else to settle. The man held out his hand in gratitude but the indentured servant interrupted. "Before ye be a thankin' me sir, allow me to tell what I be a seein' for days!" Glaring at the young heir-to-be she continued. "I be a watchin' this young rascal tease that poor bull."

"Is that true, son?" the man demanded. The boy nodded his confession. "Sir, I be havin' more to say if you please." the master nodded his consent. "Firstly, I be thinkin' that spoilt little scallywag should get to be a feelin' the bull's wrath. I be a wishin' that there bull would stick his sharp horns in the little upstart's britches and toss him sky high." Great indignation showed on each male face, but Bridget continued. "Then I be ashamed at me thoughts. I know that not be God's way. Sir, ya need to be teachin' yer son about godly stewardship. That bull belongs to God the same as you do. God gave mankind dominion over all things he created on this good earth. That dominion, that stewardship, means carin' for, respectin' and lovin' all of Creation." Having said her piece, Bridget walked away leaving this rich, influential man to ponder on the simple truth spoken by an illiterate Irish lass.

After the simple wedding ceremony the master of Rivendel made a public announcement. "Because of fine work ethics and loyal service, because of courage to speak the truth and show compassion to others, I cancel Bridget Fennelly's indenture. She is a free woman, free to travel and work wherever she wishes."

Instantly Bridget knew this meant she would leave Rivendel. This signified an exciting, new, challenging chapter in her life. "Furthermore," the important property owner declared, "my wife heard from Elizabeth that Bridget came half way around the world hoping to fulfil her dream of one day owning a herd of cows. This remarkable young woman recently saved my son's life and reminded me of essential truths I had almost forgotten. Therefore, in gratitude I publicly bestow on her an unconditional gift - her choice of any animal on this property."

Impulsive Bridget ran and embraced her benefactor. Then, leaving her husband standing in open-mouthed awe, she raced to the paddock with a lone occupant. There she claimed ownership of the prize hereford bull!

**Epilogue:** Bridget gave birth to her first born on September 29, 1862. John had no say in naming their daughter. "Her name be Mary-Ann," the proud mother declared. "Mary-Ann Catherine, God grant you wisdom and compassion that will bless others from generation to generation." And God did!

**Footnote:** After the birth of their second child, Elizabeth, John and Bridget changed their name from Warnder to Walters.

No record of John can be found shortly after their third child, Margaret, was born.

Bridget remained in the Swansea area until her daughters were teenagers. They then moved to the St Marys area. Mary-Ann married William Mitchell. Their son, Sydney, was my father.

They lived at Daisy Dell, Lower Germantown.

*Beverley Rubenach, Gray*

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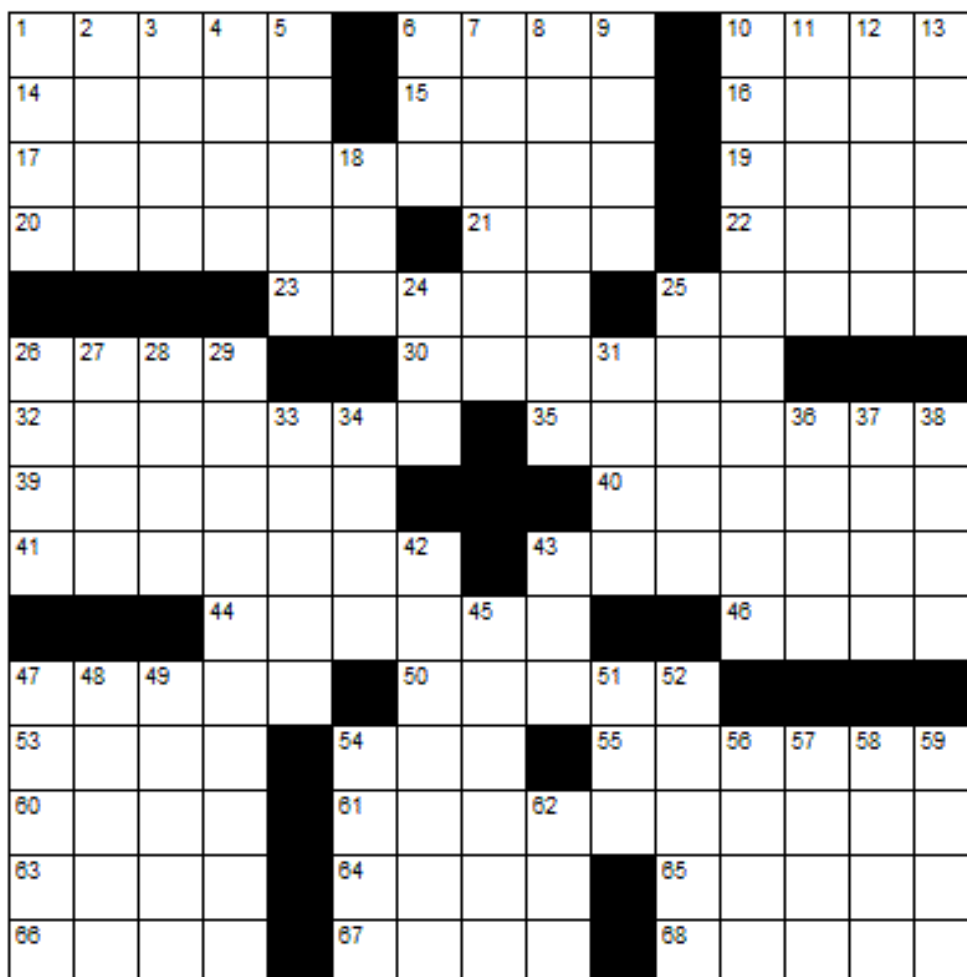
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6. Formally surrender
10. Taps
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15. Twosome
16. Violent disturbance
17. Similitude
19. Feudal worker
20. Current amount
21. Frozen water
22. Took flight
23. Ancient Roman magistrate
25. Provides food
26. Whine with snuffling
30. A type of bivalve
32. Control surface on a plane
35. Palatable
39. Two-seater
40. Relating to the lips
41. Windpipe
43. Roars
44. A four-wheel covered carriage
46. Being
47. Wealthy man
50. Acts out without words
53. Death notice
54. Zero
55. Steps
60. Netting
61. Grandee
63. \_\_\_ vera
64. Musty
65. Stadium
66. Lairs
67. Aquatic plant
68. Cantankerous

**DOWN**

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| 1. Flexible mineral        | 18. Crimson             | 43. Vagrant               |
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| 3. Not stiff               | 25. Relating to a fetus | 47. Bedouin               |
| 4. Numbskull               | 26. Insulation          | 48. Poplar tree           |
| 5. Look at with fixed eyes | 27. Teller of untruths  | 49. American buffalo      |
| 6. Consumer Price Index    | 28. Forearm bone        | 51. Eastern Standard Time |
| 7. Without difficulty      | 29. Bed coverings       | 52. Brown ermine          |
| 8. Bishopric               | 31. Story               | 54. Nil                   |
| 9. Sea eagle               | 33. Rehabilitation      | 56. Unit of land          |
| 10. More desirable         | 34. Portent             | 57. Angers                |
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| 12. In shape               | 37. Statutes            | 59. Remain                |
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## **From Generation to Generation - A True Christmas Story by Beverley Rubenach**

### **Part 2: Daisy Dale Farm, Lower Germantown, December 1957**

Glorious December sun filtered through the kitchen curtains, casting tantalising rays onto my school desk. The gentle breeze rustling the willow trees wafted indoors whispering "Come! Enjoy this beautiful day." Sounds of the nearby mountain stream gurgled refreshingly, calling "Come now and play."

I stole a wistful glance at the old clock ticking laboriously on the mantelpiece above the big, black wood stove. Oh bother! Surely not 30 more minutes before Mother would dismiss me from my correspondence school lessons? How heartless! No nine year old should ever be expected to endure being cooped up indoors, trying to concentrate on arithmetic when the delights of nature on Daisy Dale Farm persistently beckoned. Besides, there were only two more days of scholastic drudgery before the freedom of Christmas holidays commenced.

Sulkily, I wished a chance to escape before 3.30 would miraculously occur. The opportunity came unexpectedly!

The peace of that summer afternoon was suddenly disrupted by a spine chilling bellow. This was answered by a nearby incredibly ferocious roar. Flinging back the lace curtains, I saw our huge hereford bull thundering towards the boundary fence. Red Roly was responding to the challenge just issued by his tenuous jersey bull neighbour.

Challenges such as this occurred spasmodically but neither bull took this too seriously. The outcome consisted of both bulls pacing up and down their respective sides of the fence, a few half hearted snorts then by mutual agreement each returned unscathed to their own harem of cows.

These encounters always made me feel a little anxious but not alarmed, for a stout post and rail fence separated the enemies. Today, however, I sensed something very ominous in the tone and energy of both bulls. They definitely were not displaying the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill!

Snorting nostrils flared pent up steam. Angry hooves were tearing up the dirt. Even from the distant safety of our farm house Mother and I could feel the anger and determination for dominance radiating from these rival males. Our bull was massive, even by hereford standards, but he had the disadvantage of being dehorned. On the other hand, Mr Wright's jersey was small in stature but proudly possessed a pair of extremely sharp horns.

"I wish your Father was here," Mother's voice trembled. But he wasn't. He was at the opposite end of our farm, fetching our herd of cows home for evening milking.

Now each bull was displaying their strength by using their hard heads as battering rams at the solid, aged fence. They paused only momentarily to issue more blood curdling roars. They were broadcasting their threats to fight to the death to the entire neighbourhood! In order to execute their intent, that protective dividing fence had to come down.

Mother and I could only look on helplessly, as the sickening sound of wood being splintered told us they had succeeded. For a moment both bulls stood looking at the shattered fence. Each no doubt claiming success was due to their own brute strength. With bated breath Mother and I watched from our verandah as the jersey and the hereford realised they were at the point of no return. The days of fence pacing, taunts and 'let's call it quits' were over. Supremacy had to be established now - at this place, at this moment in time.

The horrifying connecting clashes of one hard head with no horns, with one hard head with horns laden the afternoon air with terror. Mother sobbed, "How will we cope with the financial loss if Red Roly is killed?"

"He won't be!" my breathless Father gasped as he raced past us to grab his rifle hanging behind the kitchen door. He grabbed a belt of bullets from the hook and started loading his weapon.

"I heard the fight starting when I was at the waterfall paddock. I came running as quickly as I could," he explained.

Strapping his bullet belt around his waist and flinging his rifle over his shoulder, he calmly walked towards the danger zone. Mother and I ran after him, imploring him not to go. His life was worth far more than all the bulls on earth! Father paused, held up his hand gently commanding us to stop pursuing him. Patting his rifle he confidently said, "Don't worry, I'll only use this as a last resort."

Sydney Mitchell was no stranger to danger. He had been seriously wounded three times, fighting in WWI in Belgium and France. The courage, determination and desire to establish peace that he exhibited as a young man was being displayed again now, 40 years later. He was a man who would always meet the challenge of doing what needed doing. Today, 18th December 1957, was no exception - he was needed to stop a bull fight.

The fighting was increasing in intensity. The smell of blood from inflicted wounds floated towards us. It was kill or be killed. Closer and closer, my Father came to the charging, angry beasts. They were so intent on mutilating and destroying each other they were oblivious to the fact their 'saviour' was approaching.

Closer, closer, ever closer then, simultaneously both bulls sensed another presence. They stopped fighting. They stood stock still, eyeing the intruding human. Mother and I, between tears, prayed. Taking advantage of this momentary truce Father walked between the bulls. He reached out his hands. He placed one hand on the forehead of the jersey, and the other hand on the forehead of the hereford. For what seemed like eternity all three were motionless. Any action could mean instant death to my Father! Three of God's creations were frozen, like statues. Then there was movement! Incredibly we watched Mr Wright's bull step backwards over the broken fence. Red Roly responded to his master's touch and turned towards home. The jersey gave a backward glance and a timid bellow, as he limped to his own place. The hereford was too weary and battle-scarred to bother with a courtesy response, he simply followed Father home! There he joined his own harem of cows; they had come home of their own accord for evening milking.

"Whatever did you say and do?" Mother and I inquired as we ran to hug this remarkable man.

"Oh, I just used some of the wisdom passed on to me by my grandmother Bridget Walter, and reinforced by my mother Mary-Ann," he said as he hung the bullet belt and rifle back in place behind the kitchen door. "What was the wisdom?" I asked.



"Simply this, Beverley. That everything on earth is of value for we are all God's creation. God gave people dominion over all other living things but know my daughter, the true meaning of dominion."

"What is it?" I inquired. Placing loving arms around my shoulder he explained.

"Dominion is being a caretaker - God's caretaker, treating everything with respect, dignity and love. That is what brings peace and harmony."

Mother smiled and joined in the hug. "How fitting that all this occurred only a few days before Christmas. It is certainly a timely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas."

Father and I nodded our agreement. Then Father added, "May such wisdom and truth be passed on from generation to generation." He sat down exhausted but happy in his favourite chair and said, "Well now, before I go and milk I think I'll have a cuppa and a big slice of sponge cake." He cast his eyes to the freshly baked cake on the kitchen table and added, smiling, "A piece of sponge cake with a huge dollop of cream on top - cream produced by Red Roly's offspring."

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come.**

**Let Earth receive her king.**

**Let every heart prepare Him room**

**And Heaven and Nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace**

**And makes the Nations prove**

**The glories of his righteousness and wonders of His love.**

May God pour out His blessings this Christmas and for generations to come.

*Beverley Rubenach, Christmas 2016*



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**Web:** [www.hub4health.org.au](http://www.hub4health.org.au)

### Our Aim:

To deliver health and wellbeing programs to rural and remote communities within the Break O'Day Municipality.

### At Hub4Health You Can Access:

- ◆ Podiatry services
- ◆ Foot care and Toe Nail Clinics
- ◆ Exercise Physiologist
- ◆ Pap Smear and Well Women's Checks
- ◆ Osteopath
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Building Blocks (children 0-5 yrs.)
- ◆ Walking Group
- ◆ FriendSHIP Program

### What's coming up?

#### *Counseling Services*

Please call Hub4Health for more details and booking enquiries. Counseling is suited to both individual or group needs. No referrals necessary.



Counselling & Consulting  
Services Tasmania

### Christmas Closure



**Hub4Health will close  
midday on December 23rd  
and reopen on  
January 9th.**

Ochre Health Medical will remain open Monday to Friday over the Holiday Period, excluding Christmas Day and Public Holidays.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



Ladies all know how sometimes it is just nice to see a female doctor. Ochre Health Medical is happy to announce they have a female doctor on staff through until the end of February. As well as this, Ochre Health Medical now has pathology visiting every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 11am.

If you need to see one of the wonderful nurses from Launceston Pathology stop in on any Tuesday or Thursday morning.



**LAUNCESTON  
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Quality is in our DNA

**Ochre Health Medical (03) 6376 2971**





*Exciting Times: St Helens Neighbourhood House manager Trish O'Duffy says a new building project will help address a number of needs in the Break O'Day region.*

### **St Helens Neighbourhood House**

will begin a bold new social enterprise program in January after receiving a \$250,000 grant from the Department of State Growth's Training and Work Pathways Program.

The program will give a team of six unemployed young people the chance to participate in the construction of two social housing studios from recycled shipping containers, and in the process gain a Certificate II in construction.

During the 18-month project the team will work alongside a project supervisor and another young person from the Break O'Day region, who will be beginning a four-year apprenticeship in carpentry. The project is the latest in a series of THRIVE initiatives started by the Neighbourhood House in 2016, with a school mentorship program and a community garden project already under way.

St Helens Neighbourhood House manager Trish O'Duffy said the grant would kick-start the project

and help improve the lives of disadvantaged young people.

As a result of an extensive community consultation undertaken in 2015 by THRIVE, the partnership identified issues such as unemployment and we've worked together to see how we can address those issues," Mrs O'Duffy said.

"We're addressing things across the social determinants of health spectrum, like helping the long-term unemployed, building peoples' skills and personal development."

Mrs O'Duffy said the THRIVE partnership was planning for the enterprise to continue long after the startup period covered by the grant.

"We'd like to think that in 18 months when the grant is expended that we've got a successful social enterprise project where people from around the state will buy locally-converted containers for high quality living accommodation rather than buying from interstate.

"If it's the case that we do make this a viable entity it will increase jobs in our region and that's what we're aiming for."

The six workers will receive wrap-around support during the 18-month period, including access to literacy mentors, health professionals and social workers.

THRIVE is an acronym for Transforming Health Relationships Innovation Vocation and Education.

**HAMISH GEALE November 28, 2016**

<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/4321940/250k-grant-to-build-futures/>



## **CALTEX ST MARYS**

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## **CLEAN CRACK LAUNDROMAT**

**32 Main Street St Marys**



**Coin operated washers  
and dryers  
6.30am - 8pm**

## Mt Elephant and Beyond Book Review

The Lightkeeper's Wife by Karen Viggers is a story about family dynamics, disappointments, betrayals and the search for autonomy. This might sound heavy going and, indeed, at times the novel is slow moving and repetitive but it is mostly an easy entertaining read.

Mary, a woman in her 70's and nearing death due to heart disease, decides she must return to Bruny Island where she and her late husband had lived as light-house keepers for much of their married life. She plans to revisit scenes of her past life and to die there, and manages to convince her loving granddaughter to take her there from her home in Hobart against the wishes of her children. Her daughter wants her to go into a nursing home to which she, a feisty woman, is much opposed.

Meanwhile her younger and favourite son Tom, is trying to come to terms with life back in Tasmania, after having spent a couple of seasons as a diesel mechanic in Antarctica. He is still suffering, ten years on, from the break-up of his marriage while he was absent in Antarctica but is constantly drawn back by the idea of a return to the beauty and isolation of the place.

And so the story progresses, switching from the first person account of Tom's struggle and vivid memories of Antarctica, giving us an insight into his troubled and confused soul, to the rather strange use of third person viewpoint for Mary's story. This has the effect of making Tom's story become more immediate to the reader than that of the lighthouse keeper's wife!

There are many parallels in the lives of mother and son, and there is a dark secret which most readers will guess early in the story and which has haunted Mary for over forty years.

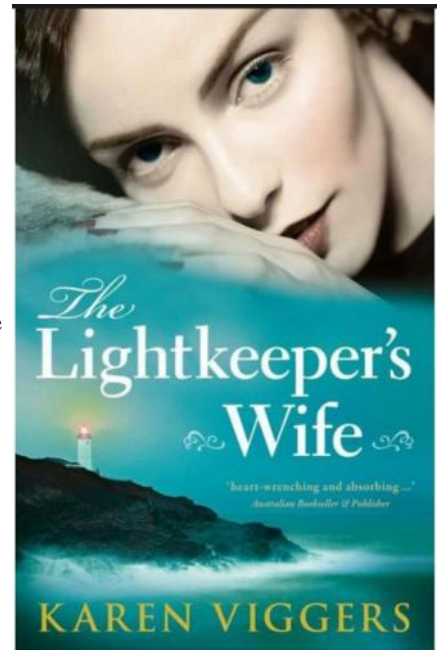
Although we get a sense of her guilt and demons, it is Tom's story which grabs our imagination. Her story is all in the past of course, whereas Tom is trying to find his place in the now and this adds an urgency and immediacy. It is his story that seems more real than that of his mother and occupies at least as many if not more of the pages.

It is a pleasure to read accurate descriptions of real and familiar Tasmanian settings and the author's keen powers of observation of the natural world are obvious. The isolation of life on Bruny Island and Antarctica is explored well and makes a nice parallel, bringing the two stories together.

What raises this book above being yet one more family drama is the author's obvious familiarity with and love for the landscape of Bruny Island and Antarctica, and her ability to create a vivid sense of place.

Both settings come alive for the reader through her beautiful word pictures, not least her descriptions of bleak winter wind-swept beaches. The ending leaves one with a sense of a possible happier path for Tom.

*Pam Bretz, St Marys*



### The Bank Teahouse


### A Man's Cave Giftware



*A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, from Linda, Jason and Keanu.*



Mon 7am-3pm, Tue - Fri 7am-5pm,  
Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm  
**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**  
26 Main St, St Marys 6372 2578

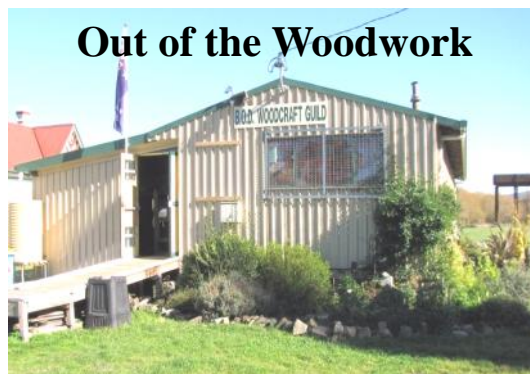


## Valley Voice publishing dates for 2017

Deadlines at 5pm Publishing date

February 6	February 9
February 20	February 23
March 6	March 9
March 20	March 23
April 3	April 6
April 17	April 20
May 1	May 4
May 15	May 18
May 29	June 1
June 12	June 15
June 26	June 29
July 10	July 13
July 24	July 27
August 7	August 10
August 21	August 24
September 4	September 7
September 18	September 21
October 2	October 5
October 16	October 19
October 30	November 2
November 13	November 16
November 27	November 30
December 11	December 14

## Out of the Woodwork



Wendy Brennan, Secretary 6372 2094

The Guild is open every day except Friday and Sunday (depending on volunteers), and other times by appointment.

[www.breakadaywoodcraftguild.weebly.co](http://www.breakadaywoodcraftguild.weebly.co)

[www.facebook.com/pages/Break-ODay-Woodcraft-Guild-Mens-Shed/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Break-ODay-Woodcraft-Guild-Mens-Shed/)

*On behalf of all woodcraft guild members*

*We wish everyone a safe and merry festive*

*season and as the song goes ...*

*A merry day Christmas and a happy new year  
we all hope this is a Christmas*

*Without any tears*

**Please note that the Guild will reopen on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017**

## St Marys Sports Centre

*Gray Road St Marys*

Bar open *Thursday* 6 - 8pm *Friday* 6pm until close  
*Saturday* 2pm onwards - warm fire, cheap prices  
*Sunday* 1.30 - 4.30pm *Friday Happy Hour* 6.30 -  
7.30pm with *Pick the Pen*, raffles and bar snacks

**Golf news** Work has commenced once again on the greens. Great effort; the mowers are humming and the water holes are slowly drying out. Some tourists and locals managed to get in a few rounds.

**Centre Christmas Celebration** will be held on Friday December 23 commencing 6.30pm. Our raffle will be drawn that night - if you have a book please

**Christmas Greetings from the committee and members to everyone in our area.  
Have a happy and safe Christmas.**

Licensee / treasurer *Jim Turner* 6372 2441

Interim secretary *Glenn McDonald* 6372 2429

President *Jacqui Bianchi* 0439 978 156

Vice President *Tamatha Grose* 0427 332 085

e:[stmaryssportsctr@internode.on.net](mailto:stmaryssportsctr@internode.on.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssportscentreinc/>

**Bowls results** St Marys defeated Swansea on Saturday December 3. St Marys defeated Scamander on Saturday December 10.

**Reminder:** Clive Berwick Memorial Day on Tuesday December 27. A good day filled with fun. Lunch and BBQ tea, good prize and the Bowls Club raffle will be drawn on this day.

**Membership** If you have not paid your fees, you are not financial. Final cut off is Saturday December 31. Thank you for your support.



**St Marys Community Health Centre**  
Gardiners Creek Rd St Marys Tasmania 7215  
6387 5555

**GP Surgery Hours**

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:50 - 10am**

(10 -10:30am reception closed)

**10:30am - 12.30pm**

(12:30 - 1:30pm reception closed)

**1:30 - 2:45pm**

(2:45 - 3:15pm reception closed)

**3:15 - 4:30pm**

**Doctors' Roster**

**Dr C Latt**

**19/12/16 – 30/12/16**

**Dr K Nash-Rawnsley**

**16/12 & 20/12 2016**

**Public Holidays**

**Please see page 27 for Public Holidays**

**Scripts and Doctors appointments**

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **PRIOR** to your medications running out, or **IN ADVANCE** if you attend this practice regularly.

**Please be patient**

Waiting periods to see your doctor may be experienced. We are not able to issue scripts during the weekends, please ensure you have enough in advance.

**Please be aware we are not able to issue scripts by phone**

**WAITING AREA AT THE HEALTH CENTRE**

The waiting area for ALL services at the St Marys Community Health Centre is in the reception area. Please report to reception upon arrival and the consultant you are here to see will be told and they will come and collect you from this area. This applies to inpatient visits as well.

**INR** tests require a five minute doctors consultation.  
Please inform reception when booking

**Pathology Service – Bloods**

There is no pathology service prior to 8.30am. If you require pathology prior to 8.30am, i.e. urgent blood test and / or a fasting test, an appointment must be made at the Nurses' Station the day / evening before on 6387 5555

**Pathology hours: Monday-Friday**  
**8:30 - 11am & 2 - 4pm**

**Non-attendance of  
Doctor's Appointments**

Please be aware there is a non attendance policy at this practice. If you miss three appointments you will be sent an account.

If you miss a fourth appointment you may be referred to another Medical Practice.

Due to demand, doctor's appointments need to be booked at least **two weeks in advance**.

Waiting periods can apply.

**A.H. contact numbers**

GP Assist	1300 780 011
Ambulance	1800 008 008
Emergency	000
Lifeline - Saving lives, crisis support and suicide prevention	131 114
St Marys Community Health Centre - please ring before presenting after hours	6387 5555

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**St Marys Medical Practice reminder**

Dr Latt wishes to remind the community of the following exceptions to bulk billing at SMCHC:

Driving licence renewals	Insurance medicals
Requested medical reports	Harness medicals
	Pre-employment checks

The above are NOT covered by Medicare and may incur cost. Please discuss this with reception when making your appointment. If you have any concerns, please contact us and we will try and address them.

**Emergency services**

AURORA Emergency	13 20 04
Carers for Wildlife	6372 2973
St Marys	0417 017 105
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Police Emergency	000
Enq	13 14 44
SES Emergency	13 25 00
TFS Emergency	000
Enq	1800 000 699

**St Marys Community Health Centre**  
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6387 5555

**What's on at the Centre**

- December 15 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments  
**Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd  
Exercise Physiologist Ph 0428 491 621
- December 16 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments
- December 19 Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre meeting  
5pm in the Day Room
- December 20 **Rae & Partners Lawyers** consult fortnightly  
at the SMCHC  
Ph 6337 5555 for appointments  
**Occupational Therapist** Danyelle Briggs by  
referral from your Health Professional  
**Child Health Session** with Mary Mumford  
Tuesday fortnights, by appointment only.  
Ph 0428 136 381
- December 21 **Day Centre** Ph Hayley Gilbert on 6387 5555  
for information on the group  
**Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd  
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621  
**Cancer Council Outreach Service** 2:30pm -  
3:30pm at St Marys Health Centre
- December 22 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments
- December 23 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments
- December 28 **TAZREACH** Antenatal Clinic with Katie appts  
by referral from your health professional  
**Consumer & Carer Advocacy Group** 12 -2pm  
downstairs at the SMCHC.  
Ph Shan on 6387 5555

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES**

Monday 26/12/16 Boxing Day  
Tuesday 27/12/16  
Monday 2/1/17

Please refer to the After Hours  
contact numbers during this time.

**GP Assist 1300 780 011**  
**Ambulance 1800 008 008 or in an**  
**Emergency 000**  
**Lifeline 131 114**

**St Marys Community Health Centre**  
\*If possible please ring before presenting  
**6387 5555**

On behalf of the Staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support in 2016. We wish the Break O'Day Community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to being able to assist you all again in 2017.



The St Marys Community Health Centre is a distributor of the **2nd Bite Food Program**.



Food parcels are delivered on Thursdays and can be collected from the reception area from 2:30pm .

Delivery dates over Christmas are:

8, 15, 22 December 2016 &  
5, 12, 19 January 2017

To accept a food parcel:

- \*You must have a current Centrelink or Pension Card
- \*One parcel per week
- \*You must sign for it at Reception

The food parcels are a combination of core fresh produce and other food items supplied from a variety of farms and supermarkets around the State.

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*Ana's Hairdressing Salon*



**Master Hairdresser (28 years experience)**

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am 'till late

**MENS, LADIES AND CHILDREN**

Ana's Hairdressing Salon also offers beauty therapy services,

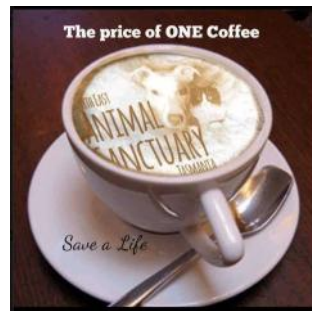


consisting of waxing, tinting and makeup.

*Look good - feel good*

46 Main St, St Marys - 0448 532 531

(under 'St Marys Ana's Hairdressing Salon' in the white pages)



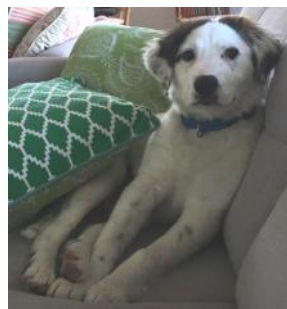
### Some happy campers!!

After a lengthy trial period Zac has found his forever home.



Mr G blissing out in his new forever home.

Sweet Bossy is now living the dream.



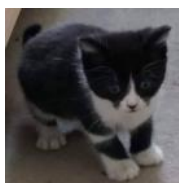
We are taking expressions of interest for these cute babies below, but they won't be ready for adoption for 3 - 4 weeks. Not all our kittens are pictured, visit our fb page for more information.

We have 2 that are 6 weeks old while another 5 are about 4 - 5 weeks old, so still too small to go. When they do become available they go on a care agreement which means their adoption isn't finalized until they come back for desexing. If you're interested in any of our babies please contact us.

**We desperately need donations of kitten food and kitty litter as we have 25 kittens and 4 adult cats in care. Please consider helping out with a donation.**



Tink



Willow



Toby



Sugar

**0457 081 533**

**[michelle.jesson@bigpond.com](mailto:michelle.jesson@bigpond.com)**

### Meals on Wheels 0488 384 344

December 15	Judy Duckett
16	Drew Adam
19	Pam Bretz
20	Trish Pike
21	Heather Griffiths
22	Valmai Spencer
23	Drew Adam
26	Lundy Vosper
27	Karl Balzer
28	Louise Keady
29	Valmai Spencer
30	Drew Adam
January 2	Lundy Vosper
3	Karl Balzer
4	Valmai Spencer
5	Heather Griffiths
6	Drew Adam
9	Ruth Aulich
10	Valmai Spencer
11	Lundy Vosper
12	Heather Griffiths
13	Drew Adam
16	Pam Bretz
17	Louise Keady
18	Valmai Spencer
19	Judy Duckett
20	Drew Adam
23	Karl Balzer
24	Trish Pike
25	Louise Keady
26	Heather Griffiths
27	Drew Adam
30	Pam Bretz

"The dining table was a plain board called by that name. It was hung on the wall when not in use, and was perched on the diners' knees when food was served. Over time, the word board came to signify not just the dining surface but the meal itself, which is where the board comes from in room and board. It also explains why lodgers are called boarders." *Bill Bryson, At Home: A Short History of Private Life*





## St Marys Salvation Army

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**Dedication of children**  
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alps	lee	peels	sloe
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ape	leu	plaque	slope
apes	leus	plaques	soap
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easel	lops	plus	soul
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eels	louse	poles	spa
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elope	opals	pulas	sue
elopes	opaque	pulse	ups
els	opaques	pus	use
else	ops	sale	
equal	pal	sap	
equals	pale	sea	
lap	pales	seal	
laps	pals	see	
lapse	pause	seep	
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## Tip locations and opening hours

### Ansons Bay

Long w/ends Mon  
12 - 4

Wed/Sun 12 - 4

Fingal, Mathinna Road

Tues/Thurs 10 - 4

Sun 2 - 5

Pyengana, Tasman

Hwy No builders'

waste please

Wed 9 - 1, Sun 2 - 5

Scamander, Coach  
Street

Tues/Thurs 10 - 4

Sun 2 - 5

St Helens, Eagle Street

Open 7 days 10 - 4

St Marys, Gray Road

Tues/Thurs 10 - 4

Sun 2 - 5



A) Top right square -> top right square; engulf the rectangles for a 3x3, the whole 4x4 = 3.

B) top middle rectangle -> 2x2 square; 3x3 square = 2.

C) top left square -> top left square = 1.

D) middle side rectangle -> 2x2 square; 3x3 = 2.

E) next square in the (2,2) spot -> 1x1; 2x2; 3x3 = 3

F) (3,2) spot -> 1x1; 2x2 = 2

G) (4,2) spot -> 1x1 = 1

H) (3,2) spot -> 1x1; 2x2 = 2

I) (3,3) spot -> 1x1 = 1

J) (4,1) spot -> 1x1 = 1

K) low middle rectangle = 0

L) (4,4) spot -> 1x1 = 1

**So total: 18**

## Ransley's Appliance Service

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*Washing machine **noisy**?*

*Refrigerator runs **too long**?*

*Clothes dryer blows **cold air**?*

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Topside Beef Roast	14.99		Ingham Chicken Breast Fillets	13.99
<b>Two week specials 14/12/16 - 27/12/16</b>				
Ingham Frozen Turkey Breast Buff 1kg	17.99		Golden Circle Cordial Syrup 2L	2.99
Ingham Frozen Turkey Thigh Buff 1kg	12.99		Fronti Lambrusco 750ml	3.69
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Coon Cheese Block 1kg	7.99		Foster Clarks UHT Custard 1L	2.49
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Cadbury Favourites 320g	5.99		Ocean Spray Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce	2.99
Arnotts Savoy or Clix 225-250g	1.99		Bushels Tea Cup Bags 100s	2.99
Cascade Sparkling Apple Cider 750ml	2.49		Sanitarium Weetbix 575g	2.69
Juicy Isle Long Life Juice 2L	2.99		Whiskas Canned Cat Food 400g	1.75
Nescafe Coffee 500g	14.99		Red Bull 250ml 4pk	5.99

**\*Order now for Christmas Southern Heritage Leg Ham, only \$6.49kg. Orders also taken for turkeys, chickens, fresh prawns and all your other Christmas needs. Spend \$50 instore and go into the draw to win your choice of \$100 worth of groceries - drawn Christmas eve. \*\*Mark and his team wish you all a safe and very merry festive season. Thank you all for your support during 2016.**

**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY - OPEN AS USUAL ALL OTHER DAYS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

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