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Break O'Day Green Army Graduates

December 16, 2016

Despite the Federal Government threatening to axe funding for the Green Army, the Break O'Day Green Army graduation on Friday December 16 was a day to celebrate achievements, learned skills and potential job prospects.

A team of eight celebrated completing their six months with the Break O'Day Green Army project in Kings Park, St Helens. During their time with the program, the team helped plant more than 2000 trees and protected more than 40ha in Break O'Day from invasive weeds.

Break O'Day NRM Facilitator Polly Buchhorn said the work the graduates did, and their dedication to their work, was a great example to other young people in the community.

"They now know all too well how challenging threatened species habitat protection is, but worked with enthusiasm all over Break O'Day on jobs from the coast to the mountains with community and public land managers to achieve significant gains for our native wildlife." Continued on p5



Break O'Day Green Army participants and supporters with the Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker and NRM facilitator Polly Buchhorn.



Bicheno's beautiful Farm Shed
in evening wear. More on p18



Lions Club of St Marys
Best decorated Business Winner.
Parade pictures and article on p6



4th March at the Fingal Football ground,
see page 16 for details.

This year's Festival promises to be
bigger and better than ever!!

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Community Notices

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Failure to provide this information will result in non-publication of notices / articles.

The next AMIC meeting will be held 4pm at AMIC on Tuesday February 21, 2017 **Prue O'Connor, Secretary, Avoca. 6384 2119**

The next Rossarden & Friends Kids Christmas meeting will be held 3pm at the Avoca Roadhouse on Tuesday February 14, 2017 **Helen Reynolds, Secretary, Avoca. 6384 2101**

ROSSARDEN Fire training and BBQ dates are: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Fire Brigade training is 10am prior to each BBQ.

Mike Prewer, Rossarden. 6385 2184

Rossarden Progress Association meeting dates for 2017: 3pm at Marlene's February 13, April 17, June 12, August 14 AGM.

If you want the Progress Association to continue we need new nominations for President, Secretary and the committee at the AGM. If the RPA folds, it will mean the loss of a committee working to benefit the community, the loss of the Landcare Group and any funds held will be dealt with as per the Constitution. **Mary Knowles, Secretary, Gipps Creek. 6385 2002**

Esk Main Road Shoulder Sealing

The Tasmanian Government has allocated funding from the Road Safety Levy to undertake shoulder sealing and line marking on two sections of Esk Main Road:

- ◆ From Stynes Creek Bridge for approximately 1.2 km heading towards St Pauls Bridge;
- ◆ From Killymoon Bridge for approximately 2.8 km heading towards the St Marys township.

This project forms part of a co-ordinated upgrading of Esk Main Road as a High Productivity Vehicle route and the key corridor connecting the Midland Highway with the east coast of Tasmania.

The key objective of this project is to improve safety for all road users through the provision of wider sealed

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Esk Main Road Shoulder Sealing *continued*

shoulders, reflective pavement markers and audible centre lines. Construction will commence in January 2017 and be completed by mid-April 2017, subject to weather conditions. The road works will be performed under an approved traffic management plan by the contractor to ensure the least possible disruption to road users. Reduced speed limits at the work site are necessary for the safety of workers and the travelling public, so please slow down, approach the work site with caution and follow all traffic control instructions.

Further Information

Further information about the project can be found on the Department of State Growth website:

www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects

Any enquiries you have regarding this project can be directed to the **Project Manager, Allan Lee, on 6166 3419** or by email at: info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Building Act 2016 – what you need to know

On January 1, 2017, the new state-wide Building Act came into effect.

As a Local Government agency, Break O'Day Council must now regulate and enforce this new Act so we are aiming to keep our community as informed as possible on how these changes may affect them.

The State Government's Building Act 2016 and consequential legislative changes, aim to do three main things; 1. Mitigate risk. 2. Streamline building processes, and 3. Introduce state wide compliance in the Building Industry. The new Act is comprehensive and how the changes will affect you can depend on the nature of your project, location, zoning etc. For this reason, Council would advise you to ask us for advice first before jumping headlong into your building project, no matter how small.

The following information has been identified by Council as three areas of confusion around the new Building Act which we would like to clarify.

Permits: While it is true that certain works will no longer require a Building/Plumbing Permit, they may still require a Planning Permit and/or assessment by a Building Surveyor. This means that it's a good idea to advise Council of any works you plan on carrying out, whether you are an owner, builder or a contractor.

Our advice for all works is to give us a call and ask first. Our professional staff will ensure you have the right information and can guide you through whichever processes are required.

Licensed Builders: Alongside the Building Act 2016, the Residential Building Work, Contracts and Dispute Resolution Act was developed. This Act aims to better protect homeowners and contractors from potential disputes. This Act comes into play for contracts of \$20,000 or more. Under the new legislation any works of, or exceeding \$20,000 must have a contract in place between both parties.

For better consumer protection, a Residential Building Consumer Guide has been developed.

This guide uses easy to understand language to help homeowners understand their rights and obligations once a building contract has been entered into. *Continued next column ...*

Building Act 2016 – what you need to know *continued*

Owner Builders: The builder must give the owner a copy of this guide for the contract to be legal and binding. This guide can be found at www.justice.tas.gov.au. The Building Act 2016 has looked closely at owner builders and there have been some significant changes made in this area. The biggest change is that owner builder permits will now only be issued for residential works. There has also been a reintroduction of owner builder insurance. More information on these changes can be found at www.justice.tas.gov.au.

Heather Shirley Lodge

Passed away unexpectedly on 26-12-2016. Helen, Christine and Glen would like to thank everyone for their kind and comforting words, cards, phone calls, flowers and presence at Heather's service.

A special thank you to Tamara from Harris Funerals, the St Marys Sports Centre and to Len Miles for his support and heartfelt delivery of the eulogy.

The family particularly enjoyed hearing the personal stories and appreciative comments about Heather's life and her volunteer work in the community.

It was a community that she really loved being a part of, and one that provided her with a full and active life.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who helped and supported her.

She really cherished your friendship, companionship and love.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.*

The Valley & East Coast Voice Inc marks the death on Monday December 26, 2016 of our good friend, long-time member of the compilation team, and committee president

Mrs Lodge.

The Editor and Committee extend their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

VALE HEATHER.

Meals on Wheels will hold their General Meeting on Thursday February 16 at 2pm in the Day Room at the St Marys Community Health Centre - all welcome.

Valmai Spencer, President. St Marys

Expressions of interest for the volunteer position of editor of the Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. are invited. Full details provided in response to genuine enquiries.

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St Marys Parish Catholic Church Christmas raffle submitted by *Mary Poiesz, St Marys*

1st Prize. Hamper, Eric
2nd Prize. Mini hamper, Lyn Nichols
3rd Prize. Queen sheet set, Cal
4th Prize. Cast iron pot, A. Milner
5th Prize. Large doll, Cheryl Rankin
6th Prize. Cutlery set, Marlene Reading
7th Prize. Carpet rug, Janet Weyer
8th Prize. Queen comforter set, Hazel Barr
9th Prize. 8ltr. Drink dispenser, tray & glasses
10th Prize. Ladies basket, Jackie
11th Prize. Sparkling wine basket, Diane Smith

12th Prize. Men's basket. Kathy Rattray
13th Prize. Ladies gift set, Genevieve Aulich
14th Prize. Beer prize
15th Prize. Teenage girl set, Randy
16th Prize. Goodnight set, Linda
17th Prize. Floral bouquet & vanity set, Irene Smith
18th Prize. Clown, Margaret Wallace
19th Prize. 2 quilted knee rugs, Rebecca Hill
20th Prize. 2 towels, hand towel & face washer, Brian Miles
21st. Prize. 2 towels, hand towel & face washer, Mandy



**The next AVOCA Market is on
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The St Marys Op Shop volunteers, and the St Marys School Association, take this chance to wish everyone a belated happy new year, and a very BIG thank you for your continued support, by way of donations and sales. Normal summer trading hours are: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm

All Op Shop proceeds during February will be granted by the St Marys School Association to the St Marys Community Space project.

Please consider donating anything that you are clearing out this new year to the St Marys Op Shop.

Thank you.

**Janet Drummond, Co-ordinator, St Marys Op Shop at
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The St Helens - St Marys RSL Sub Br Annual General Meeting will be held in the East Coast Veterans Information & Support centre on

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Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker was also impressed by the achievements of the team and the program.

"The benefits of this program go beyond just acting as caretakers for our environment, you also get to learn hands on skills that will translate in to real-life work skills," he said. "What this program has offered young people in our community is a real hand-up, not hand-out, and we will do all we can to convince the Federal Government of the benefits a program like this has in a regional and disadvantaged community like ours."

Break O'Day Council passed a decision on Monday to lobby the Federal Government over the potential axing of the program.

Abetz slams Federal Government's decision to ditch Green Army project by Georgie Burgess December 20, 2016

The Federal Government's decision to scrap the Green Army project is "unpalatable", and cuts could have been made to foreign aid in order to save it, says Tasmanian Liberal Senator Eric Abetz.

The Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, handed down by Treasurer Scott Morrison on Monday, confirmed the project would not continue. Mr Morrison said it would save the budget \$224 million over four years.

"I would have hoped a good, successful project, which is good for young people, the environment and communities, might have been able to be preserved and we may have been able to fund savings in other areas, such as with some of our foreign aid," Senator Abetz said. "But these decisions need to be made, and some of them are unpalatable."

"This project was really strong on practical environmentalism - fencing off penguin rookeries to protect them, protecting rivers and streams, weeding ... good genuine environmental works, which are of benefit to local communities and the people who participate in them."

North-East Bioregional Network president Todd Dudley said the project had significant economic benefits in Tasmania, and participants were deeply disappointed.

"It's just really disappointing because it's been really successful in our area - it provides employment and training for young people in conservation work," Mr Dudley said.

His network co-hosts Green Army projects with the Break O'Day Council and Parks and Wildlife Services.

"They've been doing a variety of things, from producing nest boxes for swift parrots to penguin nest rehabilitation, restoring pine plantations back to native forests and working in a range of environments from rainforests to coastal heathlands," he said. "There isn't a substitute program that's been proposed. It's not a work-for-the-dole program - most of the people doing the project get paid twice what they'd get on the dole."

Mr Dudley said the Skyline Tier project in the north east had a significant economic benefit, with studies showing it contributed \$1.9m to the local community over several years.

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Lions Club 2016 Christmas Eve Party and Parade

Christmas Eve saw another great day for the residents of St Marys to enjoy the 2016 Christmas Party and Parade which was once again put on by the members of St Marys Lions Club on an afternoon of perfect weather, excited kids and a visit from Santa himself.

The club members provided plenty of giveaways, 450 drinks, sweets, chips, paddle pops, free age group raffle draws, free jumping castle and face painting.

A special thank you goes to our local Ambulance Volunteers, Traffic Controllers and the Volunteers who kept an eye on our kids ensuring they were kept safe during the parade.

To our local Fire Service who looked after Santa and provided his “chariot”; thank you.

A big thank you too for our local Police Officers John and Bob for their expert guidance and assistance. Everyone who entered the parade from kids on pushbikes to motorbikes and floats could not have been better behaved.

Thank you to the St Marys Sports Club who catered with a great BBQ, taking the pressure off our few available members on the day.

Our thanks also go to Jeff and Margaret Faulkner and Jun Li who allowed us to use their blocks for this event and also to Kirk McGiveron for being our MC and providing the great music.

Our thanks to all the residents who took the time to enter the Christmas Parade (great stir-up Lyn), the biggest for many years. There was a great variety of floats entered with 1st place going to St Marys Hospital, 2nd place to the St Marys Play Group and 3rd place to Craig and Hayley for their “bees” float.

As you may know, our club and the local Tas Networks workers were unable to hang our bunting this year due to changes in the rules and regulations by Tas Networks head office, so our club offered a \$500 prize for the best decorated business in the town.

It was great to see so many businesses getting into the spirit of Christmas, but the business judged to be the best decorated was won by Andi and Sheryn from Grassy Bottom Emporium (E scape).

Our Lions Club Christmas Stocking was won by a very excited Christine Rowntree.

Many thanks to the many people who bought tickets in the Stocking which all helps towards paying for the day.

John McGiveron (President)





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Grants available for Community Projects

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has invested more than \$250,000 in the Men's Shed program since coming to office and a further \$124,204 is now available for capital works programs and tools, equipment and community initiatives. Guy Barnett (Member for Lyons) said round five of the program was now open and called on local groups to take advantage of the program.

"Tasmania's 74 Men's Sheds are an incredibly valuable community asset with more than 4,000 regular members across the state," Mr Barnett said. "Men's Sheds provide a safe, supportive environment where men can form friendships, learn and share skills, seek support and advice regarding health and wellbeing issues and participate in projects that benefit the broader community. I know from my visits to many Sheds in Lyons, of which there are over 20, that they are an invaluable community asset, which is why I'm so proud the Government has been such a strong supporter of the program." Funding for the 2016-17 Grants Program is now open and for the first time, grants will be available through two categories: Category One: Grants up to \$5 000 for tools, equipment, member training and community initiatives; and Category Two: Grants up to \$10 000 for capital works. Past rounds of the grants program have funded initiatives including: Equipment upgrades to improve occupational health and safety; the purchase of tools and equipment for newly established sheds; First Aid training and equipment including defibrillators; and Community garden projects.

"Tasmania has the highest density of Men's Sheds in Australia (10 sheds per 100,000 compared to 3.5 in NSW) and they deliver clear health benefits to communities through increased physical activity and improved awareness of mental health issues like depression and anxiety," Mr Barnett said. "I encourage Men's Sheds to get involved in this new round of funding, with information and application forms available at www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr or feel free to contact my office and we can assist you with your application."

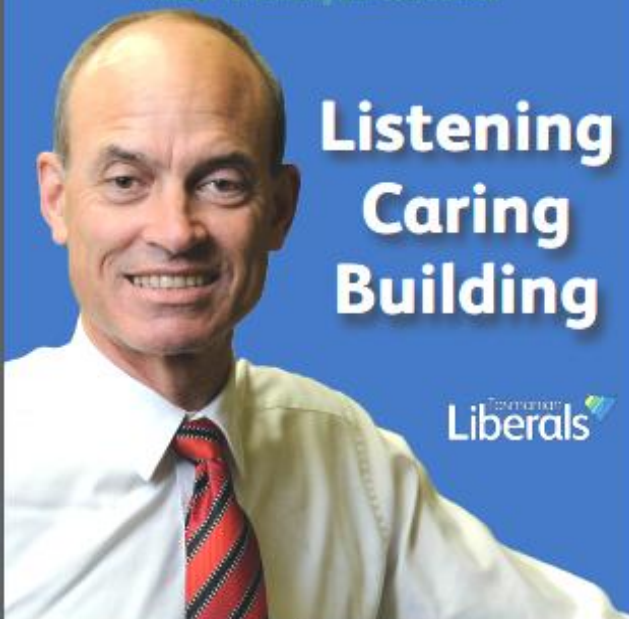
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10 years ago part two

Before continuing with the 2006 fires, let us pause for a moment and reflect on the 1967 Hobart fires, this week being the 50 year anniversary of that devastation, the worst Tasmania has ever experienced, with massive losses in every aspect - including life. People today may not realise it, but this area came close to being blackened on that very same day February 7, 1967, with a major fire in Irishtown Road / St Patrick's Head area.

Fortunately this fire was eventually controlled and extinguished with a great deal of assistance from Forestry Tas workers, but not before the fire had burnt across the same area three times because of the changing winds.

A saw mill was destroyed by fire out the back of Mt Elephant on that day, leaving the owner totally devastated by the loss; thankfully because of fire fighting equipment on site (primitive though it was), the fire was contained to the mill site. As it happens I was at the site when the fire broke out, caused by a spark from operating machinery. The mill was totally destroyed in minutes. Being diesel powered, there were empty 44s (205 litre drums) there, upside down as they were left when empty. When the remaining fumes with a small amount of fuel in them ignited, the drum would rocket into the air 30-40 feet then explode and open up as though it had been attacked with a giant can opener. This happened to 5 or 6 drums, causing us to keep our heads down.

NB: Fire-fighting equipment in those days consisted mainly of knap sacks (20 litre water tank on your back with a hand operated pump to deliver the water), rake hoes to construct the fire breaks with, and flails (usually a few pieces of canvas hose fixed to a broom-like handle that you belted the fire out with). You had to keep a continual watch behind you, because these flails would more often than not throw a burning ember in that direction and start more fires. Tasmania Fire Service as we know it today basically evolved from that devastating day.

Now back to the 2006 fires, as they have become known as.

Sunday December 10, 2006: The rest of the night seemed to disappear into a foggy memory of organising more crews along with relief for those fires already on the ground, however this relief never came about because of the nature of the fire.

Monday December 11: The fire is still marching on unhindered in all directions. Because of the terrain in which it was burning, we could only work on the accessible edges giving the most grief, and rely on aerial support for the other areas. Monday early afternoon, it is time to head down the St Marys Pass to check on the progress of the fire which had since basically created its own weather pattern by engendering its own winds. Being in the region that it was i.e. hills and gullies, the wind pattern was fickle to say the least.

This caused the people in the IMT (Incident Management Team) some grief. They were taking particular note of BOM forecasts, as is the normal case - however they had never experienced our true East Coast conditions where it is sometimes hard for even the hardened long-time locals to be able to predict the outcomes of the weather. (I hasten to add that the difficulty experienced here did not have any effect on the final outcome of the fire.)

On the way down the Pass, it soon became evident that more resources would be urgently required in the coastal region. This was set in place, however as we were approaching Falmouth intersection a lot of things happened at the same time. Thick black smoke came belching up out of the gully, totally blacking out any vision at all; as it enveloped my vehicle I couldn't see beyond the windscreen. A quick call on the radio to Mike behind me to back out, and as the smoke started to turn orange I selected reverse gear, held the steering wheel straight, dropped the clutch and hoped like hell all was clear behind. Thankfully it was.

The main road had the effect of slowing the main front, however all the spot fires on the other side soon took hold, joined up and took off again. At the same time, the fire on the western side took a run for the bottom of the pass, continuing on its uninterrupted way towards the top. At this point let me say that the burning embers from here were landing in our house yard at Irishtown Rd. Had it not been for no grass left (it was parched and gone, thanks to caring neighbours and family members) our personal outcome may have been different. This is an example of community members helping each other, as happened across the area during the fires. Thank you to all, from one and all.)

Back to Falmouth Junction: With the smoke now clearing enough to see, I noticed a southerly wind coming up the coast. I recall saying to Mike that we had a cold southerly coming and it will help us with cooling conditions. His reply was don't speak too soon - how wrong I was.

With the fire creating its own wind, hot north west/west winds blowing, descending dry air, the southerly wind being cooler and more dense carrying more oxygen, we were now faced with a perfect recipe for total disaster.

This was a very complex set of circumstances all coming together in the one area at the same time. By now the fire was burning on both sides of the road, with flames being drawn toward each other. This made travel on the road totally out of the question, we could do nothing but watch and wait for an opportunity to get through.

Continued ... While this was taking place, the additional appliances and crews had arrived. Let me try to paint you a picture of what it was like.

The winds from the combined effects were picking up the cow pats from the ground and blowing them around like feathers, the Hydro poles were on fire and burning to the ground within minutes leaving live wires dangling, trees along the road side were catching fire and burning fiercely due to the heat of the day combined with the heat of the fire and the effects of the wind; these trees became weakened within minutes rather than the hours that it would normally take, and with the strong winds were blowing over across the road, adding to the dilemma. One of the appliances with crew tried to get through the paddocks to see if anything could be done that way, or find a way forward, but when the crew members got out of the truck the wind literally blew them off their feet and rolled them along the ground, so this clearly was not an option.

While all of this was taking place, we had to set up a road block and stop all traffic, and while some drivers were virtually demanding to be let through, the majority understood the situation and were prepared to sit it out (the road was still blocked at this stage).

With the fire front having now moved north and smoke conditions improving, the task of clearing a path through the fallen trees could begin. With this was achieved minimally, the fire crews could now head towards Scamander through a corridor of flames, smoke and flying embers. The carnage they witnessed will remain imprinted in their minds forever - power poles falling to the ground, burning trees blowing over, farm fences being destroyed, frightened farm animals huddled in groups, Curtis reserve laid bare. However this was nothing in comparison to what would meet them when they reached Scamander.

With the fire coming down off the hills, as well as along the coastal strip at breakneck speed, by the time this convoy of fire trucks and crew could get there, Scamander was burning.

I must at this point acknowledge that while this was happening, the Scamander Fire Brigade, along with the neighbouring brigades, were doing everything possible to save the township and area from devastation.



I would also like to acknowledge the assistance provided by all Brigades and fire fighters throughout the fire's duration. To try and name certain brigades in any area at any time I run the risk of missing some out and this would be unforgiveable .

The assistance provided by the chopper pilots also needs acknowledgement, especially on this day; to operate in such winds needs considerable skills which were demonstrated on more than one occasion - when filling the bucket with water and the chopper basically lying on its side in the wind, with the main rotor almost touching the water.

I am not going to dwell on individual structures or how many were lost, I am sure that we are all aware of that. To lose one is one too many. As well as that, over the years as a volunteer fire fighter, I have witnessed the look of despair (too many times) on peoples' faces as they have watched all their possessions go up in flames;

I have seen the happiness on a little child's face when we have been able to pull a favourite doll or teddy bear out of the ashes; I recall the tears on the parents' faces when we are lucky enough to find a family photo that has come through the fire unscathed. The thought of it all brings a tear to my own eye, so I can start to understand how those directly involved must feel!

Now let us return to the Falmouth junction: Power poles down, everything blackened, the line of traffic increasing all the time, St Marys Pass now closed, the word has come back from Scamander that no traffic will be getting through either way that day. The task now is to individually notify every vehicle of the situation, recommending they turn around and head south to seek overnight accommodation and await a wireless update next morning (some elected to stay put and sleep in their vehicles). The reasoning behind this was that they were already surrounded by burnt ground so they were safe here, the fact that there was neither food nor water there didn't seem to deter them - however as the evening turned to night, most decided to turn around. With road closures now being managed for us, it was time for those of us in that area to turn our attention to the fire (not that it hadn't been on our minds at all times), but subconsciously we knew that it was not a threat to life or structure yet in the immediate area.

So what do we have? A multitude of spot fires not really going far because they were now being held back by the southerly wind, but nevertheless still spreading; burning power poles supporting live wires, we have to await the arrival of Aurora team to disconnect the power; check Falmouth for possibility of spot fires. No spot fires detected, however the sand dunes on the Northern side of the Lagoon Barway were burning and backing towards Falmouth, so this would need close monitoring because of a possible wind shift. Such a shift could have showered Falmouth in burning embers and the end result would not have been nice. As it was, we were getting the odd ember drifting in but thankfully it was quite manageable.

While the fires in that area were kept very busy monitoring embers, doing road patrol, extinguishing power poles and putting out roadside fires, the fires in Scamander area were certainly drawing on their reserve energy to keep going and save as many structures as humanly possible.

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10 years ago part two continued

Yes, they saved some, they lost some, some were beyond saving before the fires could get to them. As in any disaster like this, there is never enough equipment and personnel to go round, especially when you are faced with the speed and ferocity that this fire hit with. I have a clear recollection of delivering drinking water to the struggling fires, but did any of us get food that night? That is one question that neither I nor any other fireman there can answer - if not, it didn't do us any harm. Just goes to show that we did not have time to think of food.

With as much extinguished as we possibly can, no more standing structures burning, the clock hovering around midnight, it's time to think about handing over to the overnight watch and head home or somewhere to get a little sleep, if possible. We are needed back here in the morning.

With the hand over completed, it is now time to head home or to the supplied accommodation and try to get that sleep which we all knew would not come. We had all been so active for so long that our minds would just keep racing, as well as being full of smoke, making sleep virtually impossible. Added to this was the knowledge that, already past midnight, we were required again later that day. The main thing to keep us from sleep however was the fact that we were all aware of the dangers to life and property that the fire still presented. Let us head to the hills for a shower at least, how long had it been since the last one? We all smelt the same, just like bush fire smoke.

With the St Marys pass still closed, those units returning to St Marys had no choice except to travel around the coast and up the Elephant Pass to get back. Having made sure that all of those heading back had left, it was now our turn to go. Just as we approached Falmouth Junction, we noticed a machine coming down the Pass, a quick chat and we were heading up the pass to run the obstacle course to the top.

Back up top, report in, head for the family, the shower and bed.

NOTE, I have only dealt with the coastal area this time, that is not to say that I have forgotten that the fire around the St Marys, Mt Nicholas, Cornwall area was still raging and spreading. I will address this next issue. I would like to acknowledge that ALL fires and those people assisting us (caterers, cleaners, radio operators, record keepers, the list goes on) were putting in the long hours, not just a few of us.

Gerald Aulich (A F S M)

St. Helens History Room, 61 Cecilia Street, St Helens, Tas. 7216

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January 18, 2017

'Three Well Known Australians' exhibition

The St Helens History Room is pleased to host 'Three Well Known Australians' exhibition by Mr Martin Shaw from Sydney. The abstract painting was completed in 1982 and has been touring regions of Australia continuously since then. Visitors have an opportunity to record their interpretation of just who these 'Three Well Known Australians' may be. The abstract painting has been recording these thoughts and interpretations throughout Australia since 1983. On view are also dozens of letters from various entities around Australia stating their thoughts on who these figures in the painting might be. There are also Year Books on display recording the diverse range of views from around the country on just what these painted figures represent. The artist, Martin Shaw, won't reveal the answer however. Come and visit the St Helens History Room and see what you make of the project!

The exhibition is on view until Friday February 24, 2017.

Kym Matthews, Curator

St Helens History Room



The top ten most irritating phrases compiled by researchers at Oxford University.

- 1 - At the end of the day
- 2 - Fairly unique
- 3 - I personally
- 4 - At this moment in time
- 5 - With all due respect

- 6 - Absolutely
- 7 - It's a nightmare
- 8 - Shouldn't of
- 9 - 24/7
- 10 - It's not rocket science

Highlights from 2016: Hub4Health Walking Group

Diana's Basin Walk on Wednesday 2nd March. Ten walkers in our group turned up at Diana's Basin for our walk along the beach to Moonah Rocks, a rugged and picturesque outcrop of rocks on the northern end of the beach. From there we headed up a bit of a steep climb to the coastal scrub on a sandy 4WD track above the beach, which we followed until we turned onto the Onion Creek mouth track which led us back to the coast. Back at the coast it was an intrepid scramble over the several rocky outcrops, interspersed with sand and climbs back up to the scrub when we couldn't get through the rocks and waves. The pleasant sight of the tiny shorebirds busy at the basin mouth, plus the fascinating rock formations on the beaches, the panoramic views of the sea and St Helens Island to the east, and the coastal strip with the mountains to the south, made it a very interesting and varied walk. *Contributed by Wendy Saunders*

Falmouth to Mariposa Beach This walk had 3 components additional to the usual walk activity;

1. The significant modification / destruction by the recent storm [a "1 in 50 year" event for Falmouth!] This was observed first hand. Wow.
2. Eminent local historian / naturalist Tim McManus met the group and spoke of aboriginal Falmouth occupation and facts about their shellfish diet. Much appreciated.
3. Revel explained other elements of historical settlement of Falmouth as the group marched along.

Contributed by Revel Munro

Liberator Mine: Alex gave us a talk on the eucalyptus subcrenulata when we arrived at that point and I gave a brief history of the Liberator mine. There were 21 in the morning and in the afternoon 16 walked from the Duco tunnel down to Crystal Creek, very pretty spot, then up to the Australia mine boiler where I talked a bit more about the mining history. The next stop was the Don mine where we investigated the workings before walking out to Crystal Hill road past Maddox's old house site. A very enjoyable day.

Contributor: Garry Richardson

Saturday walk: Loila Lookout to Cerise Brook The walk began on a 4WD track through open ironbark forest with excellent views out across Diana's Basin and the more distant Georges Bay, all highlighted by the low April sun. For a while we followed the footprints of a Tasmanian Devil who had walked along the dusty track not long before us. Mid-morning found us at a long log across our path, it proved an excellent sit-down spot to stop for a snack. We then continued the descent, through a stand of grasstrees and on down to the more dense forest of the valley bottom, here we joined the Stonyford Track near the ford on Constable Creek. The remainder of the track, around muddy bog-holes and over rutted mounds, brought us out to civilisation at the end of Medea Cove Road where we ended the walk at Cerise Brook. There, the walkers enjoyed coffee and delicious cake in the pleasant surroundings of the orchard and little golf course before returning to St Helens. *Contributed by Alex Buchanan*

New members are most welcome. We walk on Wednesdays starting 9am at **Hub4Health**. Please call **Hub4Health** on 6376 2971 or **Bryan Edhouse** on 0414 987 435

Come join up soon!

Wayne Fulford, Publicity Officer-

H4H Walking Group



The bull wheel at the Summit Mine, photo taken by Garry Richardson



Rocks strewn by storm, slipway at Mariposa, photo taken by Revel Munroe



Bay of Fires Coastal Walk, photo taken by Wayne Fulford



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Submitted by Mary Knowles, Gipps Creek

The Say, by Cagerattler

If I hadn't see it and listened to it all over the past couple of weeks I wouldn't have believed it. Donald J Trump is not for real is he? He can't be. This is a nightmare isn't it, and we'll all wake up soon to find that's the case? The ego, the bigotry, the racism, the tantrums, the bullying, the insults, the distrust of fellow Americans, the flawed reasoning, the rudeness to other world leaders including our own Mr Turnbull and the insensitivity and lack of diplomatic decency of this man knows no bounds. That'd be okay except he's been in the top job - as I write this - a grand total of 17 days! Only about 1443 days to go if he serves just one term only 2900 or so if he by some miracle is re-elected. But who's counting?

An Australian counter terrorist expert said last week that when the extremist terror cells heard that Trump was elected they celebrated because they thought they'd now have the catalyst for evil misguided excuses to carry out a Jihad (Holy War) against the infidels (anybody from the west). It took him less than two weeks to start the insanity of tarring all Muslims as potential terrorists which of course they're not. Not by a long chalk. The people he targets are refugees from places of hatred and persecution trying to find peace, not bloody war. Our own mob are doing the same, just not as blatant with the 'boat people'. It's shameful.

I likened it to calling all priests paedophiles because a tiny percentage out of hundreds of thousands of priests or clergy across different faiths had committed such crimes. Of course this is not even remotely true or possible and is as ridiculous as thinking all Muslims hold extremist views and want to kill everybody. The counter terrorist expert also said that of the potential terror threats in the USA - around 122 people - 87 are born and bred U.S citizens. Only 35 have some overseas links in some way.

Trump then sacks his Attorney General because she has doubts of the Ban order's legality, and yet a senior Federal judge rules in a way that supports that opinion. He slams the press for negative bias but uses it to attack a growing number of people who challenge his misguided views. We'd better chuck hypocrite in there too then.

We haven't talked about all the economic ramifications of his protectionist ideology for the USA that will hurt fellow trading partners like Australia badly. We'll do that, maybe, another time.

Through this bloke, the USA and by definition ourselves are heading down a dangerous, hate filled and nervous path over the next few years and I hope this fascist (there's another one) grows a conscience really really fast ... It's scary.

What do you think?

Rod McGiveron, St Marys

Are you about to build or extend your home in or near the bush? It can be risky, especially on our fire prone East Coast.

However, extensive scientific research has been done and help is available to reduce the risk to people and property. There is a national standard for building in bushfire prone areas and, since 2012, laws for applying this Standard in Tasmania.

Did you know that the vast majority of houses burnt down in bushfire are ignited by burning embers? By keeping the embers out or reducing where they can accumulate, you can dramatically improve the survival chances of your home. Before getting too far into the designing stage of your build, you should check with the Council or a Building Surveyor if the area where you want to build is bushfire prone.

If it is, then a Bushfire Practitioner can assess your level of risk and provide guidance for the design of the home. Much can be done in the building design and construction to make your home more fire resistant.

Information – Chris Draffin 0418 833 881

Submitted by Chris Draffin – Accredited Bushfire Practitioner



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Ecological Restoration Skill Set Course on the East Coast

Ten local residents recently completed a new TAFE Course which was available on the East Coast for the first time.

The Ecological Restoration Skill Set Course offers students the opportunity to improve their conservation land management skills in the areas of native flora and weed identification, native fauna and feral animal identification, fauna surveying and habitat requirements and best practice in restoring degraded environments. There is a growing demand for skills in ecological restoration as governments and private enterprise invest in restoring degraded lands for nature conservation, carbon credits and ecologically sustainable wood products.

A recent report on the economic benefits of the Skyline Tier restoration project located behind Scamander and Beaumaris estimated that the project had contributed around \$1.9 million to the local economy in recent years.

The course will be offered again this year with the ongoing support of TasTAFE, St Helens Neighbourhood House and NRM North.

For further information about the course and enrolment details please contact **Todd Dudley on 6376 1049.**

Todd Dudley, President North East Bioregional Network Inc., St. Marys



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Plenty to eat and drink and
a Cabaret from 8pm until midnight - \$10 entry.

Hub4Health Walking Group submitted by Wayne Fulford

AGM: The Coordinator, Bryan, suggested we meet at Cerise Brook and have coffee and plum cake prior to the meeting. Approximately 25 walkers attended, together with a representative from Hub4Health. Bryan was unanimously acclaimed coordinator for 2017. The structure of each walk for 2017 would include an extension which might finish an hour to an hour and half longer, than the shorter walk. A longer walk would still be led by an experienced local walker.
Contributor: Wayne Fulford

Hub4Health to Cerise Brook *Leader Lois Darnell*

On a sunny Wednesday morning 19 walkers set off from Hub4Health on the first walk of 2017. It was a glorious day as the group strolled along the waterfront on their way to the Medea Cove Road turnoff. It was a nice flat walk around the cove (with the odd incline) and the group easily walked the 2.5km from the main bridge around to the end of the bitumen. After some discussion it was decided to alter course and walk to the leaders house to avoid the dust of the dirt road. From approximately 35m above sea level it was a great view up Medea Cove and out over the town and Georges Bay. Once recuperated from tackling the rather steep driveway the group made their way back to the Hub.
Contributor: Lois Darnell

Scamander River Mouth to Winifred Curtis *Leader Pam Bretz*

Another glorious day in Paradise and 18 of us gathered at the carpark at the mouth of the Scamander River to walk along the beach to the Winifred Curtis Lookout, then over the stile and back via the track behind the dunes. No whales spotted this time but plenty of boats on the horizon and a few shorebirds to keep the birdoes happy. We enjoyed the sunshine, the blue blue sea and the company. Breathing in all that sea air must do us good, not to mention the exercise! Apart from one sneaky wave catching one walker unawares there were no mishaps, though the party did become separated at one point, so engrossed were they in conversation. Happily we were all reunited back at the car-park.
Contributor: Pam Bretz

New members are most welcome. Please call Hub4Health:6376 2971 or Bryan Edhouse:0414 987 435.



*Scamander Beach sand cliffs,
photo taken by Wayne Fulford*



*Beautiful Scamander Beach ,
photo taken by Wayne Fulford*



Dr Katrena Stephenson, Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of Tasmania at left with Cllr Kylie Wright, Cllr Janet Drummond and Cllr Hannah Rubenach-Quinn

On February 1st, World Hijab Day, Break O'Day Council held a local meeting with Local Government Association Tasmania executives. Three of the councillors choose to wear a hijab to show solidarity for a woman's right to choose what they wear. Dr Katrena Stephenson CEO of LGAT joined them in wearing a hijab during the meeting held at Tidal Waters, St Helens.

Submitted by Cllr Janet Drummond, St Marys

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A Day Out... a story of co-incidences.

On the way to Bicheno last week the editor of this publication and I were having a conversation about Australian children's literature; what we had read ourselves and what we read to those children around us. Inevitably as we wound our way down the coast we strayed into the realms of those tales serialised for TV or turned into movies, which we loved, which we hated and which we missed completely. Strangely enough our self-confessed "horse mad kid" was totally unaware of Mary Grant Bruce and her "Billabong" series.

Fast forward to our arrival in Bicheno and our eagle eyes spied an antiques, bric a brac and secondhand book shop next to the Post Office. No prizes for guessing where our feet immediately took us. Boxes and boxes of old books waiting for someone with an eye for a bargain or the wish to be reunited with a much loved classic ... and who would have thought ... a well loved copy of "Back to Billabong" looking for a good home. Clearly it was meant to have a new life in the Fingal Valley ... and OK I'll admit I bought an equally well loved copy of 'My Love Must Wait' by Earnestine Hill. For those of you unaware of that one, it's the story of Matthew Flinders. So perfect for this history tragic.

A new book each calls for coffee, so off to the bakery we went to sit and discuss our purchases over a light lunch. On the block next door the building of the big shed is going ahead at a rapid pace so we are looking forward to its opening ... Who knows what treasures we will find there next time we venture down the coast.

The final port of call for us was the Waubs Bay Gallery where we

had the chance to chat to Vanessa Richardson about her most extraordinary wildlife illustrations as well as the other items on display. We both love raptors and there is a good collection of prints, photographs and original works of art. If you haven't visited lately, or at all, it's well worth the stop.

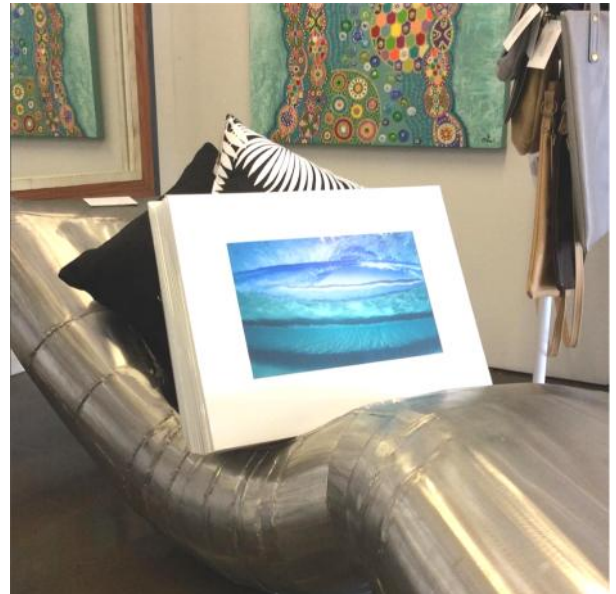
As we wound our way back up the hill we both thought ... there are so many talented and interesting people living and working in this region and they all have a story to tell.

Wendy Fowler, St Marys

The Farm Shed East Coast Wine Centre is an exciting new addition to Bicheno's hospitality and retail offerings. It showcases the magnificent wines of the region and incorporates wine-tastings and sales, coffee and wine bar, a retail gallery for Tasmanian art and design, and a post office.

We are located in a multi-use building inspired by an old farm shed on the southern entrance to Bicheno on the Tasman Highway. The Farm Shed is developed and operated by Subi Mead and Helen Bain who have fifteen years' hospitality experience, most recently operating Post Art & Design in Bicheno and previously at the fabled Left Bank Cafe in Swansea.

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*Beautiful artworks from the
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"Don't be scared to have a go. It is difficult, it is frustrating, but it does build confidence and there is light at the end of the tunnel."

I never wanted to go to school at first. In class I can't ever remember learning anything. I liked sport and woodwork and metalwork. I left school at year 10 and got a job in the timber mill. For the last 27 years I've worked at Cadburys.

My wife pushed me into getting some help. We both realised that working was starting to involve more paperwork. Also children came along and I wanted to try to understand what they were doing at school and be able to help.

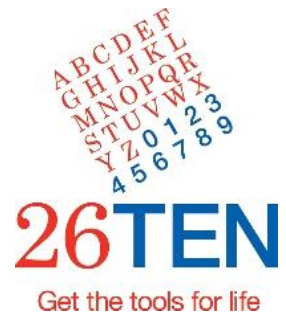
I can now read better. It's helped me with learning the rules for basketball umpiring and I can read and understand the paperwork at work, such as the documentation for trouble shooting problems with machinery.

I'm more confident about letting people know I have a problem with reading and writing and I'm more willing to have a go myself first before asking someone."

If you or someone you know would like help, it is here and it is free and private.

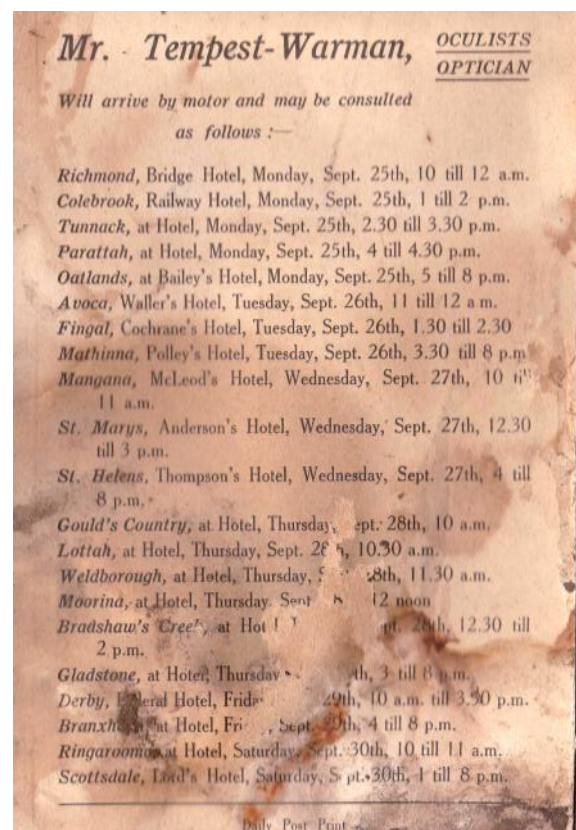
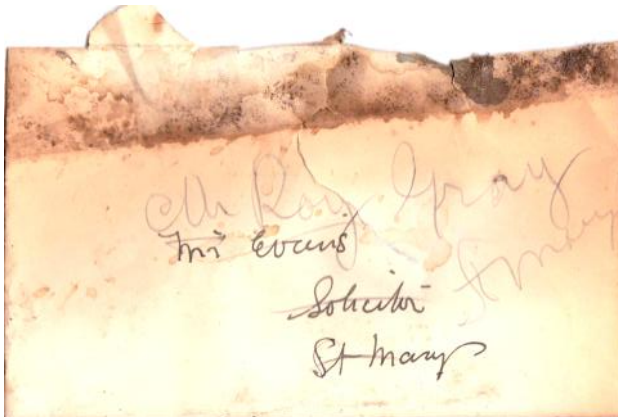
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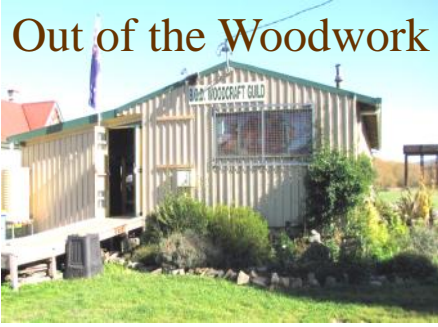


Call or text Fiona on **0427 161 057** or call into the Library for a chat.

Thanks to Jun Li and Maurice Linfoot for allowing the publication of these items (below), found on the premises next to Ping's Place, Main Street St Marys. Hopefully they will be of interest to long term and recent residents of St Marys, and beyond. Editor.



Out of the Woodwork



I usually like to start this article on a positive note, especially as a new year is upon us. However, I think all will understand that it was with great sadness that Guild members learnt of the passing of Mrs Lodge (Heather) on the 26th December, 2016.

Heather was a keen supporter of our group and like many members an avid animal lover. We have one of her plants in our memorial garden that was donated by her. It was grown from a cutting taken from her mother's garden. With nurturing and time we hope to propagate a separate piece that will grow accordingly, and be placed next to her mother's plant as a remembrance. We offer Glen, James and all the family our heartfelt condolences.

The Guild's Open Day Fair will be held on April 8th. If you are interested in a stall the cost is \$5 a table. Please ring Wendy or Reon on 6372 2094 to book a space. Stay tuned for further information.

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

Wendy Brennan, Secretary, St Marys 6372 2094

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Thanks to Tanya of Building Blocks for the great kids activities, thanks to Mark of the Tasmanian Association of PCYC Inc. for the Mac Van attending and the provision of the older age activities for kids, and to Minister Rene Hidding for helping with the organisation of the Mac Van.

We saw approximately 50 kids attend the activities over the afternoon period and it was a lot of fun. Mark packed up around 4:30pm and Tanya continued into the evening. It was a great sight to see adults of all ages, kids and teenagers gathering on the proposed community space for the evenings activities.

Thanks to Trawldogs for the show, you rocked! Thanks to Kylie Wright for her singing. Thanks to ALL of the businesses in St Marys who gave generously for the auction and assisted with food donations, and thanks to Glenn McGuinness for being a fantastic auctioneer!!

Thanks to Liz of Mt Elephant Fudge, to Coffee & Slushie Wrinklers Beach and to the fund raising team who manned the BBQ, for the food. BIG thanks to the community for turning up.

We had over 200 people on site at 18 Groom Street, during one head count. Just thank you everyone, if I have missed anyone, please know that you are all thanked.

What a great event it was, so nice to see the space filled with families, kids and adults of all ages. The weather really put on it's best for us all and we raised over \$1,200 from the evening, plus we had a few donations from private individuals who held other fundraising events, taking our total for the day close to \$1,500 to put towards the establishment of the St Marys Community Space.

Look out for our next fundraising event ... we look forward to it and hope you do too. We shall be collecting at the Easter Races and we shall be doing something during the St Marys Annual Car Show and don't forget the tins in all the shops, just throw in your loose change as you can.

Article and photos by Clr Janet Drummond, St Marys



“Indeed, if your pillow is six years old—which is apparently about the average age for a pillow—it has been estimated that one tenth of its weight will be made up of “sloughed skin, living mites, dead mites and mite dung,”

— [Bill Bryson, A Short History of Nearly Everything](#)

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Golf news We have had a few bookings for groups to come and play on our country course, which looks great with the greens being an ongoing project. They look a lot better than this time last year. Good work Roger, Macca, Christine and Tam.

Christmas Raffle Results: Lawnmower won by Jacqui Bianchi, Karcher won by Karen Spilsbury, Cheer won by Kevin Faulkner

The Centre has had a very good and rewarding December and January, and we are looking forward to the coming months ahead.

A huge thank you to all our helpers.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Heather Lodge, who often came to our Centre. Heather always enjoyed her Christmas functions.

The community has certainly lost a very special, hard working member.

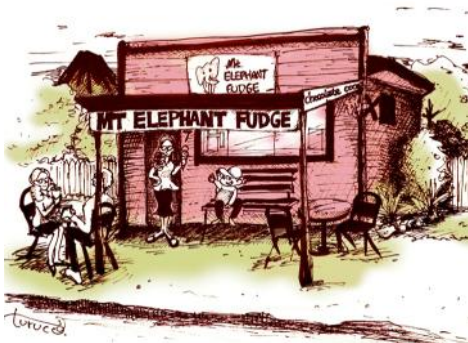
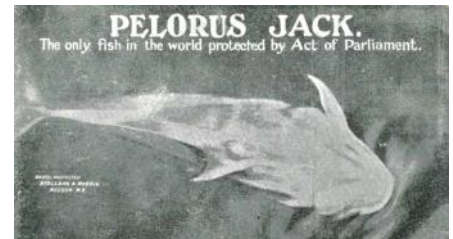
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Bowls results St Marys won their last 4 games. On Saturday February 4 they lost to Swansea at St Marys. The singles East Coast Championships commenced on Sunday February 5 with 16 entries. Congratulations to veteran 80 year old John McDonald who is the only St Marys player to advance to the finals on Sunday 12 at St Marys. Carol Sweeney from Scamander is the only female to advance to the finals; this is the first time Carol has entered a competition, and shocked herself by her own victory.

Bowls Raffle drawn at Clive Berwick Memorial Day results: 1st, Cart of goodies won by Macca; 2nd, Family Pizza won by Macca; 3rd, Beauty Pack won by a lady from Launceston.

Clive Berwick Memorial Day competition winners: Kodie Donald, Jack and Jacob Viney. A great day was had by all and it proved to be the best Clive Berwick Day ever. Lots of hard work by all to get this event so organised. Thank you to both groups.

Pelorus Jack was a Risso's dolphin which helped guide ships through a perilous stretch of water between the islands of New Zealand. First seen in 1888, and last seen in April 1912, 'he' would meet and escort ships through Cook Strait, New Zealand. In 1904 Pelorus Jack was shot at from a ship called The USS Penguin, after which a law was passed protecting Jack from any harm in the future. Interestingly, the experience didn't put him off his important work, though Jack would never escort The Penguin again, and it was wrecked on the rocks two years later. Pelorus Jack would swim alongside a ship for twenty minutes at a time. If the crew could not see Jack at first, they would often wait for him to appear.



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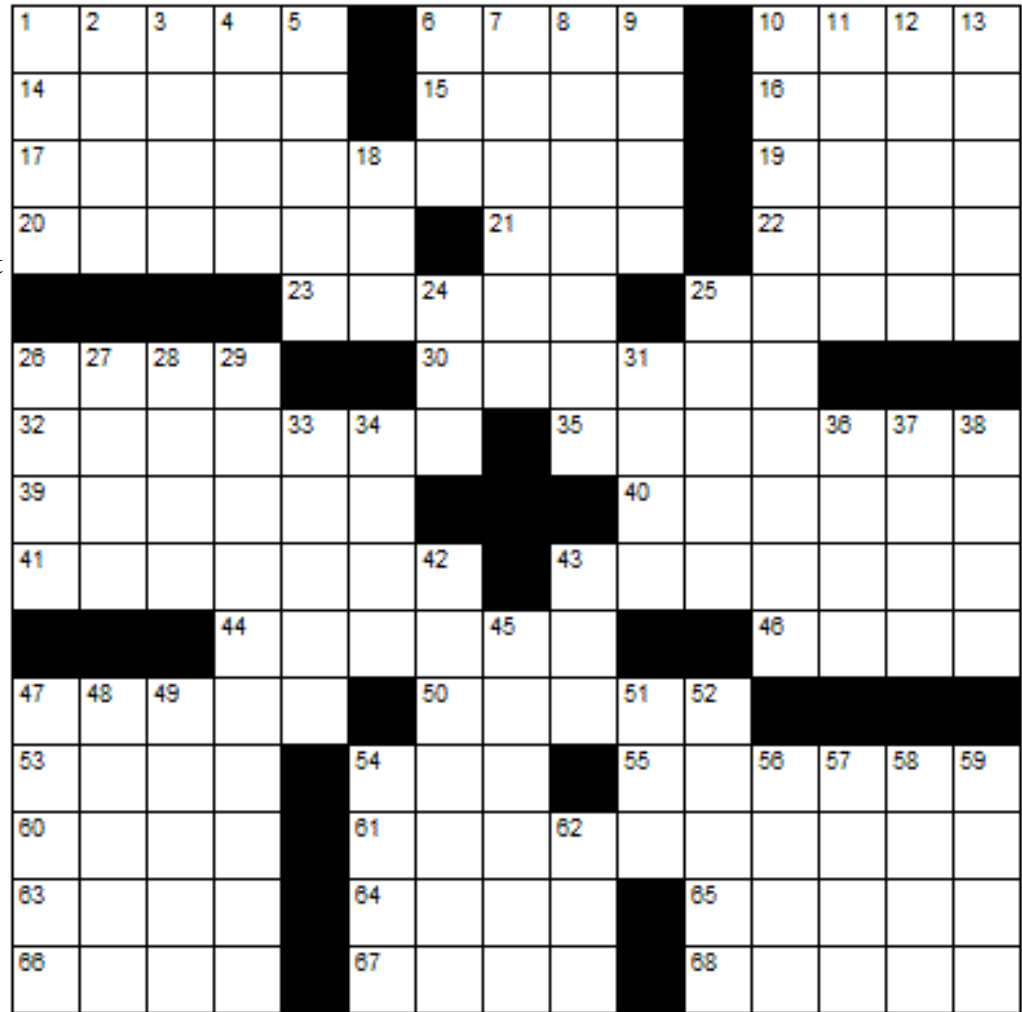
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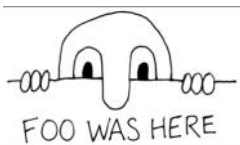
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14. Log home
15. Tibetan monk
16. Chalcedony
17. Vengeful punishment
19. Flexible mineral
20. Shooting star
21. G
22. Verse
23. Tall woody plants
25. Sea eagles
26. Exhausts
30. It crosses a river
32. Disquiet
35. Blimp
39. Pique
40. Covet
41. A flavourful addition
43. Clique
44. Withstand
46. Writing table
47. Catapulted
50. Encounters
53. Feces
54. American Sign Language
55. Large indefinite amount
60. Therefore



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| 1. Fraud | 24. Diminish | 43. C |
| 2. Undulation | 25. Everglades bird | 45. Empathize |
| 3. Incite | 26. Petty quarrel | 47. Grave marker |
| 4. Not yours | 27. Relating to aircraft | 48. Sensational |
| 5. Metal bar | 28. Brace | 49. Exhorted |
| 6. A high alpine meadow | 29. Prodigious | 51. Foot digit |
| 7. Coastal diving bird | 31. Prank | 52. Bottoms of shoes |
| 8. Memory loss | 33. Utilizing | 54. Corrosive |
| 9. Be worthy of | 34. Cleave | 56. Broad valley |
| 10. Compacted | 36. Employ | 57. 53 in Roman numerals |
| 11. Scallion | 37. Coloured part of an eye | 58. Terminates |
| 12. French school | 38. Glance | 59. Appear |
| 13. Tests | 42. Detective (slang) | 62. Little bit |
| 18. Mistake | | |

Solution on p29



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**I told my friend she drew her eyebrows on too high.
She seemed surprised.**

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Graduates of Certificate III in Community Services to give back to the Community

February 7, 2017

Giving back to their community was the common theme when nine locals graduated with a Certificate III in Community Services on Friday February 3.

Hosted at the Break O' Day Child and Family Centre and facilitated by Avidity Training, the majority of the attendees expressed their desire to give back to the Break O' Day community with their new skills. Some said their new qualification would allow them to go on and complete further studies while others were keen to seek employment or volunteering opportunities within the community.



Cert. III in Community Services graduates, Shannon Flack, Jeanette Law, Marie Owens, Tina Lockett, Kelly Sheenan (Facilitator), Susan Gibson, Jeanymaree Jenkinson, Hayley Ransley and Jessie Pearce. Absent Kylie Bucknell.

"The value of this course is that it not only allows people to up-skill and open up a broader range of employment opportunity, but also gives them the skills required to give back to their community. Therefore, the entire Break O' Day community are the real winners here. On behalf of Break O' Day Council I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them every success in the future," Mayor Mick Tucker said.

The graduates all expressed their sincere thanks to Break O' Day Child and Family Centre and Avidity Training for the opportunity.

One graduate stated "Thanks to Avidity Training and The Break O' Day Child and Family Centre, I was able to get back into study in our local community. I have now gained confidence to continue on with my study..."

For further information please contact Break O' Day Council Communications Coordinator, Jayne Richardson on 6376 7900 or 0400 454 089

Upgrade projects at St Helens remain priority for TasWater 25 January 2017

After heavy rainfall last Friday morning, described as a one in five year weather event resulted in an overflow of a St Helen's sewage pump station into Georges Bay, TasWater has confirmed the projected timing for upgrades to the Esplanade pump station.

Tenders for the \$1.2m new Esplanade pump station and rising main upgrades will commence next week, which will assist with preventing future spills.

TasWater is focused on improving network storage and pumping to combat rainfall events. "TasWater is responsible for 760 pump stations across Tasmania and the sewage pump stations closest to shellfish leases are the top of our priority" CEO Mike Brewster said.

"The timing of the extraordinary rainfall was unfortunate and TasWater understand the impacts to local oyster growers in the Georges Bay area. We will continue to work with the growers to minimise the impact on their business. TasWater appreciate the significant economic impacts to the community in the short term and are confident the final pump station upgrade will make a difference" Mr Brewster said.

On becoming aware of the issue, TasWater notified Break O' Day Council, the EPA, TSQAP and Oysters Tasmania. TasWater also contacted the Environmental Health Officer at Break O' Day to inform the extent of the spill as standard procedure. TasWater erected signs and commenced sampling at Beauty Bay and the Esplanade, which will continue over the next few days.

Whilst working with the shellfish industry in Tasmania, TasWater identified that the bacteriophage process used overseas and interstate was a potential solution for the challenges that come from weather events such as this.

With continued support to the industry across the state, TasWater are one of several bodies that contribute funds to help pursue solutions that have the potential to reduce closure times from 21 days to as little as 10 days.

The \$1.2m upgrade to the Esplanade Pump Station is expected to be complete by November.

Submitted by TasWater Media

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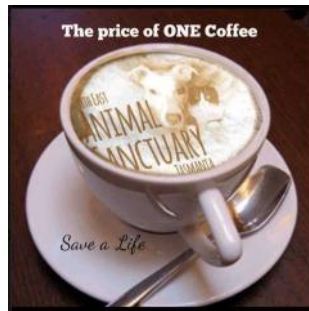
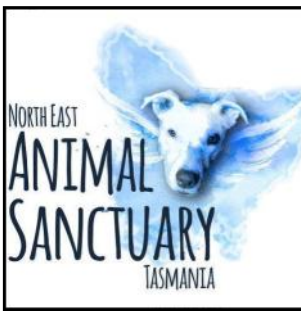
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We had a good adoption day on January 21st at the North East Vet Clinic with 6 adoptions. Thanks to those wonderful people. We desperately need wet kitten food for the 31 kittens we have.

*How can you save one hundred cats?
Spay one.*



This is 10 day old 'Chance', found on the road on the way to Bridport. Scottsdale vet nurse Tara has been looking after her but we have taken over her care now. Keep your fingers crossed for Chance.

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP

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10	Drew Adam
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14	Lundy Vosper
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16	Valmai Spencer
17	Drew Adam
20	Lundy Vosper
21	Trish Pike
22	Louise Keady
23	Judy Duckett
24	Drew Adam
27	Karl Balzer
28	Lundy Vosper
March 1	Valmai Spencer
2	Heather Griffiths
3	Drew Ada,
6	Ruth Aulich
7	Louise Keady
8	Valmai Spencer
9	Lundy Vosper
10	Drew Adam
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28	Lundy Vosper
29	Valmai Spencer
30	Judy Duckett
31	Drew Adam

I'm Fine Thank You

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as I can be,
I have arthritis in both knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm alright.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

The moral is this as my tale unfolds,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say I'm fine, with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent:
Well, my 'get up and go' has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my 'get up' has bin.

My age is golden, I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I get out of bed.
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I can lay on the shelf?

When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick up my heels over my head.
When I was older my slippers were blue
But I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old my slippers are black,
I walk to the store and puff my way back.
I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the 'Obits'.
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

Thanks to Ruth McGiveron of St Marys for sending that poem in. Editor.



How many words of three letters
or more can you find in
GEOGRAPHY?
Answer next edition.



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Totes

Here lies the body, but not the soul, of "totally", bastardised beyond recognition from a gorgeous, absolute adverb into an uber-chilled shrug or nod of the head.

Not only that, it has a tendency to take other words down with it. "Totes emosh", "totes cray": no syllable is safe. All is not lost, however: so omnipresent is "totes" that your grandmother says it to mean "yes", which means it should be getting measured up for its wooden overcoat pretty soon.

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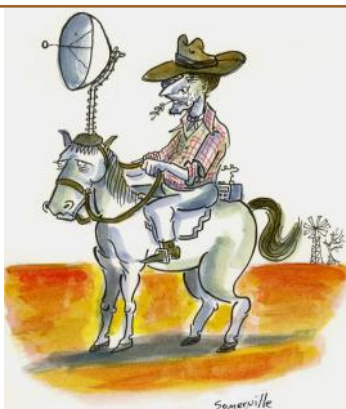
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Diana's Basin Walk, photo taken by Wendy Saunders for Hub4Health Walking Group.

More highlights on p13

Government cuts have forced the closure of the ABC's Outback Shortwave radio service. Now, if you want weather or fire warnings, you have to carry your own satellite dish!



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