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EAST COAST WINS TOURISM VOTES — ST HELENS IS THE TOP TOURISM TOWN IN TASMANIA

In a closely-contested public poll, Tasmanians have voted St Helens as the Top Tourism Town in Tasmania, beating 10 other towns from all over the state. The campaign was run by “The Mercury” newspaper, in association with Tourism Industry Council Tasmania. Each town’s entry was featured on “The Mercury” website on a different day, the St Helens entry being featured on 14th August.



“St Helen’s entry was a collaborative effort between Council and the Break O’Day Chamber of Commerce, and included a 500 word editorial with six images, a four day itinerary and a two minute video which was filmed by local resident Simon Holmes, and starred a bunch of our happy, but secretive locals,” said Mayor Mick Tucker, who is delighted with the news. Both the chamber and council were surprised and honoured by the win.

The entry was filmed on a shoestring budget, using all local talent from the voice over, talent and filming, and was viewed by over 18,000 people on the Break O’Day Council’s Facebook page alone. The runners up were Stanley and Sheffield, with St Helens gaining victory with just a few points. Stanley won the Mercury Readers’ choice award.

“As the competition was limited to just a township, the decision was made to focus on St Helens, however, the four day itinerary allowed us to talk about the other places to explore in our area. The last day of the itinerary was dedicated to exploring the Fingal Valley and encouraged readers to explore places like Gray Mares Tail Waterfall, Evercreech and the Mathinna Falls, as well as checking out local businesses like Gone Rustic Studio and Gallery, the Purple Possum, and Cranks and Tinkerers Museum,” added Mayor Tucker.

The prize includes promotion via both TasVacations and the “Spirit of Tasmania”, and a cash prize to invest in signage, social media, branding etc to promote the town’s status as Tassie’s Top Tourism Town for 2020.

St Helens will also go on to represent Tasmania as finalists alongside other Top Tourism Towns from other Australian States and Territories in the inaugural Australia’s Top Tourism Town, to be announced in Canberra later this year. This will be a major national industry event, with support from Tourism Australia and the Australian Government.



THANKS TO ALL WHO VOTED!

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This newspaper is about the Fingal Valley and the East Coast, and the people who live here. If you have a story you would like to share, or a suggestion for an article or regular column, please contact the Editor. You can show off your literary talents and submit it for consideration, or the Editor can write it for you.

Photographs are important, too, so try to include them, with some information as to where and when it was taken, what the occasion was, and who is in it.

We also like to tell people about our sporting history, and tales of sporting prowess and vanished sporting events are also welcome.

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 Editor, the Valley and East Coast Voice

ST MARYS COMMUNITY SPACE SOON TO OPEN

St Marys Community Space is not far off being completed, and plans are underway to hold an opening ceremony later this year.

The St Marys Community Space Streetpark, located on the corner of Groom and Story Streets in St Marys, presented the St Marys Community Space Association, in consultation with the community, with an opportunity to develop a community space in the heart of the St Marys. It is a multi-purpose outdoor recreation area, on land gifted by the Break O’Day Council, including a skate park, a bike track, a play area, outdoor gym equipment, and also includes a bird’s nest (basket) swing, and a barbeque shelter and picnic area. Locals and visitors had been enjoying the use of the gym and barbeque and picnic area until it was closed earlier in the year for the continuation of development.



A birds’ eye view of the Streetpark.

The project has been lead by members of the St Marys community, and included consultation with the residents of the town and students of St Marys District School before the planning stage. The results showed that a bike track and skateboard area



A smooth banking curve!



The birds nest swing frame being installed.



The volcano, a challenge for most!

were high on the list of facilities. Incorporating a variety of skate elements and features with both transition and street skating areas, the space will appeal to different styles, as well as different skill levels, and allows for continued progression from the younger children through to the more advanced skater/scooter/BMX riders.



The construction has involved local people, mostly volunteers, who saw the potential for a place of pride for the town, and a facility to encourage travellers to stop and support local businesses. The space will also allow room for events such as music, artistic installations, youth events and sporting competitions, being easily accessed by most people, and it is also seen as having both physical and mental health benefits for the users, with staff at the local community health centre indicating that they will encourage the use of the outdoor gym facilities to encourage better health outcomes.



“This space will lift the public profile of youth and encourage interaction between the whole community. It will also attract people into our community and showcase this wonderful area of Tasmania. We thank the Tasmanian Community Fund who were the major sponsors of this project, and all the other organisations and individuals who contributed to make this facility a reality in our community,” said Janet Drummond, Secretary of the St Marys Community Space Association Inc.



A working bee last weekend saw volunteers undertake landscaping work, building community spirit.

To see more photos and find out more about this great asset, go to the Facebook page.





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3/09/2020 - Update

We are observing social distancing and limiting numbers into the house and each room during this time.

We will ask you some questions on entry to ensure everyone's safety.

We have started re-introducing some of our programs with the following updates:

- Library and Op Shop are now open.
- Loaves and Fishes has now gone back to **Thursdays from 12pm and has returned to the Neighbourhood House for collections.**
- NILS Loans, transport, food relief etc are now back. Please contact the house for more details.
- Our history group is getting back underway and always looking for new volunteers - if interested please contact the office for more information.
- We are also starting regular fortnightly bus trips to St Helens (see advert this page) and once a month to Launceston, contact office for more details.

We are looking at how we might be able to hold Eating with Friends into the future with strictly limited spaces on a booking arrangement – more information to come soon.

Tai Chi and other activities - starting back soon and will be announced on our Facebook page.

CRAFT



If you are interested in Mosaics or Craft of any kind please register your interest with the office and we can advise when these activities will be starting.

Alternatively, if you'd be interested in running a class, please contact us on the number below.

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FINGAL FOCUS

Contributed by Mike Brouder

Spring, spring the bird is on the wing.....how absurd! The wing is on the bird.

The word "Spring", referring to the season, comes from an old Saxon word meaning "springing from the earth, or springtime".

The French word for the season of spring is 'Prinstemps', similarly meaning first growth, the Italian word is 'Primavera', also alluding to first growth, and in German, the word is 'Fruhling', with the same kind of meaning.

Spring is such a hopeful word; it foretells of warm days and balmy nights, if you ignore the Weather Bureau. My balmy nights may be a distant memory, but not so distant that I cannot remember them with pleasure. Those lovely walks with my friends, and then later with my fiancé. The yarns, the dreams, the laughter about nothing and everything. Nights so exactly warm enough to play a few games of tennis under lights. Enough exertion to induce a good sleep to be ready for the rigours of the next day. Next days can be very rigorous when you are in your teens, or as I tell myself, when I was a callow youth....The lengthening twilights which we can enjoy in Tasmania because of our southerly latitudes. As we gradually edge towards summer when the days and nights can get even warmer. I won't mention just how warm those nights can be in case I break into a sweat at the thought...

A taxi driver was taking his passengers along a busy street, when the passengers decided to change their destination. They tapped the taxi driver on the shoulder, and he reacted so violently that he drove the taxi onto the pavement and hit a lamp post. The passengers were very upset and asked the driver, "What went wrong?" The driver was extremely apologetic and explained, "This is my first week driving taxis. Up until last week I used to drive hearses."

Albert Einstein once said, "There is a limit to intelligence, but there is no limit to stupidity."

A builder was hammering a nail into the church roof when he hit his thumb. "Damn it, I missed!" he yelled. The priest heard him and called out to him. "You shouldn't say that on the house of the Lord!" "Why?" sneered the builder. "Will I be struck by lightning or something?" "Well, yes you might be," replied the priest. Seconds later there was huge flash from the heavens and a bolt of lightning shot down. It missed the builder, but struck the priest dead. A voice from on high boomed out, "Damn it, I missed!"

"Do you believe in God?" one goldfish asked another. "Of course," the second replied, "who do you think changes our water?"

Two aunts were watching their four year-old niece, who was watching television. One said to the other. "What a pity that she isn't very P-R-E-T-T-Y." The little girl turned to them and said, "It doesn't matter if she is C-L-E-V-E-R."

I had an operation, and the surgeon left a sponge in me. "Is it painful?" "No, but gee I get thirsty."

Therapist: "Your wife says you never buy her flowers." Him: "To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers." (Thank you, Julie Ann!)

I was horrified to learn that my son has been taking drugs. They were my best ones!

MORE RULES OF GOLF

Since bad shots come in groups of three, your fourth shot is the start of the next group.

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Well, I thought they were funny...Mike B.

The Say by the “Cage Rattler”

In the not too distant future, through the dedication and efforts of an intrepid band of local folk led in no small part by Paul Aulich, our town is going to have access to a wonderful new park near the rivulet. The skate park is already being acclaimed by some very suitably credentialed experts apparently, and will quite literally be one of the best and challenging skate and bike parks in the whole state. Also, it's already pretty certain that not just the local enthusiasts will enjoy this incredible facility, but many from far afield will travel to enjoy and even train on it. Every single person who has been involved in this great initiative deserves huge credit and similar huge thanks, because the spin-offs of this project will help the entire community a great deal.

In recent years, Tasmania has become a major leader in mountain biking, in caving, in adventure tours, classic and unrivalled bushwalking, and so many similar endeavours. Going along with so many great natural wonders, this little state of ours is proving to be a mecca for fly/drive and camper-van visitors, both before and undoubtedly after, the COVID- 19 pandemic, but with the adventure and activity laden possibilities opening up all over Tassie, it just keeps getting better. Similarly, with world class fishing, both sea and fresh water, it's definitely making Tasmania the place to be.

So glad that our new facility has so much to offer not just the beginner, but also the high-end expert, and will soon help make St Marys and the greater Fingal Valley a destination, not just a pass-through point on the map. Similarly, one of our newer community members is commencing a venture that will also offer a wide variety of great things to get active in. Again, this will be a great addition to our area once up and running fully, and once again, deserves support if and when possible.

Winter is now behind us (thank goodness), and this treacherous year that none of us will ever forget is two-thirds finished, but the dedication of the loyal band of locals, helpers, in-kind assisters and local and distant authorities have tempered the horrible drought, fires and pandemic with the possibilities for kids of all ages to spend time at a wonderful and exciting new facility

Thank you all for a job very well done!

What do you think ?

'The **Annual General Meeting** of the North East Tasmania Land Trust Inc will be held on **Sunday September 27**

at the **St Helens Neighbourhood House**, 25 Circassian St, at 12 noon.

Gary Luck, Public Officer,

netaslandtrust@gmail.com

The North East Tasmania Land Trust is a not-for-profit community-based organisation that aims to preserve, enhance and protect the natural environment in north eastern Tasmania. We do this by raising funds to acquire, manage and conserve land and forests of significant ecological value. Our aim is also to link and manage landscapes and create ecological connections.

For more information about us, and how you can become involved, go to:

<http://www.netlandtrust.org.au/> or

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Photo from website, of St Patricks Head to Ben Lomond, taken by Peter Troode.

GIRL GUIDES IN THE MODERN AGE

Remember the Girl Guides? The camping and adventures? The biscuits? Girl Guides may have changed over the years, but they are still around all over the world, and are now available to even the most remote parts of Australia!

Girl Guides Tasmania aims to empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. Through the Australian Guide Program, they provide a non-formal educational program that is dynamic and flexible while offering values-based training in life skills, decision making and leadership.

Girl Guides is open to girls and women aged 5 and up. Women over 18 are given the opportunity to become Leaders through the Australian Adult Leadership Program, which provides the framework to equip all Leaders with the skills relevant to their role in Guiding. There are also a variety of other volunteer roles open to Adults, from accounting to outdoors, there is something for everyone at Girl Guides.



“Although Girl Guides Tasmania may not have a unit in or near your area, we do have an online unit, Lone Girl Guides, which can provide the Girl Guide program by email, social media and the post. If enough girls in one area join Lone Girl Guides, we may look at starting a physical unit to bring them all together, but we can only do this if there is enough interest and support from the community,” Communications Officer for Girl Guides Tasmania, Sarah Whitfort, stated.

The hope is, that by bringing Girl Guides to the internet, they can connect with rural communities more, and provide girls and young women, no matter where they are, with a space where they are supported and challenged to be amazing community members.

To read more about the Girl Guides Australia and Girl Guide Tasmania organisations, visit:

- ◆ Girl Guides Australia <https://www.girlguides.org.au/>
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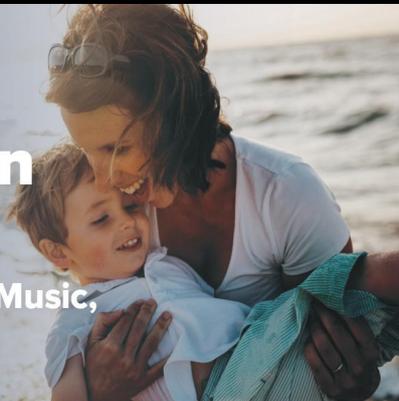
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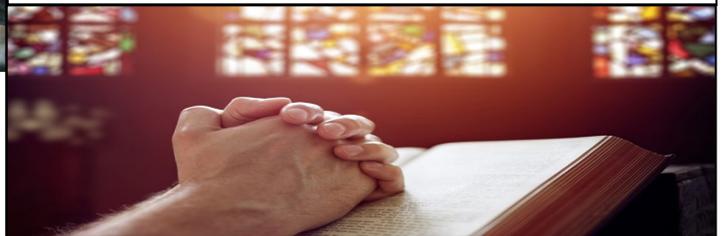
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SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUNTEER GRANTS ROUND NOW OPEN

Volunteering Tasmania, on behalf of the Department of Social Services, is pleased to be administering the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants Program, and welcome applications from organisations which use volunteers.

The program will provide grants of up to \$5000 to community organisations to support volunteers and increase volunteering across Tasmania. This funding round has a particular focus on assisting organisations to re-engage volunteers and adapt their practices to support volunteer safety in relation to Covid-19.



Volunteering Tasmania CEO Dr. Lisa Schimanski said volunteering had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. "With recent research from Volunteering Australia having found 65.9% of volunteers stopped volunteering between February and April 2020, the Volunteer Grants are available now to assist your organisation to reactivate your volunteering program." Dr. Schimanski added, "Funding can help your organisation support your volunteers and safeguard the return of volunteering, thus allowing volunteering to play its role in social and economic recovery."

Funding of up to \$5,000 is available under the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants Program, to help community organisations to support the efforts of Tasmania's volunteers. The grants can be used to buy small equipment for volunteers or for the reimbursement of volunteer fuel, transport, or training costs.

For more information about the Volunteer Grants, please go to the Volunteering Tasmania website at www.volunteeringtas.org.au/2020-supplementary-volunteer-grant-opportunities/

Applications close on 20 September 2020 at 11:59pm.



MOUNT ELEPHANT AND BEYOND BOOK GROUP

BOOK REVIEW

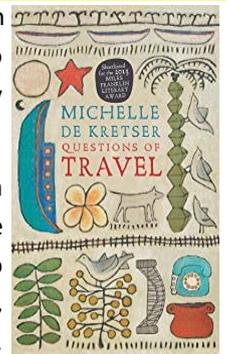
Written by Pam Bretz.

This last month we read Michelle de Kretser's *"Questions of Travel"*, which won the 2013 Miles Franklin Award and the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Fiction. Kretser was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Australia when she was 14. She studied in Sydney and Paris and is a much acclaimed writer of literary fiction.

This is a big and ambitious novel and demands careful reading to really appreciate Kretser's skill as a writer. At a time where travel outside the state, let alone the country, has become virtually impossible, the close exploration of the idea of travel is particularly compelling. Why do we travel and what do we hope to get out of it? Kretser approaches the question through the use of two protagonists both born in the 60's, but in places far removed from each other. Laura Fraser is born in Sydney into a privileged environment. Ravi Mendis is Sri Lankan and grows up in a country torn by civil war. Their stories are told in parallel until their paths briefly coincide in Sydney before ending very abruptly in Sri Lanka on Boxing Day 2004. Both characters are restless and see travel as opening possibilities of adventure, new life and perhaps love. Laura is raised by an eccentric great aunt who entertains her with stories of exotic places she has visited and shows her magical (to Laura's childish eyes) trinkets collected along the way. She inherits money when her aunt dies, which enables her to abandon Art School and head off into the exciting unknown. Ravi has read and dreamed of travel, but marries a woman who is a committed political activist who will not "abandon" her people. She and their child are brutally murdered, presumably by Tamil rebels, and Ravi, in fear for his life, is helped by his wife's colleagues to flee Sri Lanka for Australia. Laura returns to Australia eventually, not having found satisfaction in her experiences as a traveller and an expat, and Ravi, despite being granted asylum in Australia, feels compelled to return to his homeland and all too vivid memories. "Geography is Destiny," one of his old teachers used to say.

De Kretser has a very keen and sardonic turn of phrase, and a close reading rewards the reader with many wry smiles and perhaps squirms of recognition. The opening line immediately grips the attention. "When Laura was two, the twins decided to kill her." A woman "leaves half her smile on the glass", hills are described as "blue with cold" and "The trees had been hacked about by someone who preferred statues". There are many memorable characters, many of them unpleasant, and de Kretser has been compared to Patrick White in her somewhat misanthropic depiction of character. Despite that, the narrative moves along quickly and the reader is driven to find out how de Kretser will end the two stories.

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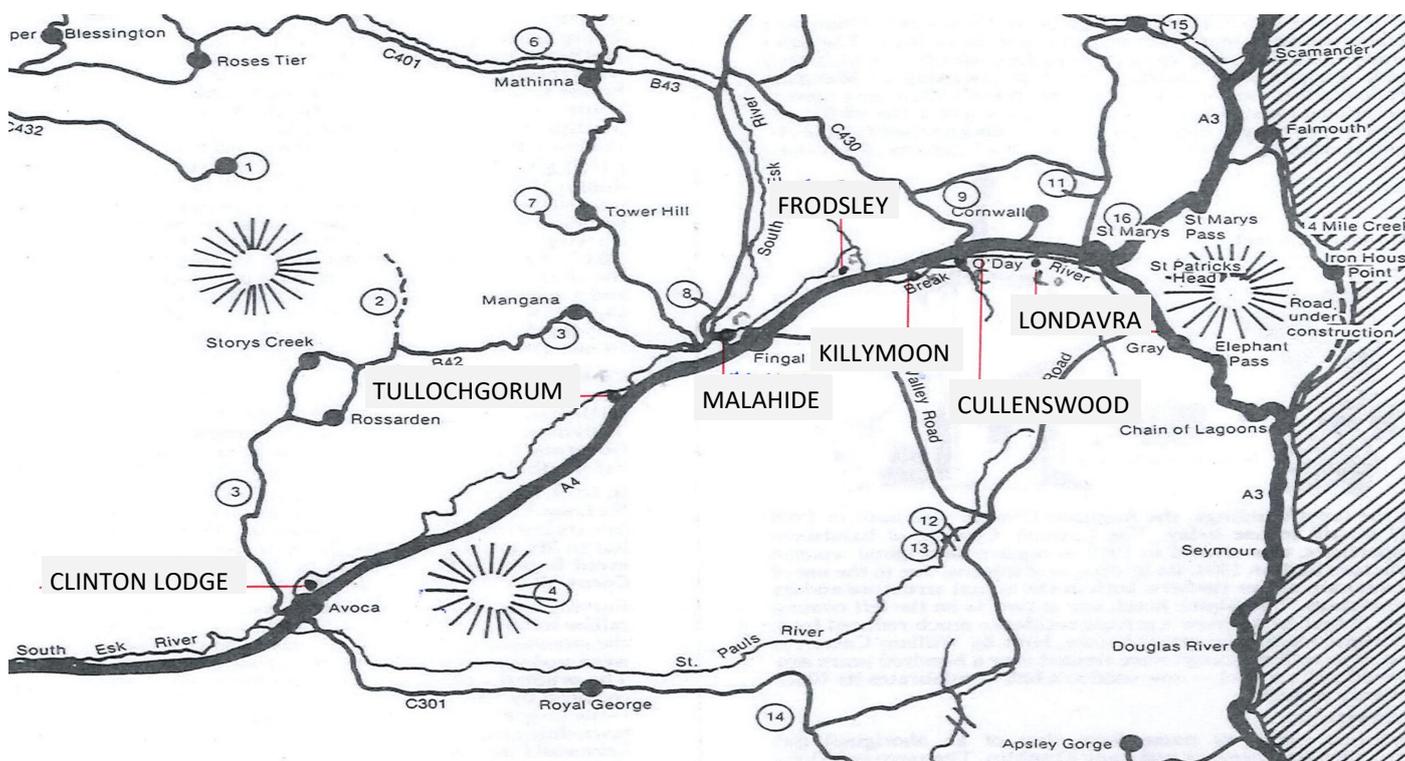
The Fingal Valley, which George Robinson recorded as known as “Loonder” by the local Aborigines, was inhabited by the Ben Lomond tribe ‘Plangermaireener’ - the nation of Ben Lomond. This was the tribe of Mannalargenna, and he was the chief of the three nations that included Ben Lomond, Oyster Bay and Cape Portland tribes, which numbered from 150 – 200 people. The tribes likely occupied the area of the Fingal Valley to St Marys Plains and down to the east coast region. They hunted the plateau of Ben Lomond through to the Great Molar Tooth now known as St Patrick's Head, and down to the east coast, feasting on fish, shellfish, swan eggs and other delicacies. While in the Fingal Valley, their main source of food included lizards, fruits, wallabies and other wildlife. The aborigine considered the kangaroos and wallabies as nature's bounty, along with sheep when they were introduced to the Fingal Valley, which bought conflict between the farmers and aboriginal tribes.

One wonders what the tribes thought when Henry Rice trekked his way up through the bush from Falmouth to St Patrick's Head, and through to the future site of St Marys, in 1820. He followed the Break O' Day and South Esk Rivers through the valley, and found good flat land for settlement with plenty of water. Rice followed the rivers right through to the Tamar River and Launceston. This led to the settlement of the valley, with the first land granted to James Gilligan at “Clifton Lodge” in 1821, near where Avoca would be founded in the 1830. In 1824 James Grant settled at “Tullochgorum”, about 7 miles west of present-day Fingal with 1500 acres, and William Talbot settled at “Malahide”, on the north side of the South Esk River, with 3000 acres. James Grant introduced Saxon and Merino sheep into the area and concentrated on the production of wool, and by 1829 his flock numbered 7000 and his cattle, 1000 head. Malahide grew to 10 000ha in size and has been one of the important properties of growth in the area.

In 1827 Robert Legge acquired “Cullenswood”, and in 1828 he moved onto his property, with his first home being a hollow tree. Dr Alexander Thomson settled “Logie” which was renamed “Harefield”, after he sold his property to Francis Groom. Donald Cameron settled “Londavra”, and Michael Bates took up land at “Woodlawn” near what is now Cornwall. In 1829, Frederick Von Stieglitz took up a grant of 2000 acres at “Killymoon” and later purchased a further 3000 acres on the Break O' Day River. “Frodsley” was settled in 1830 by James Gleadow. The township of St Marys was established in 1837.

With settlement of the Fingal Valley area, and the establishment of Fingal in 1827, services were needed. A post office at Fingal was established in 1831, with the present building having been in use since 1907. 1867 saw the first stone laid for the St Peters Anglican Church, and a school was opened in 1856, with enrolment totalling 22 pupils.

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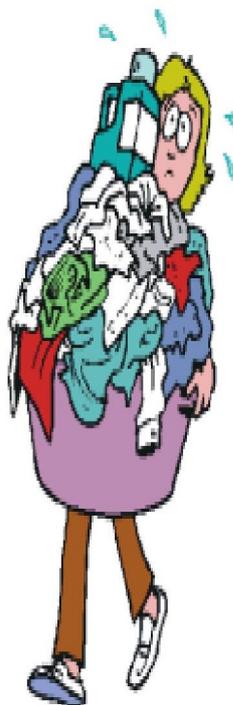
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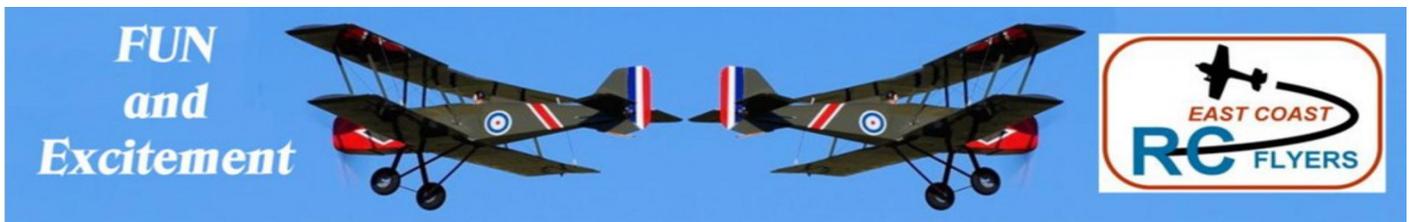
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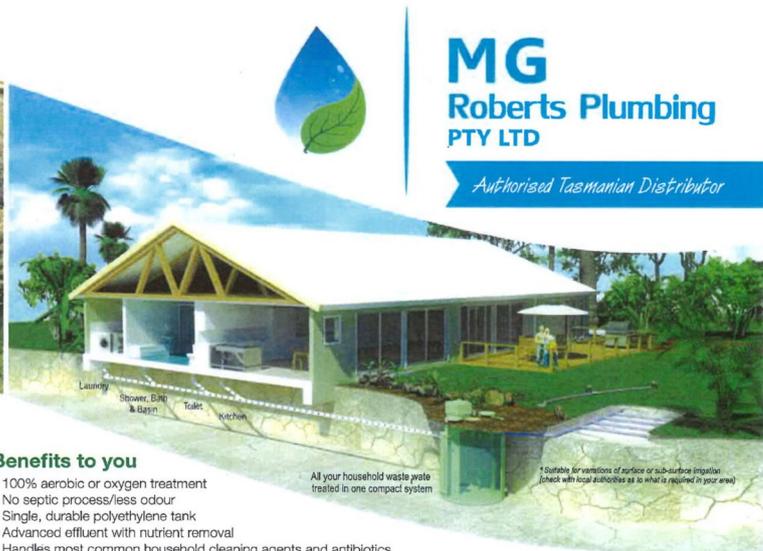
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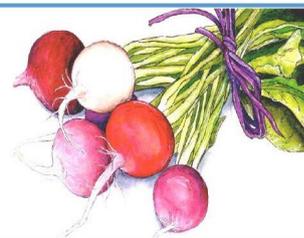
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RAINBOWS AND RADISHES

By Bloomin' Iris



Hello Fellow Gardeners,

We have had a few beautiful spring days, showing that spring is well and truly in the valley. I just love this time of year, it brings a note of positivity and happiness to us, it has been a hard year.

I want to talk about care of your beautiful bulbs we enjoy; the beautiful colour and scent of these gorgeous blooms. I have a lovely vase of daffodils, jonquils & daphne in my lounge at present, and the perfume is divine, but we won't have them if they are not looked after when they have finished flowering.

When the plants have finished with their blooms, do not be tempted to cut those straggly green leaves off to the ground! As they die off, the goodness is going back into the bulb and forming next year's flowers, and to remove the foliage is depriving next year's blooms of essential nutrients. Instead, if they are really annoying, gather handfuls and tie them in a knot; they look tidier and are easier to cut back when they eventually die off.

After they have died down, if the patch of daffs, jonquils or tulips seem very crowded, it is safe to lift them and divide them up, to replant elsewhere in your garden next planting season. The blooms will benefit especially if they have become a bit stunted or if they do not flower at all, this is possible because of overcrowding. Store your bulbs once they have been lifted in a dry cool place. Tulips can be helped along by putting them in the refrigerator for a few weeks before planting. This is not necessary with the other bulbs, and don't forget to fertilise when they are flowering, this goodness is also needed for the bulbs for the following season.

It's also time to get out in this lovely weather and put seeds in your garden. Try some beetroot seeds. They benefit from being soaked in water with a little boron added, but please follow the directions on the bottle. Beetroot really benefit from this overnight procedure, a yummy addition to your table, and the varieties are endless in shapes and colours.

Don't forget to try new things in your garden. There are so many wonderful vegies out there just waiting to be grown in your lovely fertile soil. Lettuce will be in great demand for your salad table, and tomato seeds need to be grown in your green house, as there are still frosts, as we know, for some time yet. Try some spring onions, or potato onions; they are lovely little onions that grow in clumps.

When things have warmed up you can grow your cucumbers. Try the little Lebanese cucumber, a prolific producer, that is mild, and the skin can be eaten with no need to peel at all.

I love the beautiful bright red capsicum; so delicious and full of vitamin C, they are so good for you! But remember these are to be grown when the frosts are finished, unless you are lucky enough to have a hothouse.

Don't forget your radishes! A salad would not be a salad without your radishes, mine are ready now and are just delicious, so until next time, hope your days are filled with lots of gorgeous rainbows and don't forget the radishes.

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- reducing the amount of material that goes to landfill - prolonging the life of the waste transfer station
- raising money for the St Marys Hospital - all money raised goes to the Hospital.

Does that help?! Can you imagine a 'let go' pile ready to be loaded?

When loading your trailer or ute for your trip to St Marys Waste transfer station, load last any goods that might be of use to someone else—bricks, tiles, windows, doors, pipes, fencing, wire, toys, working household goods, furniture, etc. Look for the Tip Shop to leave your surplus goods at, and say 'Hi' to the Tip Shop staff, who can assist you to separate your load – just ask for assistance. Now you have less waste to take to landfill.

If surplus goods end up in the rubbish, you will see Tip Shop staff in Hi-Viz vests rescuing surplus goods from landfill for the Tip Shop. This is authorised by council, and reduces the amount of material going to landfill and prolongs the life of St Marys Waste Transfer Station.

You cannot believe the uses people find for your surplus goods. Give your fellow St Marys Tip Shop users the opportunity to find new uses for your surplus goods - they can be recycled and reused. Check our new Facebook page, "St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary Tip Shop" for 'What's in the Tip Shop' this week. You can find upcycling ideas at the 'Upcycleit' Facebook page, and more information about rethinking waste at this link: <https://rethinkwaste.com.au/>

The Tip Shop is also a great place to volunteer. We have an enthusiastic group of volunteers and our numbers are growing. We would welcome some casual tinkerers to demonstrate upcycling, maybe using pallets for garden beds or furniture, or to repair goods in store such as kid's bikes. If you would like to join the Tip Shop Team, forms are available at the Tip Shop, or call 0417 292 414.

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Helpful Information about COVID-19

We understand that you may be feeling worried about how quickly things change at the moment. Information about the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly and it can be hard to know who and what information to trust.

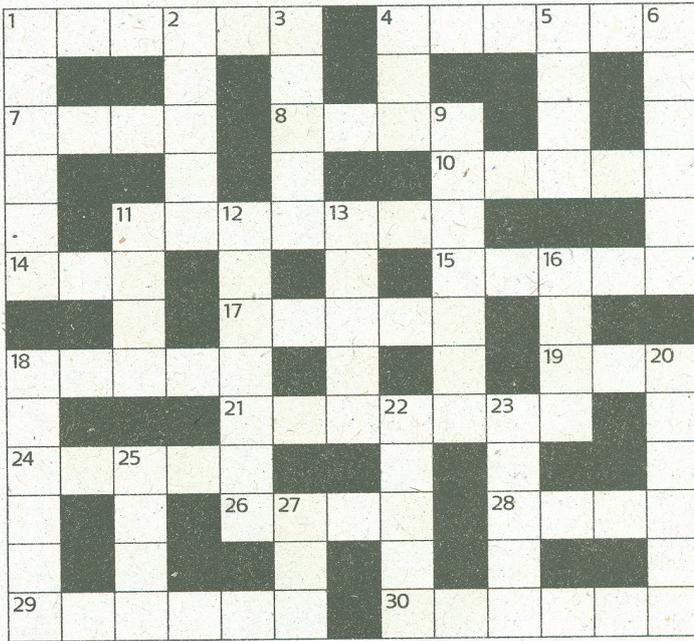
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- 1. Bob ____, Irish rock singer (6)
- 4. Donating (6)
- 7. Norse god of thunder (4)
- 8. Imperil (4)
- 10. Wash out (5)
- 11. Merit (7)
- 14. Species of deer (3)
- 15. Hazy (5)
- 17. Judge's mallet (5)
- 18. Husband of Judy! (5)
- 19. Compressed ball (3)
- 21. Lock-jaw (7)
- 24. Climb (5)
- 26. Beloved (4)
- 28. Convert (4)
- 29. Sheen (6)
- 30. Friendliness (6)

DOWN

- 1. Assemble (6)
- 2. Funeral song (5)
- 3. Compel (5)
- 4. Domestic fuel (3)
- 5. Sacred image (4)
- 6. Voracious (6)
- 9. Citadel of Moscow (7)
- 11. Singer/actor, ___ Martin (4)
- 12. Saw (7)
- 13. Metal bolt (5)
- 16. Stitches (4)
- 18. Chalk drawing (6)
- 20. Wet thoroughly (6)
- 22. Direction symbol (5)
- 23. Speak (5)
- 25. Cry of regret (4)
- 27. Song ___ of the Tiger (3)



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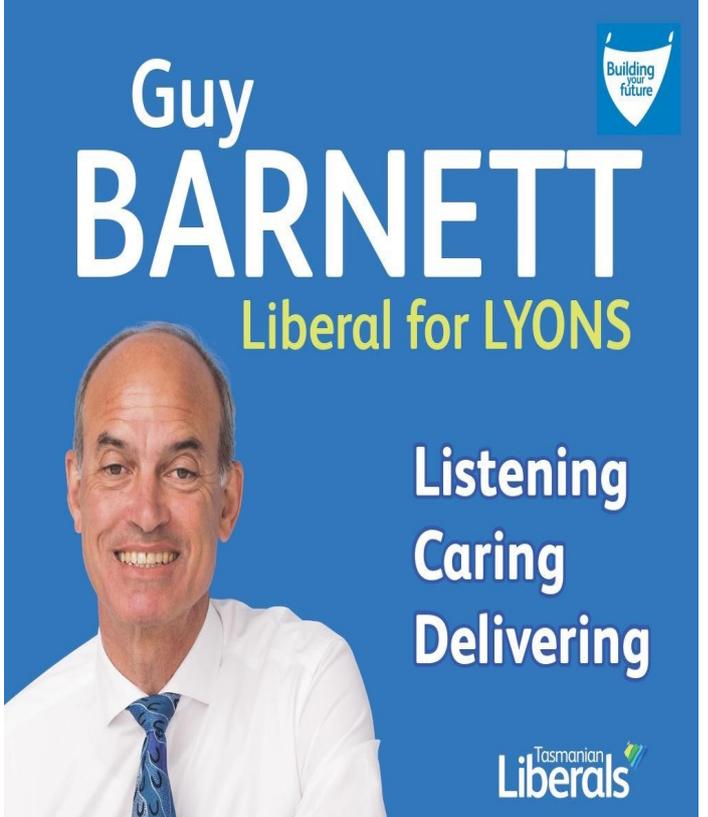
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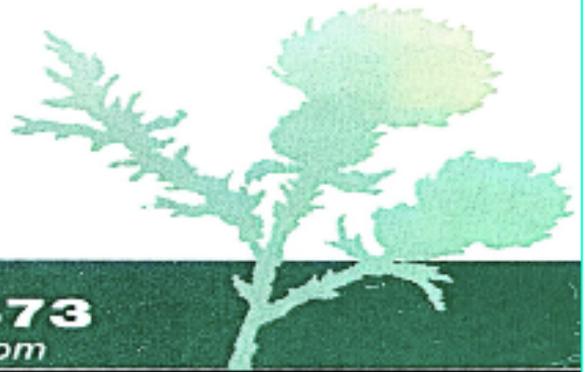
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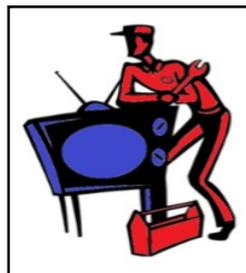
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There's certainly been some exciting stuff going on in our area of late, and while it has been focussed geographically in St Helens, there is no doubt that the whole region will benefit.

The first major thing that happened this week was St Helens winning the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania's, "Tassie's Top Tourism Town" award. The entry was a collaborative effort between Council and the Break O'Day Chamber of Commerce, and included a 500 word editorial with six images, a four day itinerary and a two minute video which was filmed by local resident Simon Holmes and starred a bunch of our happy, but secretive locals. (Check it out on our Facebook page if you missed it.)

As the competition was limited to just a township, the decision was made to focus on St Helens, however, the four day itinerary allowed us to talk about the other places to explore in our area. The last day of the itinerary was dedicated to exploring the Fingal Valley, and encouraged readers to explore places like Gray Mares Tail Waterfall, Evercreech and the Mathinna Falls, as well as checking out local businesses like Gone Rustic Studio, the Purple Possum and Cranks and Tinkerers Museum.

Part of our prize as the winning entry is a large marketing campaign, where the editorial and itinerary will feature in travel publications like TasVacations, and we hope that this will result in some extra visitors to our area, especially once we can welcome mainlanders back to the state.

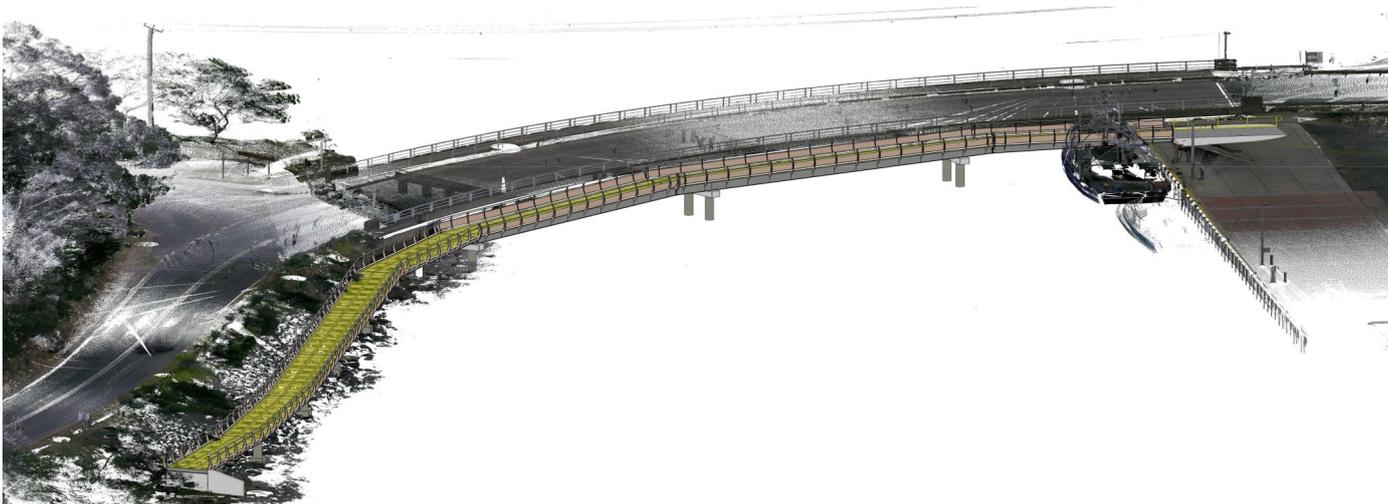
The idea of stopping and exploring regional areas is a focus of Tourism Tasmanian marketing campaigns, and even the Great Eastern Drive is getting a facelift, shifting from a point A-B journey to a more 'stop-and-explore-off-the-beaten-track' message. This means that the new promotional material for the Great Eastern Drive will feature side journeys that include both the Fingal Valley and the Pyengana and Welborough areas. We hope that this will provide a great opportunity for businesses in these areas to promote themselves.

The second exciting thing to happen this month was the installation of the elevated walkway and pedestrian/cycle bridge in St Helens. Part of the extension of the Georges Bay multi-user track project, the elevated walkway and bridge were designed and fabricated here in Break O'Day by local boat builder Lyndcraft, and have a whale-bone look.

These sections really look the bee's knees, with the whale-bone style really fitting with the nautical style of the area. These sections will meet up with gravel track sections which provide the missing links to being able to walk or ride all the way around Georges Bay to the centre of town. It will also allow mountain bikers the ability to park in town and ride all the way up to the trailhead at Flagstaff.

This project, as you can see, really complements the MTB trails which, despite the COVID-19 lock-down, have brought loads of people to our area. The more people we attract, the more that will pass through our beautiful valley and stop and explore.

The bridge with the elevated walkway, as envisioned on the BODC website.





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Our Aim:

To support and facilitate health and wellbeing programs to rural and remote communities within the Break O’Day Municipality and beyond.

Thank you to all the children and young people who entered this year’s BODRA Youth Art Prize. Due to the COVID pandemic the Bay of Fires Festival was cancelled but thanks to the Hub4Health Break O’Day Regional Arts, Annabel Dean (Chair of Judges) and Natasha Lowe, we were able to go ahead with an online exhibition and competition. If you have not had a chance yet then please go online and look at the amazing talent of the young people of Tasmania at: <https://bayoffiresyouthartprize.com/>

Thanks also to our other judges—Melanie Fidler and Justin Emmerton - as Melanie noted, “This opportunity has installed environmental hope in me, and I am so proud to be part of such a forward thinking and progressive community. Congratulations to the winners and all involved, here’s to a bright future.”

Our 2020 theme marked the 30th Anniversary of Australia signing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and was focused on **Article 24: Children and young people have the right to a clean environment** . Here are some of the winners.

Grade K-2 1st Place: Yani -
St Helens District High School



Grade 3-6 1st Place: Leon -
St Helens District High School



Secondary 1st Place: Francine -
St Helens District High School



Grade 3– 6 3rd place; Daisy - St
Helens District High School



As you can see, the artwork entered was of a high standard, and in a variety of forms.

Sculptures, collages, watercolours and photography were all submitted, and offered interesting points of view. The thought which went into their creations, not to mention the time and effort involved, shows that the young people of today are concerned about the state our world is in at present, and what they think can be done to restore the health of the environment.

Community Choice; Sebastian -
Newstead College. “Earth’s
Purification.”



St Marys Community Health Centre

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'STOP' DO YOU NEED TO ENTER THE HOSPITAL?

CHANGES AT THE ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

- * Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the St Marys Health Centre is required to do a health check of **ALL** persons entering the site. On arrival at the Centre you will need to press the intercom bell at the entry door where a staff member will come and do a health assessment on you before entering the building.
- * Pathology – bloods or those who have scheduled GP appointments are still able to come to the Centre to have these services.
- * If you only require renewal of a prescription/s please contact reception on 6387 5555. An appointment is still needed. Scripts can then be faxed to the Pharmacy and collected from there.
- * If you need some medical advice please ring reception for an appointment. Appointments will be either by telephone or face-to-face depending on the situation. Please discuss this with the reception staff when making an appointment.
- * Currently inpatient visiting hours are 2:00pm – 6:00pm with a maximum of 2 visitors per visit.
 - * If you have an emergency dial '000' for assistance.
- * If unsure about what you need please ring 6387 5555 and a triage assessment will be carried out.
- * Hand sanitiser is located in all areas of the Health Centre - Please use it on entering and leaving the building.
- * There are changes to the seating in the reception area to ensure the public maintain adequate social distancing (1.5 metres).
- * What's on at the Centre – please check with your health professional as some suspended services have recommenced. Some phone consultations may still be necessary.

DOCTORS ROSTER

A Doctor's appointment is needed to see our GP's. It is not a drop in clinic.

Waiting periods to see your doctor may be experienced, please be patient.

<u>Dr C. Latt</u>	<u>Dr K. Rawnsley</u>	<u>Dr Bob Newton</u>
3/9/2020 – 11/9/2020	4/9, 8/9, 9/9, 11/9, 15/9, 16/9 & 18/9/2020	14/9/20-18/9/2020

INR tests require a 5 minute doctors consultation – please inform reception when booking.

The waiting area for **all services** at the St Mary Community Health Centre is in the reception.

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.

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The St Marys Community Health Centre is a distributor of the **Loaves & Fishes Food Program**. 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.

Food parcels are delivered on a *Thursday .

Criteria to be a recipient of a parcel are:

you are experiencing hardship and hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card

Give us a call on 6387 5555 for further details about the program or to register.

* Distribution depends on supply of the produce. Please note there are some weeks when there is a supply shortage.

PATHOLOGY- FASTING BLOODS

No food or anything to drink other than water for a **minimum of 12 hours prior to having bloods taken.**

You can still take morning medications.

If you require bloods to be taken prior to 8:30am, please ring 6387 5555 at least 24 hours before to make an appointment with Nursing Staff.

NON-URGENT BLOODS

If you require non-urgent bloods to be taken, please present at the nurse's station between **8:30am until 12 midday Monday-Friday.**

If unable to attend during these times, please contact St Marys Community Health Centre on 6387 5555 at least 24 hours before to make an appointment with the nursing staff.

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.

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.**

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St Marys General Practice reminder

Dr Latt wishes to remind the community of the following exceptions to bulk billing at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The below 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.

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

Non Attendance of Doctor's Appointments

Please be aware there is a non attendance policy at this Practice.

If you miss 3 appointments you will be sent an account. If you miss a 4th appointment you may be referred to another Medical Practice.

Due to demand non-urgent doctor's appointments need to be booked at least **2 weeks in advance.** Waiting periods can apply.

GP Surgery Hours: Monday - Friday

8:50am - 10:00am

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10:30am - 12.30pm

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Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House - 24hr access

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Emergency relief providers also link people to other services, to help address the reasons for a financial crisis.

Emergency Relief organisations provide services directly to regional communities. It is not necessary to travel into Hobart for support.

Please contact an organisation for advice and assistance.

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<p>The Salvation Army Tasmania (03) 6323 7500 www.salvationarmy.org.au</p>	<p>St Vincent De Paul Society (03) 6326 5551 www.vinnies.org.au</p>		
<p>The Helping Hand Association (03) 6391 2498 www.findehelptas.helping.hand</p>	<p>CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania 1800 819 447 or (03) 6332 0600 www.catholicaretas.org.au</p>		
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HELPLINES & INFORMATION

<p>In all emergencies call the Police 000 line Tasmanian Government Family Violence Response and Referral Line 1800 633 937</p>	
<p>1800RESPECT 1800 737 732 www.1800respect.org.au</p>	<p>Mensline Australia 1300 78 99 78 www.mensline.org.au</p>
<p>A Tasmanian Lifeline 1800 98 44 34 taslifeline@lifelinetasmania.org.au</p>	<p>Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 www.kidshelpline.com.au</p>
<p>Lifeline 131 114 www.lifeline.org.au</p>	<p>Beyond Blue 1800 512 348 www.beyondblue.org.au</p>
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<p>Disability Information Helpline 1800 643 787 www.dss.gov.au/disabilityhelp If you or someone you know has a disability</p>	
<p>Older Australians and Carers COVID-19 Support Line 1800 171 866 Older people and their carers are encouraged to call</p>	
<p>Tasmania Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738 www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au For the latest information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Tasmania</p>	
<p>Find Help Tas A central online directory of community services across Tasmania. Supported by TasCOSS and member organisations www.findehelptas.org.au</p>	
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'TICKET TO PLAY' BACK ON TRACK

Earlier this year, the State Government funded vouchers to help pay the costs involved in children joining a sporting club, which lapsed during the COVID-19 lockdown. Now, the scheme has returned, with two vouchers, each worth \$100.00, being available to many families, which can be applied for by parents of eligible students and children.

With the cost of membership being too expensive for many, the major objective of 'Ticket to Play' is to increase the number of students aged 5 to 17 participating in organised sports and activities. This can include Tasmanian sports clubs, Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadets organisations which are approved under the scheme. The vouchers can be used for membership or registration, and it is hoped that this will lead to an increase in participation in sporting activities across the State.

The scheme, which began in 2019, was a great success, with over 6,000 vouchers being issued, and is seen as being part of the resumption of sport and recreation activities in Tasmania following the COVID-19 restrictions, and therefore part of the recovery process for the state. The State government has committed to running the scheme for a further four years

For more information, go to: tickettoplay@communities.tas.gov.au

TICKET TO PLAY

Vouchers to help with the cost of sporting club registration are available for children aged 5-17 on Centrelink Health Care, Pensioner Concession Cards or in Out of Home Care. For more information, go to communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play or call 1800 252 476

Get your ticket to play and join a club!

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We would like to advise everyone that we are open for business Wednesday to Sunday. We serve meals Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and bookings are recommended — phone 6372 5333.

New members are more than welcome.

We have golf competitions on Wednesdays and Sundays- meeting at 9.30 in the sports bar for a 10am shotgun start. \$6.00 for members, and \$15.00 for non-members.

Our conference room is available for all types of meetings and get-togethers, which we can cater for if required.

Pilates classes are held on Monday nights from 5.30pm, \$10.00 per class.

Our trading hours are:

Monday closed

Tuesday Venue is closed, but Ladies Golf starts at 10am (all welcome)

Wednesday 9.30am - 10am, then 1.30pm - 6pm.

Thursday 3pm - late, meals from 5.30pm.

Friday 3pm - late, Happy Hour 4.30 - 5.30pm, meals from 5.30pm, meat tray draws and wheel prizes.

Saturday open from 9.30am - 10am, then 1.30pm - late, meals from 5.30pm.

Sunday open from 2pm, Happy Hour 3.30 - 4.30 pm, huge meat tray raffle and JAG the JOKER.

SEE YOU HERE!



EAST COAST SWANS

As sports in Tasmania start to resume, it is good to see local teams are back on the field. COVID-19 restrictions limit the number of spectators at football games, but the teams are once again showing their club spirit and playing great games.



“It has been exciting to see action back on the footy ground,” writes Club President Steve Walley, in the latest newsletter from the East Coast Swans Football Club. “The Giants have played several games now and are doing well, both the U/12 and U/16 boys have notched up great wins. The U/16s have picked up from where they finished off last season. There is great talent and depth across the whole list, and the most impressive thing about their game is how well they combine as a team and play for each other.”

Huge excitement has been generated by the U/17 Girls team, pictured right, before their first game. The girls are improving every week, and their commitment and enthusiasm is just amazing. A big thank you is extended to the very extensive list of volunteers that have banded together to get the teams back out playing. Hosting home games has required a significant number of volunteers.



For the younger students, Auskick has been back for several weeks. Training sessions run on Thursdays after school on their oval from 3.10pm - 4.00pm. Game days will be played prior to the East Coast Giants' home games on Sunday, 23rd August, 9.30am - 10.45am and Sunday, 20th September - Presentation Day

The Auskick numbers have been fantastic, with nearly seventy participants attending the training sessions. Managing such large numbers has only been achievable through the assistance of six of our U/17 Girls and U/16 Boys, along with Byron and Buzz. All are showing great skills to become amazing emerging young leaders. Thanks also to the adults that have jumped in and helped out.

Information and photographs from "Keeping In Touch"



ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE

By Volun Tier



Hello again,

Another huge fortnight at the club. Our building works have commenced, and the new toilets, change room, store room and bar are on the way; great to see and a huge thank you to Jake and the Break O'Day Council for their consultation and efforts so far. These are fantastic steps towards somewhat of a recovery for the Centre, and some positive news for a change. New pellet heater is yet to be installed and thanks to those who have had input about it, has been much appreciated, but all I can say is, we all have to wait and see what it will be like, everything that is going on at present is all good news. The AGM was held last weekend and we have a somewhat new-look committee, along with a few old faces, that has been elected as follows: President—Tamatha Grose, 1st Vice President—Gary Laycock, 2nd Vice President—Mark Carrick, Treasurer—Dawn Denholm, Secretary/Public Officer—Glenn McDonald, and our two regular committee persons—Bobby Harwood and Peter Sorenson. Good luck to you all. Our regular Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions are going well, with surprising turn-outs enjoying the friendly hospitality and bar snacks, all keeping the till ticking over beautifully. There are a number of events planned and going ahead at present, as well as at the start of the bowls season.

Euchre Night: Jeff Matters taking the spoils in our first Euchre Night; well done but great interest shown also in the Adam Gillies/Michael Cooke bout that ended in a TKO to Cookie.

Membership Draw: Last week—Marcia Bennett, this week—Christine Rountree, but you have to be there to win it!

Footy Tipping: Last week—Mark Carrick, this week the old maestro himself, Trevor Viney. The spoils go to them.

Golf: Last Sunday we didn't quite complete our round as we were washed out, but Peter Sorenson was showing some form and was leading comfortable at the time. This week, in horrific conditions, an intrepid crew took to the course, but the further they went the worse the wind blew. Great job to complete the round and well done Peter again for winning. Come and have a hit at 11.00am, \$5.00 entry fee includes a feed.

Bowls: Our regular practice commences on Friday 11th September at 2.00 pm with a BBQ to follow; anyone interested, whether a novice or competent bowler, will be quite welcome to attend, the season is upon us.

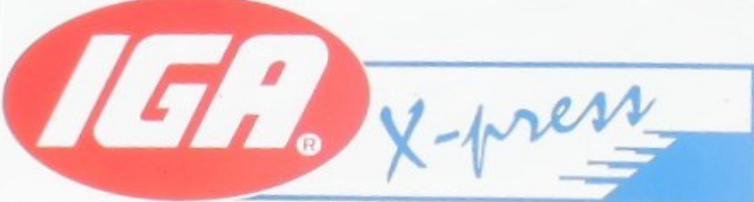
Opening Hours: Thursday 5.30 pm, footy and bar snacks; Friday, 5.30 pm footy and bar snacks, and Happy Hour and members' draw 6.30 to 7.30 pm; Sunday, 2.00 pm footy and bar snacks. See you there.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.





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