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WANDA ROUND – ART IN THE HEART OF BICHENO

This coming January, Bicheno will have something more to offer as ‘Wanda Round’ will be in town. This is art in the heart of Bicheno with four artists, two caravans and a bicycle.

Initiated by artist Anita Bacic and her partner Rod Paterson, Wanda Round will take place from 3rd to 31st January, and you will be able to find it located next door to Makers Creators and the Community Garden in Burgess Street.



Left to Right Jennifer Tyers, Louisa Jenkinson, Rose Turtle Ertler, and Anita Bacic

All artists are Tasmanian, and include illustrator and painter Jennifer Tyers, musician and artist Rose Turtle Ertler, and Louisa Jenkinson, illustrator and local Bicheno bike fixer, who will all join Anita in bringing art to the street.

As part of Wanda Round, Rose Turtle Ertler will present her project ‘Complimentary Caravan’, which features a growing collection of compliments. People will be invited to step inside her cosy caravan and ‘bathe’ in a soundtrack of relentless compliments. But first, Rose needed to record some local compliments, so on Friday 21st November she visited The Men’s Shed, Bicheno Primary School and the Garden Club, where a number of people took part in the project.

On Saturday, about 30 people joined Rose at the Bicheno Community Garden, some of whom recorded a compliment about someone dear to them. The compliments were recorded totally anonymously and took just a few minutes. “I’ll be back in January and people will still have a chance to record their compliment in the first week,” Rose said.

During the event in January, locals and visitors are all welcome to drop by and say hi to the artists. Each day will be different as the artists add to their work and respond to the local environment. There will also be workshops and other activities offered.

‘Wanda Round’ will be presented in co-operation with the Bicheno Community Development Association, Makers Creators and the Bicheno Men’s Shed, and the project is supported by the Tasmanian Community Fund, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Bendigo Bank Bicheno/Swansea.

For more information, including opening times, please follow Wanda Round on social media @wandaroundtas or check the website wandaround.net.au.



Rose Turtle Ertler records a compliment with Francesca Partridge.

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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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STATE GOVERNMENT HELPS FUND RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS

In next week's Budget the Government will be providing further additional funding of \$351,000 over three years to Volunteering Tasmania.

Data from Volunteering Tasmania shows nearly all volunteer organisations were impacted by COVID-19, with 70% of Tasmania's volunteers stood down from their volunteering roles. The funding will go towards supporting the re-engagement of volunteers across the State, to ensure that community programs, services and activities remain viable.

Premier of Tasmania, The Honourable Peter Gutwein MP says, "During these challenging times, it is more important than ever to celebrate, acknowledge and thank all Tasmania's volunteers. Without their contribution, many of our events, our services, and the daily supports accessed by tens of thousands of Tasmanians, would simply not be available."

Volunteering Tasmania will work to rebuild volunteering participation in three ways:

- ✦ A State-wide public campaign across all media aimed at encouraging Tasmanians to return to volunteering, or take-up volunteering for the first time.
- ✦ A Volunteer Engagement Project spanning all sectors and regions that will work to understand the needs of volunteers, the barriers, and how best to reconnect volunteers during the COVID-19 recovery.
- ✦ A Volunteer Management Innovation Program, which will help volunteering organisations to adapt their operations in a COVID-19 world, to recruit, and manage a more flexible workforce.

Volunteering Tasmania CEO Dr. Lisa Schimanski says, "We are grateful to the Tasmanian Government for its acknowledgement of the importance of volunteers, and we welcome this investment to support Tasmania's recovery. This funding will enable Volunteering Tasmania to support our sector to re-engage their volunteers and meet new ones. It will allow us to understand better what our volunteers need in a post-COVID Tasmania and will support volunteer organisations to continue to adapt and innovate," Lisa said.

Volunteering changes lives. Through volunteering, people from all walks of life, with all abilities, can build new skills, networks, and a sense of purpose and fulfilment. It is particularly valuable in isolated areas, where facilities are limited, and traditional community support is starting to disappear as people move away.

"During these challenging times, it is more important than ever to celebrate, acknowledge and thank all Tasmania's volunteers. We can't operate our State without our volunteering network and on behalf of the Tasmanian Government I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all," Mr Gutwein stated in a recent press release.

To find out where you can volunteer in the Fingal Valley, call into the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, and chat to Shirley.

(Information from press releases and Volunteering Tasmania website.)



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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021 - WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR?



In anticipation of Australia Day 2021, the Break O'Day council is once again asking for people to nominate members of the community for the 'Citizen of the Year' and 'Young Citizen of the Year' Awards. People who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years, are eligible in either category. For consideration for Citizen of the Year, the nominee must be 27 years or older as at 26th January 2021, and for Young Citizen of the year, they must be under 27 years of age on or before the 26th January 2021.

Mayor Mick Tucker said he always enjoyed the Australia Day Celebrations.

"One of the things I enjoy most about being Mayor is being able to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our community members," he said. "Often the efforts of our dedicated community members fly under the radar as they are focussed on helping, not being acknowledged, so it's a pleasure to shine a light on these integral community members. I really can't emphasis enough how important these community members are in a small community," Mayor Tucker said last year.

The Citizen of the Year for 2019 was Pat Green from Pyengana. For over 30 years, Pat kept the Pyengana Recreation Ground in tip-top shape, making sure that it was clean and ready for any community group to use. She also showed great community spirit by ensuring that there were activities for those within the community and money raised from those events going back into such activities as the Children's Christmas party and the annual wood chopping carnival to provide funds for St Giles. As a member of the local hall committee, Pat worked hard to gain the new shower block which allowed for this area to be opened up for not only overnight campers, but also for more sporting events to be held at Pyengana.

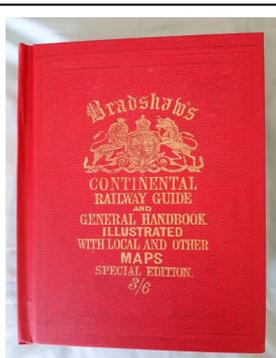


Young Citizen of the Year, Jackson Spilsbury, Australia Day Ambassador Bruce Englefield, and Pat Green, Citizen of the Year, at last year's Australia Day Awards ceremony.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Jackson Spilsbury, a 19 year old active member of the St Marys Community, who has shown a mature outlook. Jackson started a VET school based apprenticeship at the St Marys Caltex service station. Whilst many of his friends continued their education in Launceston, Jackson stayed and has continued his apprenticeship, showing a great aptitude - and attitude! - in dealing with both motors and customers, and becoming a very popular member of the community. He is an active member of the St Marys Fire Brigade and was awarded the inaugural Anthony Gee Memorial Award for his service within the St Marys Fire Brigade.

Nomination forms are available from the Break O'Day Council Office or website, and close at 5.00 pm on Monday 4th January 2021. No late nominations will be accepted.

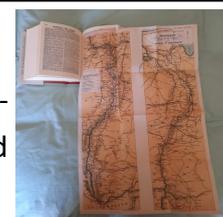
The Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Award Ceremony on January 26th 2021, so if you know of someone who goes above and beyond the board in their work for the community, nominate them now!



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The Say by the “Cage Rattler”

It's hard to grasp the unending impact the pandemic is having around the planet. I'm finding it even harder to grasp the views of so many who are feeling put out by restrictions and lockdowns, by a minority here and by larger numbers in many other countries. The USA, of course, gets a huge lot of attention due to a rapidly increasing infection rate, now approaching 200,000 a day and total cases of 12.5 million, and with 260,000 deaths. It's not just the US though. In Europe, France, Germany, the UK, Spain, Russia and just about everybody else, are seeing case numbers skyrocketing, as the northern winter rapidly approaches. In Asia, South and Central America and Africa it's much the same.

Despite the vulnerability of lots of citizens in so many of these countries, there are conflicting opinions and practices to fight off this incessant virus. That's even within the same country. The USA is a terrible example of that. Even in Germany, crowds are rioting against further lockdowns and laws to try and curb the infection rate. How can this be possible? I have no idea.

Then of course, there are people who actually believe it's a grand hoax by influential Governments to control citizens. There are disturbing numbers, apparently, of people who actually believe that tripe. Maybe they're the same misguided souls who think the Earth is flat, or that the US election was the greatest fraud in history. If it was, it'd be one of the most secretive and vast scams ever committed. Case by case, judges are throwing out Trump's 'clutching at straws' cases in droves to thankfully say otherwise though....

Back to the really serious stuff. It's great that two pharmaceutical companies now claim to have viable vaccines, and seem to have 90+% success over the trial period. Not one soul on the planet would say that would disappoint them, to state the blinking obvious, but there are still major issues that cannot be easily answered. One of these is; long term immunisation, or is it an annual issue much like influenza? Not even the epidemiologists can answer that! Nor can they answer yet whether long-term shots will compromise other health matters. Early clinical trials seem to have found that there is nothing showing yet to suggest compromise. Let's pray it stays that way. Then there is the sheer logistics of manufacture, distribution and availability of the vaccine fast enough to have it largely curtail the spread of COVID-19. With well in excess of 7 billion people, with the likelihood of mutations of the virus, and with other complications, experts are now saying that late in 2021 or early 2022 is an optimistic hope for curtailment of the virus.

In the meantime countries like the USA are seeing almost 200,000 new cases a day, mask wearing has become not so much a health issue but more a political one, and social distancing requirements will be massively tested, with travellers crossing the nation in big numbers for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year celebrations. Sadly, America's civil liberties will take precedence over health protection measures for so many of it's citizens. I gather Europe will be in a similar situation unless authorities can do something exceptional.

Every day that passes for us as Australians, we should be truly thankful for having fortitude and will, albeit frustratingly, be tested at times. This means quite literally that our 25 million people are some of the safest from the pandemic on the whole planet. Isn't that fantastic! A great phrase to sum that up is, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating". That said, over the next year or two, we will have occasional outbreaks, maybe even here in Tasmania, but if we stick with the program, and listen to the science, we might well come out of the pandemic quicker and healthier than most other places...maybe it's time for countries like the USA to take particular notice of the Lucky Country. Maybe it's even time for the title to change to The Smart Country....but time will tell on that I guess...



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LOCAL CLUBS – HELP US CONNECT YOU

Next year, 2021, The Valley and East Coast Voice would like to create a listing of all of the various clubs within the area, from St Helens down to Bicheno, Avoca to St Marys and everywhere in between, including Mangana, Fingal, Cornwall, Four Mile Creek, Falmouth, Scamander and anywhere that has been missed! These can be service clubs, sports clubs or any sort of club; these will be listed (subject to approval). This will assist members of the community in finding somewhere to join in, make friends, while providing support for their mental and physical health.

The compiled list will include the name of the club, a tag line for your club, contact person and phone number, email address or Facebook page if available. Please send through your details to: valleyvoice@fvnh.org.au

We already have 2 clubs listing with us and would love for other clubs to come on board! Their details are:

Scamander Combined Probus – for retired people to meet and make new friends and visit local areas.

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We welcome all clubs and organisations including support groups that are within the area to send through their details to be included.

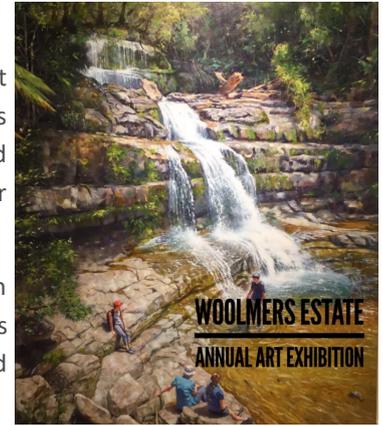
Please let me know about the clubs who are part of our communities. They help make us connected and stronger.



WOOLMERS ESTATE ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION RETURNS

Opening to the public from 21 November 2020 10am-3pm, Woolmers Estate Annual Art Exhibition will showcase a carefully selected variety of artists whose accumulated careers amount to centuries and spans drawing, painting, jewellery, ceramics and sculpture. Curated by Mary-Ann Orchard and her team, Woolmers Estate Annual Art Exhibition will include over 130 pieces.

Each year, for the last two decades, Woolmers Estate has presented this popular exhibition by prominent and long standing artists as well as emerging artists from our region. Since its beginning a number of artists have gone on to be shown extensively both nationally and internationally and enjoyed by many thousands worldwide.



Woolmers Estate Business Administration Manager Sue-Ellen Groer states, “Our artists are stalwarts, many with an imposing presence. Some could be described as enigmatic, working within a complex art world. They show true dedication to the practice and this exhibition presents a diverse selection of work, from realism to the imagined figurative subjects. Our artists reimagine and recreate objects in surprising and incongruous textures and ways, with some showing disregard for convention and others setting their work apart through raw realism. This gives the collective a mysterious beauty and takes the visitor on an emotional journey. Across twenty years we have had the pleasure of seeing confidence develop and self-assurance grow. The artists ability to choose materials, play and experiment with form and function, and to watch each work develop and to know that soon enough, something truly idiosyncratic will come to life and grace our galleries”.

Entry to the Woolmers Estate Annual Art Exhibition at 658 Woolmers Lane, Longford is by donation, with opening hours from 10am to 3pm Thursday to Sunday.

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The guidelines have been expanded to ensure even more people can benefit, with sole traders who don't employ staff now able to apply.

Assessments will commence as applications are submitted and each application will be assessed in order of receipt.

Applications are now open and will close at 12pm, Monday, 21 December 2020.

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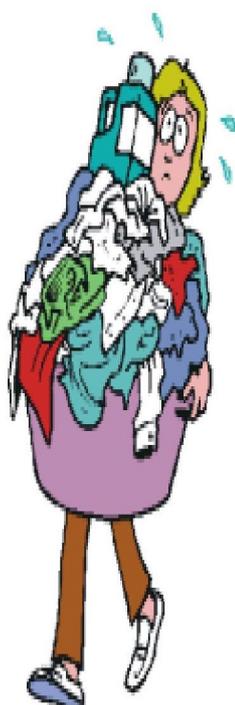
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SUNCOAST SPINNERS AND WEAVERS



The Suncoast Spinners had a very enjoyable October meeting, held in the garden of one of our members. It was a beautiful Spring day, and we were able to sit outside to work on all our spinning and knitting projects. We took time to tour her extensive garden, which was blooming with spring flowers and lovely perfumes. What a pleasant meeting we had, walking around examining and admiring all the spring flowers, trees and vegetables. The gardeners of the group were able to ask questions and some took cuttings.

At our September meeting, one member demonstrated the use of a handheld spindle called a "tahkli" (from the Hindu language meaning spindle.) It is an exquisite little thing, a fancy whorl attached to a metal shaft with a sharp tip placed in a brass bowl to stop it spinning away as she worked. A tahkli is more efficient to use than a spinning wheel when spinning very fine yarn and, of course, is very portable.



The tahkli in use.

Our get togethers are held on the third Tuesday of the month, from 10 am till 2pm, and we can now welcome new members. Since resuming after the lockdown, we have been able to meet at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House in Fingal, as they have the space and all the recommended COVID-19 standards in place there to accommodate us.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to new people to join us if they are interested in learning about the handcrafts of spinning, weaving, knitting and dyeing. The dates of our final two meetings for 2020 at Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House are Tuesday, 17th November and Tuesday 8th of December, held early on the 2nd Tuesday of December because of Christmas. For further details contact Jac on 6384 2355 or Eileen on 6372 5480.

Small business advice for recovery grants open

The \$1.5 million round of the Small Business Advice for Recovery Grant program has opened for applications.

Grants of \$750 are available for small businesses to engage the services of a consultant to provide advice or services that will assist with business recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These grants can be used for business advisory services such as development of marketing plans, business plans or legal advice and/or support in applying for the Business Growth Loan Scheme.

Assessment of applications will commence as applications are submitted and they will be assessed in order of receipt.

Applications will be assessed on applicant and project expenditure eligibility, and evidence provided in support of the application.

Applications close 12 noon on Monday 22 February 2021 or when available funding has been allocated.

For more information visit the **Business Tasmania** website www.business.tas.gov.au or contact **Business Tasmania** at ask@business.tas.gov.au or on 1800 440 026.

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Bring a chair and your best singing voice to the grounds of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Main Road St Marys, at 5.00 pm on Sunday, 6th December, when a few carols will be sung, and a short message about Christmas will be presented.

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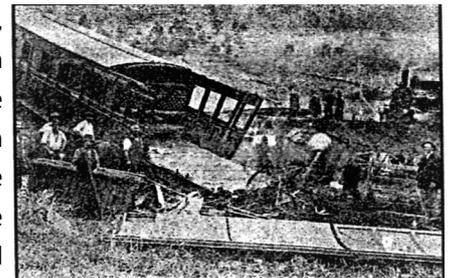


FINGAL RAILWAY LINE

The Fingal Railway was noted as especially interesting, as it formed the first link in the 'Progressive Railway Policy' of the Tasmanian Coalition Government. It was introduced in conjunction with the Derwent Valley and Scottsdale lines, and was the bone of contention when discussions were underway in parliament. In December 1883 parliament passed the bill for the Fingal line. In early December 1884 the tender of Messrs McNeil, Grant and Bath for 83,807 pounds was accepted to construct the line from the Corners to St Marys, a distance of 47 miles, and the turning of the first sod took place on Wednesday 4th February 1885.

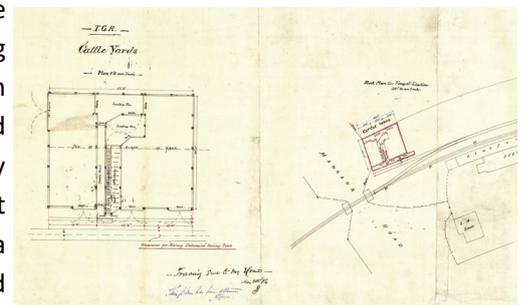
Final cost of the Fingal line would amount to 173,000 pounds and it was officially opened by governor Sir George Strahan on 29th June 1886. On the big day the train consisted of 2 engines and 7 carriages, with one carriage being decked out with flags and evergreens. The Fingal station was also decked out with bunting, ferns and a triumphal arch bearing the word 'Welcome', and the platform was thronged by a mass of well-dressed people. St Marys was decked out the same way. St Marys held the official opening, and while the train was returning to Fingal, about 5 miles from St Marys, the train crossed a cattle creep, the front wheels of both engines ran off the rails and the train was brought to a standstill within 40 feet. Willing hands and a couple of screw jacks had the train back on track after 21 minutes. No damage was done and it arrived at Fingal at 3pm. A banquet and speeches were held at the Fingal Council Chambers with nearly 100 guests, and around midnight the train departed Fingal for its return journey to Hobart.

This journey would become known as the 'The Fingal Special Disaster', as the driver, John Bradshaw, allowed the train to pick up speed, and as the train sped through Tea Tree, he was told by the fireman Joe Rogers to shut off steam and reduce speed. Bradshaw took no notice of him, so Rogers applied the brakes. This action locked the wheels and gave a rigid binding effect to the train. The train ran into the Ring Curve (aka Bradshaw's Curve) about 2 miles from Brighton. The steam dome was knocked onto the boiler and the resulting explosion blew the dome several hundred feet into the scrub, shattered the engine, and carried away about 10 panels of fencing. Bradshaw was crushed and died instantly, Rogers was pinned down with his leg almost severed, and died 2 days later, but before he died, he admitted the accident was his fault, by his applying the brakes. Many more people were injured.



The remains of the train after the accident near Brighton in 1886.

The Fingal railway line was built with 3'6" narrow gauge and there were approximately 20 stations along the line. It stopped at each station, allowing for movement of stock, grain, coal and passengers. Fingal railway station was built as type 'K 80', and in 1903, John Gillet was manning the station and noted as earning 130 pounds per annum. Fingal Railway Station is also only one of two railway stations built in the Federation Queen Anne style left standing in Tasmania, the other one is at St Marys. There was a



Stationmaster's residence and cattle yards which were situated opposite, on Mangana Road, as shown on the plans above.



Staff at work at the Fingal Railway Station in the 1970's.

The railways in the colony belonged partly to the Tasmanian Government and partly to private companies. The main railway line in Tasmania was operated by Tasmanian Government Railways, TGR, which merged into the Australian National Railways commission in 1978 and was renamed 'Tasrail'.

Fingal Railway station closed in 1997, and is awaiting its next contribution to life in The Fingal Valley.



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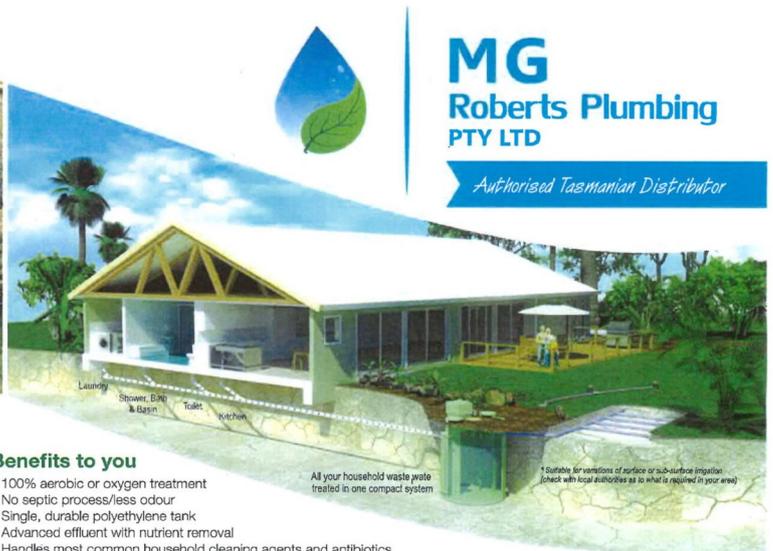
On Wednesday 21st October, Scamander Combined Probus Club, along with visitors and friends from the Senior Citizens Club, took a day trip on Franklin's Coach, visiting Fingal Neighborhood House, where we enjoyed morning tea provided by the Club, followed by an enjoyable viewing of the refurbished rooms upstairs, and chatting to the staff.

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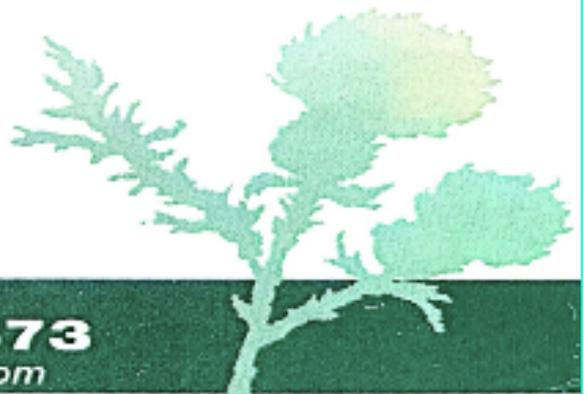
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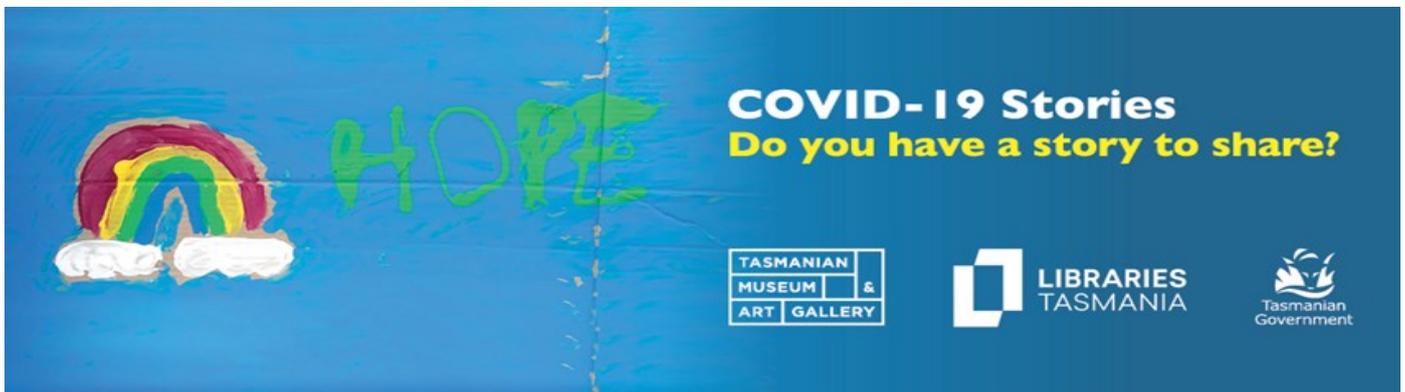
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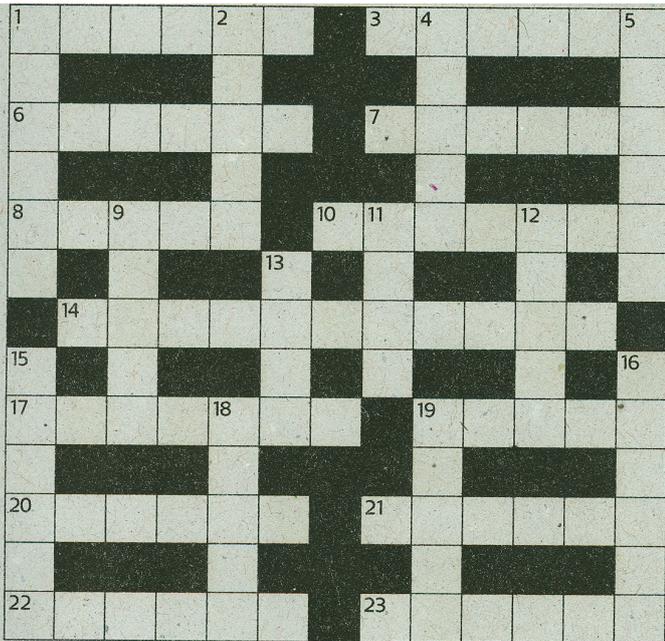
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- 1. Unassuming (6)
- 3. Junkie (6)
- 6. Bigger (6)
- 7. Catch-phrase (6)
- 8. Actor/writer, ___ Welland (5)
- 10. Sewing aid (7)
- 14. Temporary, interim (11)
- 17. Singed (7)
- 19. Sooty's friend! (5)
- 20. Continent (6)
- 21. Collapse (6)
- 22. Seat of power (6)
- 23. Musical, ___ *Drum Song* (6)

DOWN

- 1. Rancour (6)
- 2. Gloss (5)
- 4. Indian capital (5)
- 5. Long bicycle (6)
- 9. Blackmore novel, ___ *Doone* (5)
- 11. Salute (4)
- 12. Pair (5)
- 13. Smoothing tool (4)
- 15. Emphasise (6)
- 16. Emerge (6)
- 18. Mature (5)
- 19. Bone on the Jolly Roger! (5)



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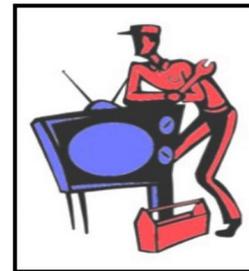
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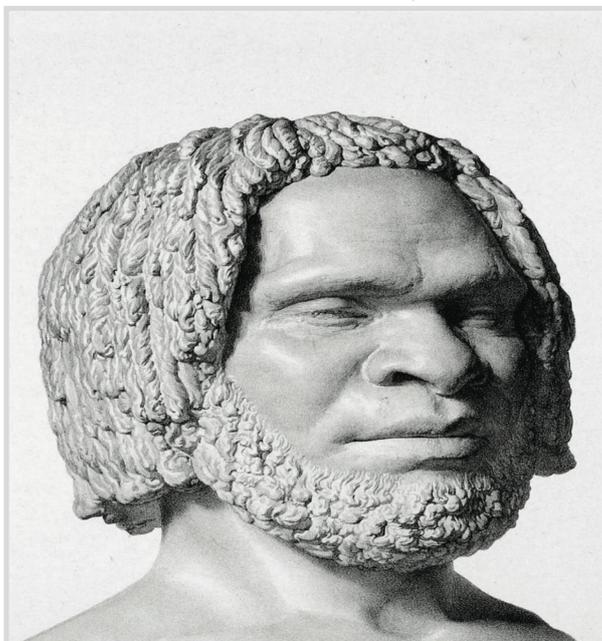
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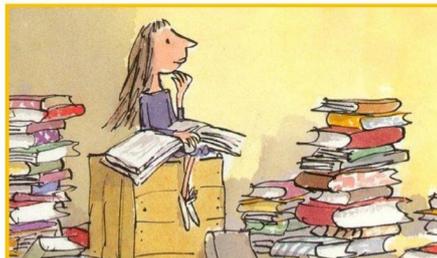
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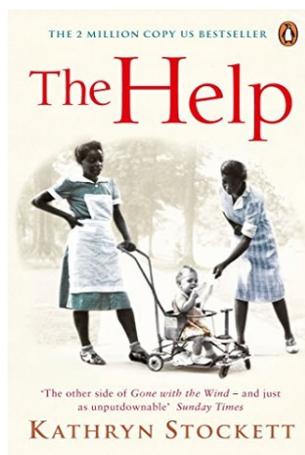


MOUNT ELEPHANT AND BEYOND BOOK GROUP

BOOK REVIEW

Written by Pam Bretz.

"*The Help*", by American author Kathryn Stockett, was our Book Group's novel for the past month. Published in 2009 but set in 1962 in Jackson, Mississippi, this book attempts to deal with a time when black domestic help enabled middle class households to continue in some ways the life led by the wealthy plantation owners during the era of slavery. Kennedy was President and Martin Luther King was raising black consciousness, but much of their influence was yet to reach the Deep South. Here people like the characters in this story were acculturated into taking for granted that their children would be raised from babyhood to early childhood by black women, and that their households would be run smoothly so that they could play bridge and tennis and concentrate on shopping and beauty treatments. They might belong to the League, a social club which raised funds, ironically, for 'The Poor Starving Children of Africa', while their maids toiled in white households to avoid the poverty all around them in black society.



Eugenia Phelan - Skeeter because she is so tall and thin - is the white daughter of a plantation owner. She has returned from college to find that her beloved black maid, Constantine, has gone from the household and no-one is prepared to say what happened to her. Eugenia tries hard to fit the mould that her mother and Southern society of the time have created for "successful" young women, but she is a misfit from the start. She gets a job on the local newspaper as the domestic advice columnist, ironically again, as she is not at all domesticated! She arranges with the maid of one of her friends, Aibileen, to mine her knowledge of running a household to get the answers. And so begins a growing insight for Skeeter, into what it means to be a black maid in a white household. Through this arrangement, she comes to learn of the lives of maids, particularly of the wise and experienced Aibileen and her friend, Minny, who frequently loses her job because she is outspoken and something of a rebel. She begins to record their stories for a New York publishing house, and the tension of leading a double life propels the story forward both in her case and in the even more dangerous one of her interviewees, who put themselves in danger of physical reprisal should they be found out.

The author tells a story that is in many ways a reflection of her own life experience as someone who grew up in this area, albeit some years later than the story is set. She was criticised in the US for adopting the voices of black women in service, but for Australian readers this novel is a window onto a world which had not changed much in its attitudes since the Civil War. This is a very readable novel which maintains a good pace of narrative, and Stockett leavens the accounts of abuse and mindless culturally embedded racism with the humour and resilience of her black characters.

Our members found it an easy book to read and it was generally enjoyed.



“ Life takes you down many paths, but my favourite ones lead to the beach.” Anonymous

A cool morning and pale blue sky with low drifting clouds was favourable for the thirteen walkers as they ambled up Stieglitz and Akaroa beaches on **Wednesday 7th October**. Skittery gulls, gambolling dogs and bare feet had left a printed path on the

A sandy hill covered in shells



sand, and the beach was awash with white clumps of foam, small shells and drifts of drying seagrass. Rounding the point at Akaroa, a solitary egret stood sentinel in the quiet water, whilst large rounded boulders edged the sand. The low tide allowed the group to continue to the rocky edge at the end of Barrack Street. Here a plaque, commemorating the old Police Barracks, stood proudly on the grassy hill overlooking the entrance to George's Bay. Returning a short way along St Helen's Point Road to the dirt track leading down to Akaroa Beach, the group then cut back to ramble along the grassy foreshore to the boat ramp car park to

complete the 6 km walk. Morning tea followed at Anne's home on the deck overlooking the bay. Thank you to Christa for the photos and for tasty contributions to refreshments.

On **Wednesday 14th October**, the walking group welcomed a few new walkers and then drove to Reid's Rd to meet more people there. The walk was down to the George River via an old bush track. The weather was good, dry with no wind, so we set off in good spirits. This is a lovely walk, as there are heaps of birds to be seen and heard in the surrounding bush. When we reached the river, a pardalote dived into its hole in the bank in front of our eyes. The river was very full and flowing swiftly after the recent rain, and the tall trees on the eastern bank made a lovely backdrop to the water, with white quartz rocks in the foreground.



Reflections on George River



Striated Pardalote

On the lower part of the track close to the river and near the banks, the River Trident bush (*Micranthemum*) was out in flower. This is an attractive bush with pale yellow flowers, very pretty. The boxwood (*Pomaderris*) and Daisybush (*Olearia*) were also in flower and looking good. We then took an alternative route to the river, encountering a big tiger snake on the path! It paused for a bit and then slowly wriggled away. This track led to a wider bank, with a beach of river sand, with rapids slightly upstream from the beach. After lingering there in the sunshine, we returned by the steep path to the cars. It was a very pleasant morning's walk.

The walk on **Wednesday 21st October** was led by Bryan, whose company was enjoyed by many of the older members of the walking group. The walk headed to 'Mad Cow Swamp' via the Ansons Bay Road then turned onto the Fire Trail Road, where the path consisted of a level track along a slight ridge with the swamp off to either side, inhabited by regrowth peppermint gums. During dry spells, this area has an abundance of bird life attracted by the water, including black-faced cuckoo shrike, shining bronze cuckoo, grey shrike thrush, striated pardalote, wedge-tailed eagle and kookaburra. The walk is reached by about 20 minutes driving along Ansons Bay Rd, with the walk taking about 45 min each way with a short "smoko" break at the end of the track, so the round trip from the Hub4Health meeting place took approximately 2.5 hours.

The walk scheduled for **Saturday 17th October** from the Gardens to Ansons Bay was postponed twice due to inclement weather, but eventually the walk was held on **Sunday 25th October**, when a small group set out to walk from The Gardens to Policeman's Point. Weather was cool and windy and the Tasman Sea was amazing; very rough and not the usual gorgeous colour, and due to the large amounts of recent rain, it was brown for most of the walk.



We had to cross eight tannin-stained water crossings, where some of us removed our socks and shoes, the water being knee-deep in some places...(ok only the women removed their footwear, haha.) The water had gouged out the sand making it hard to cross, but spectacular to see and photograph. We saw loads of beautiful sea birds including the pelicans and a flock of Ruddy Turnstones. Thank you Alex for a great walk thoroughly enjoyed by all, just a little longer than expected because we had to keep removing footwear!

Another crossed off the bucket list!

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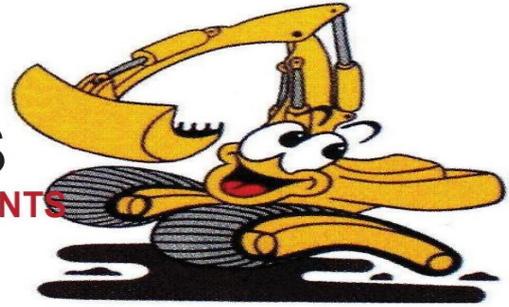
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The **Wednesday 28th October** walk was led by Ashley. The walk went better than expected given the weather forecast; there was drizzle but no proper rain. There were 8 people enjoying the new area, which was on the SE slope of South Sister, in wet forest. A loop walk was planned, starting on a nicely formed foot track that wound its way among big dolerite boulders and ferny dells, the return being an old vehicle track. A good range of mid-altitude plants were in their spring flowering, some prolifically so. The group descended on the Purple Possum in St Marys after the walk. Owing to the travelling distance from St Helens, the group were not home by midday as is usually the case.



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- 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.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Starting early January 2021, Dr Kaylee Nash-Rawnsley will be commencing 6 month leave from the GP Surgery at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The flooring at the Centre is progressing well, and it will be completed in the next month. We thank you all for your cooperation during this time

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.

Friendly reminder... that if you have regular scripts, please make sure you are in booked in to see your GP before your script has run out. Appointments can be made in advance.

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FISHING REPORT

By The Happy Hooker



Well its here; November, the month that fly fishermen wait in anticipation for during the winter months; the month that the sun has some warmth in it to warm the water temperatures of our lakes and rivers, that in turn tells the insect world its time to hatch and multiply. The world of insects, whether land-based or water-based, is incredible, and those insects will hatch every year at this time of year, as they have done since they evolved. Water-based insects such as mayflies, caddis, stoneflies, midges, caenids, dragonflies, damsel flies - the list goes on; - start their life in the water as nymphs, then when the conditions and the water temperature is right, they swim their way to the surface to hatch and evolve into the adult version, mate, lay their eggs and die. From September into early October, midges will hatch in the colder early mornings. November is the month that caddis and mayflies start their short life journey, then from December, caenids, dragonflies and damsel flies start to hatch and fly above the water, and the trout will be waiting. Fly fishermen will use artificial tied flies to imitate those insects, and an experienced fisher will use flies to imitate the stage of a particular insects' life-cycle that he predicts the fish may be feeding on.

My favorite insect is the mayfly. Mayflies will generally hatch from midday onwards through the afternoon, however I have seen huge mayfly hatches at any time of the day if the conditions are right. The exciting part of a mayfly's life is when they evolve from the nymph into the dun stage; this happens on the water surface where the dun will sit on the water for a short period of time to dry its wings then take flight. These little insects are incredible; one minute there may be only one or two on the water and then within seconds they will start "popping" up in their hundreds. These little duns look like little sail boats floating on the water, and they must taste like chocolate to the fish, as they LOVE to eat them. During a dun hatch, the fishing can be quick and exciting, with fish smashing all around you one minute and then nothing the next, as the duns stop and start their hatching. When cruising around a lake, the idea is to look for duns on the water and wait for the fish, as hopefully they will start feeding on them, although the lovely little swallows also love duns and they can pick them off the water ever so gracefully without even a dimple on the water. I look for swallows when roaming the lake, much the same as looking for seagulls in the salt water. You know that the fly that you have tied is a good imitation when a swallow tries to pick up your fly from the water! The golden saying is, "If there is no food on the table the fish won't rise", so look for food and the fish will show at some time - hopefully.



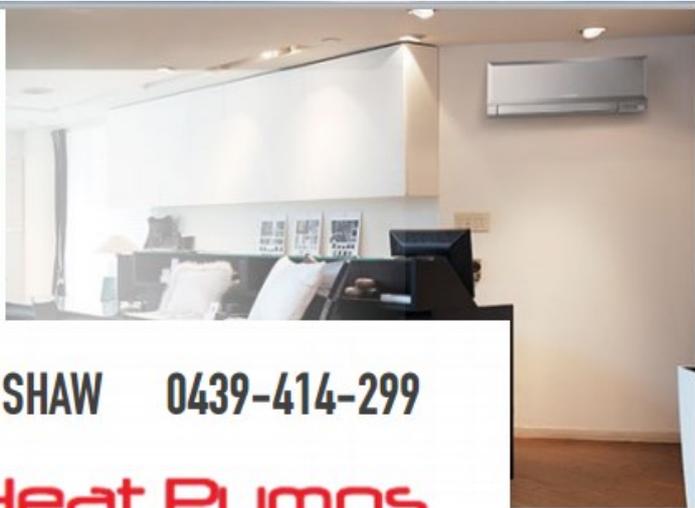
Mayfly duns, drying their wings before taking flight.

Scamander River has been fishing well, with some nice fish coming out with bait such as prawns and crabs catching fish, and the lure fishermen also doing well. We attacked the river a bit during October, fishing it on the 1st, 7th, 16th, 17th and 23rd; yep I did give it a hit, but the fishing was excellent with fish all up the system. Two trips stood out though; Sunday the 17th, for which the Bureau of Meteorology predicted a "few showers"; yeah, right it rained solidly, really solidly, and the old saying of a wet backside and no fish wasn't the case this time, because the fish were on, and although we were wet as new cement, it didn't matter, as we had some excellent fishing. The other trip was on the 23rd October, again in the wet, only this time the showers predicted were showers, and the fishing started hard, with the fish scarce as hen's teeth until we found an area of the river where they just kept smashing our plastic grubs and worms....19 good sized fish were safely returned to the water.

Lake Leake was the destination for the long weekend of 30th, 31st October and 1st and 2nd November. As stated above, the expectation of mayflies hatching this time of year should provide good fishing as in past years, and nature didn't disappoint, with duns and caddis found hatching in close out of the wind off the island in the middle of Lake Leake, and trout feeding on them. Two fish, one rainbow and a brownie, were caught on shaving brush flies used to imitate the duns, only a metre from shore in ankle deep water. Both fish were around five pound in the old scale, and these fish were really cracking fish in the best conditions you would ever see from a lake fish due, to the new water and the amount of food in the lake to make the fish big and strong.

I will close with this note. When your fishing becomes tough, remember, **"Just because you can't see the fish doesn't mean they are not there. Persevere!"**

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By Volun Tier



How busy it has been at the St Marys Sport Centre these past few months, with all the work going on for our improvements inside and outside, and the bowls season commencing, along with the East Coast games, - as we are the host club this season, - along with the Annual Howard-Watson Challenge game between Bowls North and the East Coast teams. Flat out like lizards drinking, as they say, but great to see so many people enjoying the Centre and participating in their relevant sports. The work inside the club house is now going ahead after a few week's delay, and it will be nice to see the finishing touches put on the store room, change rooms and men's loo. We were able to move some gear back into the store room last week, which gives us some much-needed space in the bar area that looked a little cluttered for a while. Footings for the shed are almost done and the slab is to be poured soon.

Membership draw: Last week, Audrey Clingo and this week was Troy Dawson; no prizes collected as neither were there to claim the prize.

Golf: The field has been reduced somewhat due to bowls commitments for a couple of players. Last week saw Peter Sorenson clean up from Rick Stillman and Speed Maher. This week, we were again depleted due to the bowls and a couple of absentees, so Rick and Speed played a friendly 9 holes. Join in on Sunday for a hit and giggle, costs \$5.00 to enter and a feed is provided after the game.

Bowls: A massive fortnight which saw us beat Swansea down there by 9 shots last week, and then brought back to earth with a thud this week against Scamander, as we were soundly beaten by 30 shots. Improvements needed indeed as we get further into the season.

We also had the first week of the East Coast Triples last week, which saw two teams from Swansea, one from Bicheno and one from Scamander win through to the final next Sunday; best of luck to skips Barry Hill, Michael, Mark Oliver and Tony Faulkner. This Sunday we hosted Bowls North in the Howard-Watson Challenge, with 40 bowlers taking to the rink and enjoying a game, thanks to early rain that cleared just in time. Score were Bowls North 92 defeating East Coast 88. A really close game, but we fell just short in the end. Thanks must go to our intrepid catering and bar crew for their efforts so far; what an achievement to sit and feed nearly 50 people for two weeks in a row, and keep the refreshments supplied. Cheers to Mark, Tamatha, Danni, Jeanette, Dawn, Bobby, Maxine, Leanne and all the other helpers, especially those who donated food and their time to prepare the lovely meals. Thanks so much to you all.

This week is a bye for Pennant, but two teams of triples are off to Scamander on Saturday to compete in the Annual Morris Hill Day, and Sunday sees the completion of the East Coast Triples - still busy times.

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