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MATHINNA RAISES FUNDS TO KEEP THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

Organizers of the Mathinna Community Group Fundraiser Music Festival and Family Fun Day, which was held on Saturday 24th April, are very happy that the event was a great success, with enough money being raised for the Mathinna community to purchase St George’s Anglican Church, ensuing that it become a meeting place which belongs to the community.

Featuring artists playing bluegrass, alternate Irish and jazz blues, including local artists Col and Jon performing covers of many favourites, the day began at 1.00pm, and finished about 9.00pm. Approximately 150 people attended, coming from near and far, including some who heard about the day when crossing Bass Strait overnight. People also travelled from as far away as Hobart and Launceston, and locals looking for family entertainment also made their way to ‘McGael’s Run’, near Mangana, where the event took place..

“People were so well behaved and kept the property clean and tidy throughout the night,” said Colin Francis, one of the organizers. “With food constantly being cooked all night and fire pots burning to ward off the cool of the evening, it surely was a great event, with a perfect setting,” he added.

Jodi and Col Francis and their family would like to thank the Mathinna Community for all their help at ‘McGael’s Run’, and look forward to doing this again.

“This looks like it will be at least an annual event,” Col concluded.



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Editor, the Valley and East Coast Voice.

COMMUNITY SCOOTER COMP EVENT GOES OFF

Last Sunday at the newly - constructed St Marys Skate Park locals and holidayers alike flocked to the inaugural St Marys Scooter Comp run by local youth collective YCNECT, in conjunction with Sorell-based skate shop Scooter Stop. Simply put, it went off!

With crowds of up to 50 enthusiastic kids and adults braving slightly chilly autumn temperatures to compete and cheer on mates it was, as YCNECT group co-founder Jaben famously said, "Epic, man!"

It kicked off with the under 8s competition in which the next generation of St Marys scooting talent put on a spectacular show. The winners of that comp were, 1st Olly, 2nd Oliver and 3rd Ella. Massive congratulations to them!

That was followed by the excitement machines that are the St Marys under 12 scooter riders. Another great display was put on, everyone showcasing exemplary scooter tricks. Congrats to 1st Connor, 2nd Navarr and 3rd William, in what really was a nail-biter of a scoot off!!

Next up was the under 16s comp, which was taken out by the amazing Izac in 1st place, 2nd going to Jimmy and 3rd taken by Sam, in a very well-rounded performance utilizing most of the park and a skilful array of tail-whips and airs.

Finally was the main event of the day - the seniors (open) division. This was where all the pros really pulled out their top-shelf tricks - I even think I spotted a couple of backflips in there - but after another jaw-dropping display, Pyengana local Jacob took home the chocolates (which was actually a Scooter Stop voucher) with Zyi, Cooper and Jye close on his tail. So great stuff to you all.

The event was co-ordinated by

YCNECT members Alison Potter and Jaben Colledge alongside Scooter Stop representatives Jo, Stu & Ted Palmer, and Jye Moore, who provided the gnarly commentary, and the backflips - so great job to you all. All these guys did a superb job of running the day, providing beats and maintaining a really sick vibe the whole time.

And, of course extra thanks to Bronwyn, Adam, the SES volunteers, the St Marys Youth Collective Crew, Tanya Greenwood and all other community members and local businesses for their massive efforts in providing sausages and drinks, donating prizes, and for just being great helpers and people.

YCNECT will be hosting a number of more awesome events this year including the exciting upcoming Scam Jam.

So keep your eyes and ears open and come along. You won't regret it!! Yew!!!

(Article written by Louis Langoulant and Xavier Langoulant.)



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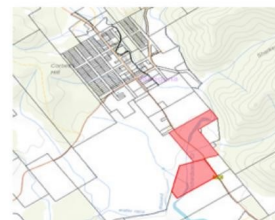
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OLD TASMANIAN HOTEL FINGAL RESTORATION IS DONE AND DUSTED!

Restoration works to the Old Tasmanian Hotel in Fingal has delivered a vibrant new space for the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House to conduct its important work within the Fingal community.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania, Claire Chandler, said the project had transformed the former hotel site into a functional space for the Neighbourhood House. "The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House provides great services and support to the Fingal and surrounding communities, and this project has delivered a fantastic multi-use space for locals," Senator Chandler said. "Restoration works on the two-storey, heritage listed building posed a challenging task, and everyone involved should be proud of the finished project."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Australian Government's \$500,000 investment in community infrastructure would provide long term benefits to the Fingal Valley region. "In addition to the meeting room, office spaces, waiting room and two bedrooms, this investment also saw the restoration of a history display," the Deputy Prime Minister said. "This upgrade will allow the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House History group to provide a display showing the history of the local area and surrounding townships, which will prove to be a real boon for the local community."

Mayor of Break O'Day Mick Tucker said the upgraded facility was already having a positive effect on the Fingal community. "The Break O'Day Council is proud to have supported this important community project, which will continue to deliver important services in Fingal and surrounding areas for many years to come," Mayor Mick Tucker said. "The Old Tasmanian Hotel in Fingal has a rich history and it seems fitting that this building is now a community space that the whole community can enjoy once again."

Restoration works included the creation of a meeting room, office spaces, family room, the restoration of the building verandah, and the installation of a bathroom with accessible toilet and shower.

The project received \$500,000 in funding from the Australian Government under the Community Development Grants Programme, and \$210,000 from the Australian Government's Drought Community Program, with the remaining \$134,934 provided by the Break O'Day Council, and \$70,000 was provided by the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House to complete the project.



Senator Claire Chandler and Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker unveil the official plaque, pictured below.



Senator Claire Chandler, Board Chair Coral Brady, and Manager Gary Barnes, outside the restored Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.



(Article and photographs supplied by Senator Claire Chandler)

FINGAL VALLEY RESIDENTS REMEMBER THE FALLEN

ANZAC Day was observed in the Fingal Valley last Sunday, with a Dawn Service at St Marys, and regular 11.00am services held at Avoca, Fingal, Mathinna and St Marys. Most services were followed by a traditional gathering to share stories and memories. Organizers were pleased with the turn-out for each service, showing that this tradition is not being diminished by the passing of time.

At **AVOCA**, a small contingent marched down the Esk Main Road to Boucher



Park, where Spreyton Primary student Torben de Boer read a poem, and his brothers Roelf and Reuben placed a wreath on behalf of Spreyton Primary School. Isabel Reynolds and Dehlana



Phillips placed a wreath on behalf of Campbell Town District High School while Lucy O'Connor placed a wreath on behalf of Scotch Oakburn College. All students either live locally or have strong connections with Avoca. Oliver O'Connor raised the flag at the

service. Two 'Diggers', John Watson from Rossarden, and Graham Carvolth from Avoca, pictured left, paid their respects during the service.

The Anzac Day commemorative service at **FINGAL** was held at 11am at the Fingal Cenotaph. This year the service was organised by the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, and commenced with a Welcome to Country, led by Gary Barnes, followed by an introduction from Royal Australian Army Veteran Robyn



School students were involved in the Fingal service.

Kossendey-Peterson. The Lord's Prayer was recited by those present who chose to join, and this was followed by an address from Louisa Rhodes. Catherine Bean was unable to be present at the service to give the address and Gary expressed his thanks to Catherine for her contributions through the years at previous Anzac Day services. Mahalia Baldwin provided the attendees with a reading. Gary then invited organisations and individuals to lay wreaths on the Cenotaph. At the conclusion of this, the Ode was recited by all and the Last Post was played. This was followed by a minute's silence, and then the flag was raised by Darren Reed



Councillor Janet Drummond at the Fingal service.

during the playing of the Reveille. The service finished with a rendition of the National Anthem. Gary thanked everyone for attending and invited attendees to join at the Malahide Golf Club for a BBQ.

The service held at the Community Church at **Mathinna**, was not under the auspices of the RSL, however, it paid tribute to those of the town who, in the past, answered the call to arms, and remembered those who gave their lives for their fellow-countrymen and women.



ST MARYS held a Dawn Service beginning at 6.00am, the time of the original landing at Gallipoli. It included an introduction from Rick Lohrey, and a prayer from Ian Summers. This was followed by an address from Colin McKenzie, recitations by two of the youth from St Marys District School, then the laying of wreath, followed by a rendition of the Last Post. Two minutes of silence was observed at the Dawn Service as a sign of respect and providing a time for reflection, after which a live rendition of 'Reveille' sounded out. The service closed with the national anthem, and at the conclusion, attendees gathered in the St Marys Town Hall for a gunfire breakfast.



Some of the wreaths laid at Fingal.

A service was also held at 11.00am, and the commemorative services were well attended by young and old; the younger generation were present in good numbers and this shows how the youth of our community are wishing to acknowledge and continue the tradition of the Dawn Service.

(Information and photographs supplied by Northern Midlands Mayor Mary Knowles and Break O'Day Councillor Janet Drummond.)

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TASMANIAN HOTEL, FINGAL

The first victualler's license in Fingal was granted to William Allen on 12 August 1844, for a building in Talbot Street, but by March 1845 he had become insolvent, and the 'Highlander Inn' was then leased to Henry Smith for 5 years. In 1851, the licence was transferred to Daniel Pestell.

Daniel Pestell had arrived in Hobart on the ship 'Henry Porcher' on 15th November 1836. He was convicted of stealing one handkerchief worth four shillings at the age of 18 years, and sentenced to 14 years servitude. He received his certificate of freedom on 7th February 1852. In 1840, a daughter, Sarah, was born to Margaret Ellis and Daniel Pestell on the 21st October at Evandale. Daniel then married Margaret, also a convict, in Evandale on the 11th January, 1841 and they had two more children; Harriet born 19th April 1842 in Launceston and Daniel, who was born and died in 1845 at Evandale.

In April 1855, Daniel placed an advertisement in the Cornwall Chronicle, "Wanted - A pair of sawyers, to cut twenty thousand feet of timber for a building, price 10 shillings per 100 at the pit. None need apply except good steady workmen. Daniel Pestell." He then built the Tasmania Hotel on its present location, and transferred his licence from the 'Highlander Inn' to the new premises in 1856. This is the same year that 'Van Diemens Land' was renamed 'Tasmania' and the same year that gold was discovered at Mangana. The hotel was constructed of stone which had been used to provide a wall around the prison barracks which had been closed in 1846, and by 1858 the property consisted of a hotel where the beer cost 2 shillings per gallon, a brewery with a store, and a blacksmith's shop. Daniel also owned other properties in Fingal.

In 1859 Harriet Pestell married Robert Viney at 'Cullenswood', near St Marys. Robert had taken an interest in the hotel, and Daniel made him the manager of the 'Tasmania Hotel' in 1859. Margaret Pestell died on the 22nd March 1862 at Fingal aged 49 years of Rheumatism and 'Decay of Nature', probably as a result of the deprivations she had suffered in the prison system, and Daniel advertised the lease of the 'Tasmanian Hotel', which was granted to Robert. In 1879, the business was auctioned to pay a mortgage debt incurred by Daniel, and Robert bought it all. Daniel Pestell died of 'dropsy' - oedema - on the 11th of December 1885 aged 67; both Margaret and Daniel are buried at the Anglican Cemetery in Fingal.

In 1884, Robert Viney owned the hotel, which had 21 rooms, a kitchen, a dairy, a laundry and outhouses, including stabling for 20 horses, coach houses, granaries, and a brewery, along with 3 paddocks and 21 acres of cleared land. The brewery consisted of 8 hogshead barrels, a 50-foot-long malt floor with malt kiln, offices and storerooms. Robert Viney died in 1900.

After Robert Viney, there were approximately 10 licensees or owners of the Tasmanian Hotel to 1952. These were William Duncan, who leased from 17 March 1868, John A. Findlay 1892-1898, John T. Wilson 1901, William Cochrane 1915/1916, Samuel Bryden from 12-12-1919, Frederick Walter Evans from 21st December 1927, M. Barber from 6 January 1934, Charles Leslie Williams, whose licence was granted 20 December 1940, Sydney John Wright from 23rd December 1943, and Horace Ormond Fitzgerald 26 December 1946 to 1952, who named the premises 'Fitzgerald's Tasmanian Hotel'. Trading continued into the 1960's, after which it became a private residence, with flats available for rent.



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By the mid - 1970's the hotel had been abandoned, until Scott Marshall, with 14 volunteers, began to restore it in 1985. The Premier of Tasmania, Robin Gray, officially launched the Fingal Community Centre on the 8th August 1985, which was funded by the Municipality of Fingal. On the 14th March, 1987 the 'Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House' was officially opened by Warden Robert McKenzie. In 2018, plans were put in motion for the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House to undergo further renovation, which was badly needed. With many programs running, including the Playcentre, Eating with Friends, Creative Writing, a community library, a hairdresser's service, counselling services, the Fingal Online Access Centre History Group, regular morning teas, Mental Health, Dementia and First Aid training sessions, transport services and food assistance programs, more space was needed to operate. The top floor was totally unable to be utilised. The floors were unsound, many of the walls had started to disintegrate, and the roof and most of the windows leaked, some with holes around them. Possums had made themselves at home, causing stains and unpleasant odours.





The project was funded by a number of sources, including \$500,000 from the Australian Government under the Community Development Grants Programme, and \$210,000 from the Australian Government's Drought Community Program, with the remaining \$134,934 being provided by the Break O'Day Council and \$70,000 from the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House to complete the project. The building was officially opened on the 15th April, 2021, by Senator Claire Chandler and Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker.

As we reflect on the building's past we cannot forget the original builder, Daniel Pestell - an ex-convict who laid the first stone, then went on to become a citizen esteemed by the town. The Fingal Valley community have every right to be proud of this building, which has been restored to its function as a place of making and meeting friends!



Thanks, Sid, Hamish, Tully and Shaun!



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DIGITAL DOORKNOCKERS NEEDED FOR SALVOS RED SHIELD APPEAL



The Salvation Army is calling on the local community to volunteer with the annual Red Shield Appeal as they seek to recruit 10,000 'Digital Doorknockers' across the country. Now in its 56th year, The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvos flagship fundraising appeal which aims to raise \$32 million to fund over 2000 centres and services across Australia. In Tasmania, The Salvos are aiming to raise \$200,000 from the community door-knock, shopping centre stands and events, with funds raised locally staying local.

After the devastating impact of COVID-19 in 2020, The Salvos are seeing some of the greatest need in their history, making this year's Red Shield Appeal vitally important. The Salvos need community members to volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal this May in their local area, where all local funds raised will stay in the community.

"The communities of St Marys, St Helens and the Fingal Valley have always faithfully backed The Salvos, and this year we need people to volunteer and raise funds to ensure that we can continue the work in the community for years to come," says Envoy Melanie Norton. "Last year, through the generous support of the community during the Red Shield Appeal, we were able to support a range of local programs including our outreach to families on the East Coast and emergency accommodation for people when it was needed". Money raised locally this year will help enable **funding for emergency accommodation, petrol for travel to major cities for medical appointments and food parcels.**

The Salvos are encouraging the community to become 'Digital Doorknockers' by creating an online fundraising page to raise money for their local Salvos. To become a Digital Doorknocker, visit <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/st-marys-east-coast-tas-salvos>, create your personalised page and share it with your family, friends and fellow community members.

The Salvos are also in need of 20,000 in-person volunteers for this year's Red Shield Appeal to collect in the community. To volunteer in-person, contact your local Salvos on **0409 838 816**.

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Envoy Norton says, "The Salvos cannot do what we do without the generosity of the public in our community. If you have the means, please consider donating to the Red Shield Appeal or become a volunteer this year. Your generosity and support will help us to leave no one in need."



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SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB



What fun, we had 3 members with special birthdays, so a cake was just the thing for Charlie Smith, Gaye Ellis and Carla Goodsell, to let us help them celebrate their birthday month. Several members were away but we had a good gathering and enjoyed the atmosphere. Newest members had name badges handed out courtesy of the club.

Mark from 'Allans Garden Centre' at Prospect brought a huge selection of all things bright and beautiful.

Charlie answered a query about pepino fruit, and said they will have purple stripes when ripe and are nice with ice cream and fruit salad, but he likes to slice them into rings and cook these with meat. They are of the potato family, and are generally small shrubs but may trail at times, and can be planted close together. They are shallow rooted and you can take cuttings and propagate them in a hot house.

Gaye did her demonstration of ideas for what we can use next month, when the arrangement needs to contain Autumn colours. Gaye made use of hydrangea, myrtle, and seeds, covering her container with moss.

I am excited to tell you my husband Steve came first in the floral art. He wanted to make a cradle for the nautilus shell my dad Arthur Pike, had given for the contest. Out to the shed, and back he came the following day with some foam he had coloured to look like coral. The beach did not look sightly so a fossilized rock backed onto it, hiding that part. Flowers flowed over, and with the addition of the statue from Hawaii and a shell necklace, he was set. The meeting on 17th May will be the club's birthday, which anybody who is interested is invited to attend.



Steven Bogar's winning entry.

SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB

Scamander Garden Club meets at the Scamander Sports Complex Coach Rd, on third Monday of February - November. Doors open 1pm for 1.30pm start. \$5.00 annual membership from June-May. \$2 per meeting and 50c raffle. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Monthly judging of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Enquiries contact Peggy Bogar- Secretary 0459 027 306.



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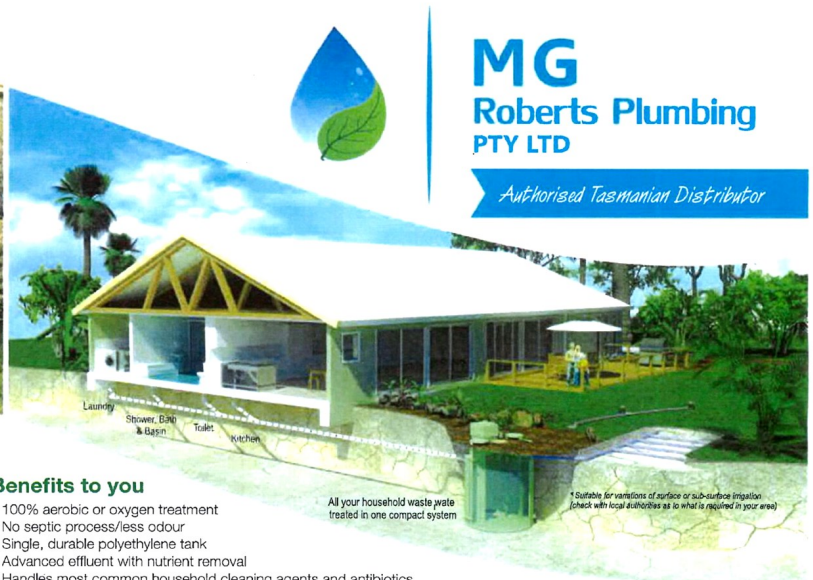
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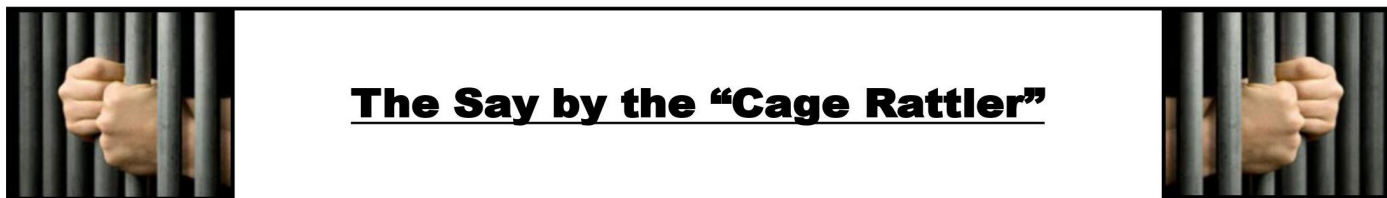
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The Say by the “Cage Rattler”

I don't often do this, but this time it's important that I do. This is, of course, a direct follow up to 'Cage Rattler' from the most recent issue - I hope that's okay .

Last Saturday, three intrepid walkers/climbers headed up St Patricks Head. One of us - Ann - had never been up. I hadn't been up for the better part of a decade and Michael hadn't been up since he'd been out of school. This is what we found ...

First of all, it's still bloody amazing and, as it happens, we met up with two incredibly thrilled Western Australian visitors who waxed lyrical about the views they discovered, and a lady from Cressy who was also similarly impressed. Ann is a pretty darn accomplished photographer by the way, and many of her photos from our visit feature on Facebook at the moment.

As we kind of expected though, there are parts of the route we ascended and descended on which drew comments like "sketchy" and "dodgy" and "oh dear", with the odd expletive added here and there... We all agreed that 'dangerous' isn't really the issue other than possibly a twisted ankle or cuts and bruises, perhaps, if due care isn't taken, but the real issue is making it easier to secure suitable footing on certain shaley spots and sharp climbs over short distances.

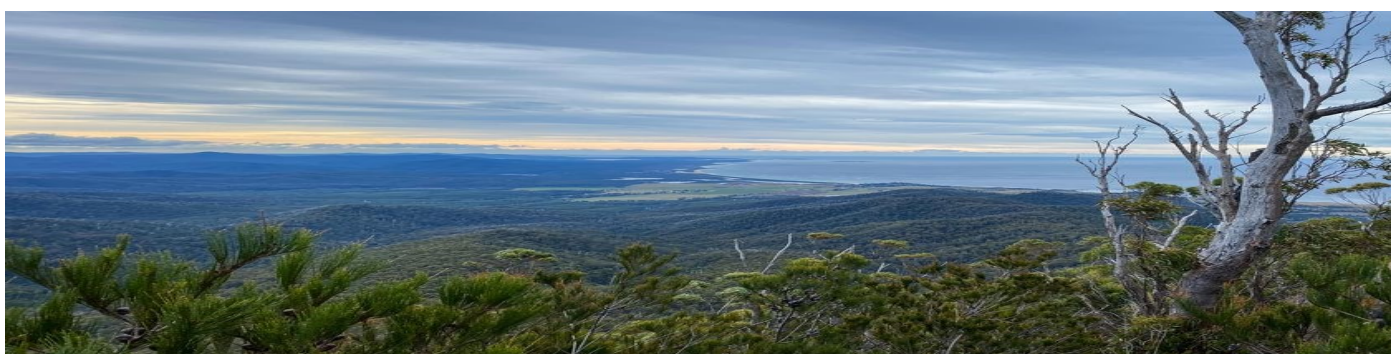
Our visitors also made similar comments to us as we engaged with them. Remember that this isn't a busy time, so it was gratifying to see that at least six people traversed Patty's Head on that day. There may well have been more. It took us about an hour to go up and probably near that to come back down. This was broken up by a decent photo session up on and near the summit, and interacting with the afore mentioned fellow-walkers, who were lovely people. Also, we watched in awe as a rather large wedge tail eagle sailed the up-drafts high above the 683 metre peak and also lower, as it checked us out, no doubt. Just beautiful.

As we descended, - sometimes on our backsides for the two old fogies in places given the angles involved, while Michael was much more mountain goatish and sure footed, - we also all agreed on a few things really needing serious attention, but we'd believe at not great cost, most likely. The main thing is a few places really need a few small posts or ropes to be discreetly added mostly as it happens for descending, to help steady the walker should it be wet. The same would apply in a couple of shale places; the vast majority of the track is not requiring such things. It's just here and there. Secondly, some warning symbols indicating steep inclines etc would help immensely for two or three rapidly changing incline rates. Perhaps also at the start, some larger warning and caution signs. Thirdly, at the actual summit, a narrow boardwalk to allow easy access over the gaps in the boulders and re-establishment of a short ladder or steps to get a proper Fingal Valley view. For some reason, the original ladder has disappeared. Finally, a chainsaw cut-out to eliminate a rather awkward climb over a fallen tree down near where the actual climb begins .

We loved going up on Patty's again, but there are certainly some significant improvement that need to happen, and whether through a State Government agency, Local Government or some grants outlet or volunteer group or combination of all this, an incredible thing to do while in the beautiful Fingal Valley could be made even better. I know there are at least six more people, as of last Saturday, who are enriched by some amazing coastal, floral, fauna and Valley views.

Finally on a second topic....wasn't it wonderful to experience a significant attendance at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, and no doubt at the later Morning Service. With so many young folk taking a very active and keen role, it's reassuring to know that those who sacrificed so much will never be forgotten... truly, Lest We Forget...

What do you think?





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RAINBOWS AND RADISHES

By Bloomin' Iris

Hello Fellow Gardeners

Hi to all our Autumn Gardeners, I just love this time of year, don't you! All the golden, red & orange leaves gracing our beautiful Valley.

If you are fortunate to have these leaves in your garden, don't take them to the tip. Mow them up with your lawn clippings & place them on your garden beds. They are wonderful to help keep the weeds under control, and if you have some come through, they are so easy to pull because they are generally only growing in the mulch, so its all-surface weeding,

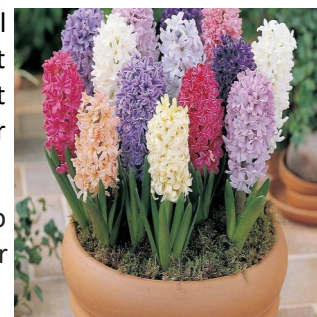
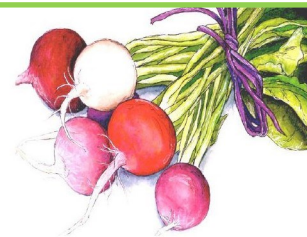
Time to lift your perennials and divide them if they are getting a bit out of control. I have been dividing my day lilies, and anything that has grown into a clump can generally be lifted safely in Autumn, then you can either pot some on for gifts for your friends or spread the love in your garden and have an even more beautiful array of flowers to enjoy.

Plant your bulbs now; don't forget the beautiful fragrant Freesias, and Hyacinths. If you are after perfumed areas in your garden, 'Hyacinth Carnegie' is a beautiful white one with pale green tips on the flowers as they are opening, 'City of Haarlem' is primrose yellow, 'China Pink' is, as it says, pink, and 'Peter Stuyvesant' is purple, while 'Sky Jacket' is a lilac colour. 'Hollyhock' looks like a miniature version of one, and has fragrant red-pink blooms.

There are a few fragrant Daffodils too, 'Thalia', a pure white being amongst them! All these blooms will give you beautiful colour, a lot of joy looking at them and the most gorgeous perfume you could wish for in your garden. If you do not have a garden, treat yourself to some pots and bulbs. Put them in some good bulb mix and you are on your way.

Don't forget the vegie garden, and plant up a storm with your greens. It's time to plant broccoli, cabbage, carrot, celery, lettuce, parsnip, peas, silver beet, cauliflower, English spinach, radishes & beetroot.

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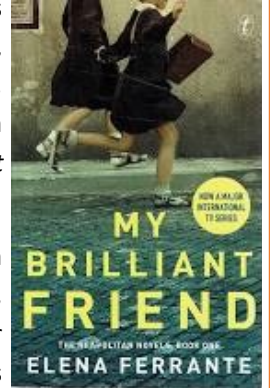
MOUNT ELEPHANT AND BEYOND BOOK GROUP

BOOK REVIEW

Written by Pam Bretz

Back around 2012 something of a literary phenomenon occurred. The first of a quartet of novels was published, purportedly written by Elena Ferrante. The books became international best sellers, translated from the Italian by American, Ann Goldstein. They were much talked about at the time, partly because of the mystery surrounding the author's identity. They have also been made into a television series available through the Library. The first of 'The Neapolitan Novels' was 'My Brilliant Friend' and this was our book for the last month.

It begins with a brief Prologue where the narrator, Elena Greco or Lenu, begins to write the story of a friendship dating back to her childhood, now fifty years in the past. Lila Cerullo, her childhood friend, has suddenly, it seems, chosen to disappear and this is the prompt Lenu needs to put down her memories of this intense friendship. This is the story of two girls growing up in a poor part of Naples in the 1950s. The following three novels continue their story into adulthood.



Lenu and Lila are bright, ambitious girls living in a patriarchal, at times violent and very traditional society, where girls are guarded closely to preserve their own and their families' honour, expected to marry young and continue the traditional roles their mothers have had. Passions run high where family honour is concerned and violence is always an undercurrent. Standover tactics in business are common and domestic violence seems to be a given. Poverty is an ever present force to be battled.

Thanks to a very encouraging female teacher, Lenu is able to continue her education to the end of secondary school, very unusual in this neighbourhood, especially for girls. Lila, something of a rebel and equally intelligent, drops out of school at the end of primary school. It seems she is bound to her family's shoemaking business and at 16 marries a promising young business man who can offer security to the family. The wedding ends the novel on a very dramatic and portentous note., More is obviously to follow - three more books, in fact!

Those are the bare bones of the story. The author presents us with what might be termed a forensic study of the relationship between Lila and Lenu and the various families of the neighbourhood. Because we see events only through Lenu's eyes, we the readers never really understand Lila's motivations and behaviour, but are drawn into the story by Lenu's obsessive and minute observations of everyone's actions. And we are drawn in too by the power of the storyteller. At the same time we do get a very detailed account of Lenu's coming-of-age in a very particular environment. Many of us could see parallel experiences in the early Italian migrant communities in Australia, where families often tried to continue some of the traditional ways such as restricting the freedom of girls.

The book was not unanimously enjoyed by the group. Some found it too concerned with the complexities of female friendship, while others recognised the special nature of this particular relationship, and were keen to explore it. It is not a "universal" story but is faithful to a particular time, place and society and so has its own appeal for some readers.



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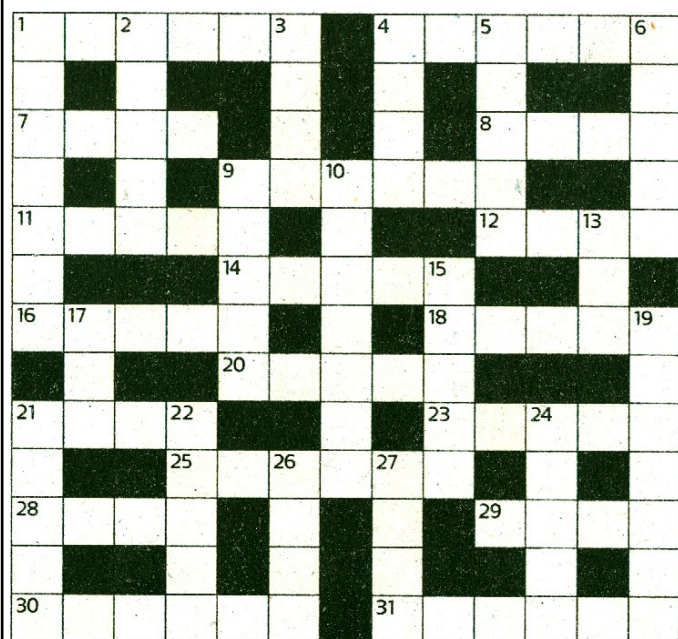


Hi! I'm Diane, and my husband Dave and I are retired '60 Somethings' and live in Howden. We've decided to spend the coming winter exploring some of Tassie's best places and plan to be on the east coast much of the time, chasing the sun! We're also going to be house and dog sitting for several families and may be available to look after YOUR feathered and furred friends, home and garden. We're all set up in a 18' caravan and 4 wheel drive.

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ACROSS

1. Journey (6)
4. Cricket bat wood (6)
7. Idi ____, Ugandan despot (4)
8. Quarter-pint measure (4)
9. Dialogue (6)
11. Mushrooms, toadstools etc. (5)
12. Ribbon (4)
14. Hollywood star, ___ Garbo (5)
16. Trap (5)
18. Country in SE Asia (5)
20. Freshwater fish (5)
21. Black ____, Dick Turpin's horse (4)
23. Form of oxygen (5)
25. Fisherman (6)
28. New Zealander (4)
29. Silage container (4)
30. ____, Zhivago, Pasternak novel (6)
31. Parlour (6)

DOWN

1. Vehicles (7)
2. Line up (5)
3. Coil (4)
4. Donned (4)
5. Illumination (5)
6. Kim ____, *Kids in America* singer (5)
9. Vision (5)
10. Everlasting (7)
13. Tennis player, ___ Shriver (3)
15. Detest (5)
17. Beer (3)
19. Frightening (7)
21. Parched (5)
22. Canonised person (5)
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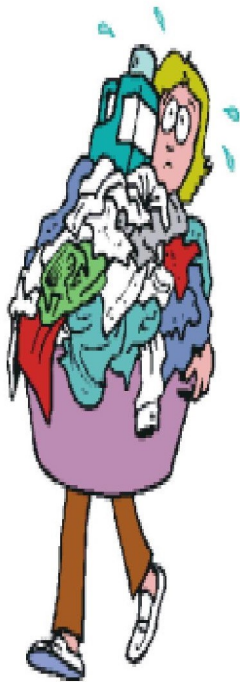
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Michael Watt will be available by appointment on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May 2021 to meet with any other interested persons, families or local historical organisations on this subject.

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The St Helens Bayside Hotel was abuzz as we came from near and far to see George Keri's premier 'Black and White' Photo Exhibition, held on 15-16 April, sponsored by St Helens Neighbourhood House. We were warmly welcomed by George and his family. The room was just the right fit for the photographic displays of many hours, even years, of driving to places and setting up gear at various times of day, and from roads and dirt tracks that possibly only George has travelled. My husband Steve and George are Hungarian-born and Anne, George's wife along with George's father, were from Romania.

George, born in 1937 in Budapest, looked remarkably spry and instilled a wonderful eye when capturing the moment. A deeply caring mood came out in the photo event, where we were led around and told of each photo or ink work, also a great love of George. There was laughter and catching up with others, and we were given food and drinks.

Both George and my husband lived through the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, seeing much horror, and George also witnessed World War 2. After the revolution, George and Steven escaped to Austria, but not together. With memories imbedded in their psyche, they do their best to let the stress and deep moods out through beautifying and using talents and enabling them to grow, and George shares his with the public. He draws, paints, builds beautiful features in their garden where Anne works so long and hard too.



Steve and Peggy Bogar, with George Keri, at the "Black and White" exhibition.

George has previously been up the back roads of the Fingal Valley and gives so much to our local history. George called his photography, carving, ink work a spiritual work, even a calling. Endless imagination is a portion of his tool box. Going the extra mile is another, and engaging others in conversation and reflecting on things that matter most like family and helping others. He manages to capture beautiful portraits. Anne answered my query as to whether George had been stressed by all of this; she replied, "No, but he has worked very hard."

Imagine our surprise when in his cheerful and charitable way after reminiscing with my husband about Hungary and former Hungary, a photo of Romania was secretly left in our porch.

George and Anne moved to Scamander in 1990 and Steve and I moved to a street away in 1999. I think we were meant to meet up.

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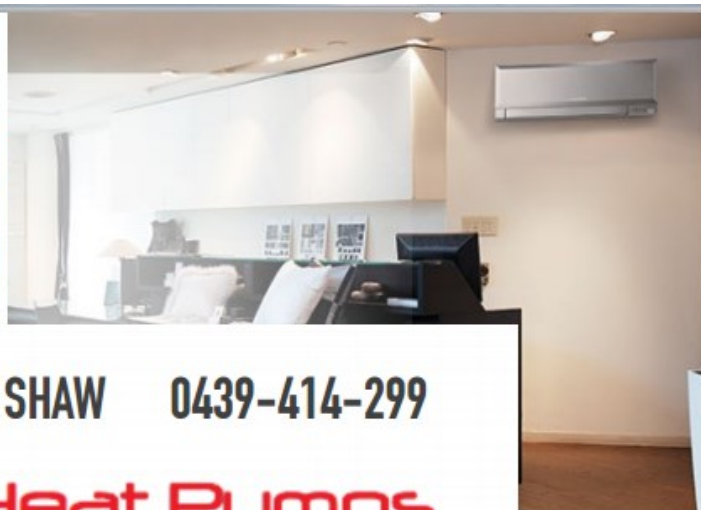


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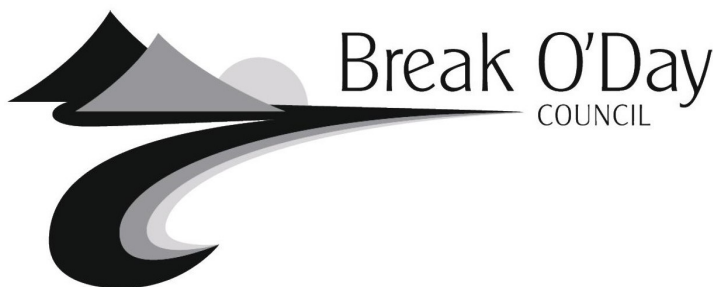
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The East Coast Swans annual Heritage Round Pyengana Game is on again, and will be played on Saturday 1st May, at the Pyengana Recreation Grounds.

The East Coast Swans will play Lilydale, with the St Helens team wearing a heritage jumper in the design of the Pioneer/Gladstone Football Club.

Pioneer/Gladstone last played 41 years ago, having won premierships in 1967, 1976, 1977 and 1978. Many of the players from the glory days will be on the ground.

This year's game will be the sixth heritage game the East Coast Swans have hosted at Pyengana, with the senior teams competing for the Pyengana Cup, awarded to the winning team on the day.

Along with the reunion opportunity for many of the Pioneer/Gladstone players, as well as plenty of players and supporters of North East Football communities, the day is packed full of entertainment.

Auskickers from Scottsdale and the East Coast will take to the ground at 10.30am followed by the Reserves at 12.00pm. The Senior game will kick off at 2.00pm.

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Who can be vaccinated under Phase 1b?

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- Critical and high risk workers who are currently employed
 - Elderly people aged 80 and over
 - Elderly people aged 70 and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 years and over
- Adults with an underlying medical condition or significant disability

Patients **will be contacted** for a COVID-19 vaccination. The AstraZeneca vaccine will be the vaccination used on 29/4 & 30/4.

Please keep updated at www.health.gov.au

DOCTORS ROSTER

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

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| <u>Dr C. Latt</u> | <u>Dr Bob Newton</u> | <u>Dr Fox</u> |
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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.

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St Helens H4H Walking Group



The first walk in for the month was on **Wednesday 3rd March**, and took in Dora Point and "Australia Rock" and back. It was very easy walking on a good track with lovely coastal vegetation. Many thanks to Wendy for leading the walk.

On **Saturday 6th March**, Alex led another amazing walk to St. Patricks Head. The sign said 2hr return but we didn't rush and arrived at the summit with plenty of time to take in the breathtaking 360 degree views before lunch. Thank you so much Alex for carrying what you called a SMALL ladder so we could easily climb the last steep rocky points to get to the top. The photo opportunities were endless and thank you everyone again for being so patient with the photographers in the group.



Alex and his ladder at St Patrick's Head.

The activity on **Wednesday 10th March** was a registered 'Clean-up Australia Day' event, that saw 13 members with 6 trailers and utes ready for action. While Ian, with Jen, Sandy and Margo started a smaller site behind Beaumaris before re-joining the group, the rest of us set off for Schiers Track at Upper Scamander. Starting with Hank & Greta's trailer, we filled all six vehicles before emptying them at Scamander Tip, which was opened upon our request by the Break O'Day Council. This rubbish has been there for some years. Other than a few smaller dumps of rubbish, and litter along the highway, the region within 5 km around St Helens and Scamander is now relatively clear of rubbish dumps, due, in large part, to our efforts in recent years.

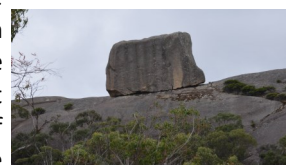


A 'Mystery Walk' walk held on **Wednesday 17th March** saw 11 walkers take in the back country around Medea Cove Road led by Henk. Walkers went through paddocks ending up at Flagstaff Creek which was dry, being a localized waterway. This area was explored by walkers heading down various Forestry roads and the E. sieberi forest. Walkers were feted by the hospitality of Henk and Greta at their place. Group members produced cakes and salads and a hearty lunch was enjoyed by all. Many thanks Henk and Greta!

Saturday 20th March saw a small group of 8 walkers set out to climb to Cube Rock. We drove to Little Blue Lake, which is situated between South Mt Cameron and Gladstone. We parked and walked down an unused vehicle track, past a water-filled mining hole, through a stand of sheoaks and then, with great balancing, crossed Sapphire Creek. We began the climb upwards through a dry forest of Black Peppermint, Stringy Bark and Wattle Trees. The walk was scattered with mysterious large granite rock formations and beautiful flora. We ascended onto Windy Ridge which is a very large slab of granite on which the amazing Cube Rock sits. Legend has it that Thylacines were commonly seen along this track. We lunched at the top with a light sprinkle of rain and mountain mist and then descended. Alex told us of The Dorset Dredge, a floating tin mine dredge just down the road, so we drove about 300m and walked a short distance along a disused road to view it. Another amazing treasure in the bush; thanks Alex for another fantastic day out!



Picturesque Little Blue Lake



The mysterious Cube Rock.

Due to the heavy rain expected for Wednesday 24th March, the walk was postponed to **Friday 26th March**. A lovely, sunny and calm morning greeted just four of us for a walk South from the MTB Hub carpark on Flagstaff Road, over Basin Creek and along forestry tracks through the regenerating ironbark forest that was logged in the 80's. Also known as the 'Two Quarries Walk', we visited both the active and the inactive quarries in the area.

The final walk for March was led by Brian on **Wednesday 31st March**. It went around the shore of Grants Lagoon starting at Reason Way, including the Binalong Bay beach, then returning to the cars on the same lagoon-side track.

St Helens Walking Group is part of Hub4Health and the Heart Foundation's efforts to encourage walking as a daily exercise to improve and maintain a healthy lifestyle. It's great fun and always refreshing, with as much or as little as you desire in learning and social opportunities. A variety of leaders within the group are very capable of leading each walk on an adventure within the allotted time frame along with providing interesting information and/or walking conditions for the track being taken. Residents and travellers in St Helens and surrounding districts are welcome to join in the walks. Have \$2.00 ready for the driver if you want to car-pool and be at Hub4Health in Portland Ct, St Helens by 8.50am on a Wednesday or on the 3rd Saturday of the month for a longer walk. (\$5.00 for carpooling on Saturday walks). For more information contact **Pam Bretz on 0439 547 529 or Alex Buchanan on 0428287753.**

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FISHING REPORT

By The Happy Hooker



The fishing reports over the Easter break were encouraging with the fishing all along the East coast beaches and estuaries telling of good catches of different species of fish taken on various methods. Out on the big blue yonder, there have been some good catches of flathead and some elusive tuna for those boaters who are willing to put in the time.

Recreational divers have also had a good time diving for a feed of scallops and crayfish along the coast line.

The trout season closes for brown trout waters on Sunday the 2nd of May, but some good quality fish have been caught from the highland lakes, with some lovely fish taken out of Bronte Lagoon by fishermen trolling lures. The trout will be now feeding hard to prepare for their annual spawning run. The local creeks and rivers all have water running in them from the recent rainfall. The trout will be able to run up these creeks, as their ancestors have done previously, to spawn and replenish the rivers for years to come, after the last few dry years. This year, unfortunately due to COVID -19 restrictions, the annual Liawenee Field Day the Inland fisheries host at the Liawenee Canal has been cancelled. This day shows off the stripping of trout eggs from the brown trout, as they run up the canal to spawn.

FISHING TRIPS

Wednesday the 30th of March; a quick trip was decided late in the afternoon, with the intention to catch a feed of fish for Good Friday's lunch. The surf rods were loaded and off to Four Mile Creek Beach for an evening of fishing and time spent with the family. We fished well after dark without any luck, but when all seemed lost and about to call it quits, one rod buckled over with the thought of a gummy shark on the line. It was very surprising to see a nice sized Trevally slapping up the beach. This was the first time I have caught a Trevally off the beach in many hours of beach fishing over the years; I guess that's what sometimes makes fishing challenging, and you never know what will be caught if you don't have a go.

On Sunday the 3rd and Monday the 4th of April, an overnight trip to Lake Leake was decided on, with the weather prediction of a calm morning on the Monday. Arrived after lunch on the Sunday, and the breeze dropped out around 4.00pm, so the decision was made to head out onto the lake for an evening session. We searched all over the lake, looking for feeding fish and fly life, but unfortunately both were very scarce. We found a calm area in Kalangadoo Bay with a small amount of fly life on the water, so we just sat there hoping for a fish to appear before dark and one did; a rainbow appeared for a late evening snack sucking down the fly life. This fish was working a beat, so the trap of two small black 'Klinkhammer' flies were sent into his feeding path, and like taking lollies off a baby, a green nose happily appeared over the fly, and then all hell broke out; the rainbow put on quite a show, with a few nice jumps before being netted and released for next year. Monday morning, out on the water with great expectation, but after searching all over the lake, a lack of any fly life meant that hardly any fish showed on the surface, and after a bit of a dummy spit, we loaded the boat and headed back home without casting a line for the morning. On leaving, we said our fishing goodbyes to the lake for the season, a season that has been a very productive at the lake this year, a challenging lake where you have to make the fishing technique change with the fish as they change their feeding habits and diets depending what food is on the table for the particular time of the year.



A black 'Klinkhammer' fly.

Friday the 16th of April saw a quick trip down to the Scamander River to see what was going on, after the recent rain resulted in a few bream and cocky salmon caught, but no bigger sized bream were boated; all fish were caught on soft plastics and vibe lures.

Winter is now on our door step and it's time to do those maintenance jobs to our gear; one job that is important is to remove my fly lines that I use for trout and give them a nice clean in warm water and use a mild cleaner then pull them through a clean cloth. For storage, I then loop the fly lines in big loops and hang them up in an old wardrobe for the winter. I find that some fly lines tend to develop a memory if left on a reel for too long time without use, and can result in a line of spirals when used months later.

Until next time, tight lines.



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11-11.30 am 11th & 25th May, 8th & 22nd June

weekly at St Helens Library 10.30-11.30 am alternate Tuesdays at Bicheno 10.30-11am

National Simultaneous Story Time session

Falmouth Playgroup 10.30-12.30pm 19th May featuring



Read Sing Create! Promotes the benefits that begin from birth from sharing music, songs rhymes and stories with children. We enjoy and respond to music, parents intrinsically use rocking rhythms and lullabies to soothe and calm babies, toddlers sway, move and clap to musical beats and young children love to repeat their favourite songs over and over.

Children can learn musical elements such as beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo and volume from nursery rhymes and simple songs. We hope to see you and your children at a session soon!

EAST COAST SWANS CLAIM VICTORY IN FIRST HOME GAME OF SEASON



Football was back with a bang on the coast, as a great crowd watched the East Coast Swans take on Perth at the St Helens oval on Saturday 17th April. Magnificent conditions greeted the players as they took to the field, with the Swans eager to consolidate their great start to the season, while Perth were keen to kickstart their own. The Swans' victory set up a much-anticipated encounter with long-time rivals Bridport, at the latter's ground on the 24th April.

FINAL SCORES: East Coast Swans: 21.19 (145) Perth: 1.8 (14)

Swans Goals: Child 4, Zammit 4, Marland 3, Upton 2, Robson 2, Tate, Callow, Seen, Stoltenberg, Mason, Omenihu

Swans Best: Upton, Seen, Goldfinch, Mason, Worker, Robson, Evans

In the **RESERVES** game, the scores were: East Coast Swans: 21.9 (135) Perth: 6.8 (44)

SWANS ON SONG AT BRIDPORT

The East Coast Swans continued their winning form on Saturday 24th April, with an impressive 55 point victory over old rivals Bridport. With ex-AFL player, Brett Staker in their ranks and with the support of a large crowd, the Bridport Seagulls were hoping a home victory would set up a place in the final 5. The Seagulls had no hesitation kicking with a strong wind to the sea end, but it was the unlikely figure of Nathan Worker who put the first on the board for the Swans. Bridport's first came through the consistent Jarrah Burns, and with Matthew Taylor also hitting the scoreboard, they were able to establish a 1 goal buffer at the first break, although the coaching staff would have been hoping for a much larger lead. Lewis Ritchie switched to full forward for the second term, with immediate effect for the coast boys, kicking his first major. Majak Miar began to dominate the centre ruck contests and received great support from the midfield quartet of Seen, Evans, Goldfinch and Omenihu. Nick Child also kicked majors for the Swans, and they headed to the half time break with a healthy 22 point buffer. The game was decided in the 3rd quarter as the stingy Swans defence held the Seagulls to just one goal, while adding 2 of their own against the wind. It was one-way traffic in the last stanza as the Swans piled on 6 more unanswered goals. Nick Child led the charge with a total of 4, while the visitors had 9 individual goalkickers in a very even team performance. The win sets up an epic encounter at Pyengana on May 1st, with two undefeated teams going head to head.



Will Stoltenberg going up for the mark in the seniors' game.

FINAL SCORES: East Coast Swans: 15.14 (104) Bridport: 7.7 (49)

SWANS GOALS: N. Child 4, S. Child 2, Seen 2, Ritchie 2, Worker, Tate, Stoltenberg, Calow, Faulkner

SWANS BEST: Goldfinch, Evans, Upton, Miar, Stoltenberg, N. Child, Faulkner, Seen

In the **RESERVES GAME**, the team held on for an incredible, heart stopping victory in the curtain raiser on Saturday. The Swans kicked with the strong wind in the first quarter, but failed to capitalize fully, only holding a 2 goal lead at the first break. Bridport were much more fluent when their turn came to kick with the wind in the second term, booting 5 goals of their own and holding the Swans goalless. The Swans needed a huge 3rd quarter to stay in the game, and nailed 4 goals to grab a meagre 2 point lead at the end of the term. Full forward Ned Hyland bagged another 4 goal haul, and he was aided by Brad Goodyer, who was clearly best afield, alongside the evergreen Heath "Zippy" Szcypka who belied his years and starred in the ruck. With Bridport kicking with the wind in the last stanza, the result seemed a formality, but the Seagulls had not bargained on the fitness and perseverance of the youthful Swans' side. The "Bay Boys" were able to kick the first of the quarter and then held on as their opponents kicked an agonizing 6 behinds. A series of towering marks in a row in the final minutes by 3 of the Swans young brigade emphasized the enthusiasm and talent with which coach Kodie Joseph now has to work. A great win.



Matt Lovell in action in the Reserves game against Bridport.

FINAL SCORES: East Coast Swans: 8.5 (53) Bridport: 6.12 (48)

SWANS GOALS: Hyland 4, Oakenfall 2, Oldham, Davern

SWANS BEST: Goodyer, Szcypka, Lovell, Tate, Chapple, Hyland

NEXT GAMES: 1 May East Coast V Lilydale (at Pyengana): 8 May Evandale V East Coast



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By Volun Tier



Welcome to another week at the club, busy again as the bowls season winds down and the colder weather sets in. Firstly to our club bowls games which have just concluded and congratulations to our winners;

Men's Singles: Ian Johnson, **Ladies Singles:** Bobby Harwood, **Men's Pairs:** John Clingo and Karl Balzar, **Ladies Pairs:** Danni Turner and Tamatha Grose, **Mixed Pairs:** Mark Carrick and Tamatha Grose.

It has been nice to see so much support as well around the rink, as the club games have evolved, with Peter Le Fevre and Julie Keane travelling from Goshen to watch the games, with at least two of them decided on extra ends. Great bowling everyone, and special thanks to Garry Laycock for putting the draws together, not only for club games but umpiring and doing the same for the East Coast Games as well.

Special mention to one of our club members in Ian Johnson, who is not well at present; the club wishes him a speedy recovery so we can see him back at the club and bowling again next season.

Our final bowls commitments are a midweek roll up and feed with the Cremorne Bowls Club on Wednesday 28th April and the Association Dinner with around 40 guests on Saturday, 1st May. Once again the catering crew and support staff called into action. On Saturday 8th May, Jun and Feng will be cooking up a storm at the Centre, with 36 booked already; should be a great evening, so hurry if you want to grab a seat, as we are limited with our numbers.

Coops will be back in the kitchen on 5th June; poster will be in the next issue, always a well-supported evening, due to the popularity of the Chef, so make sure you get in early for that one.

Just a diversion from our usual column, to make mention of the people who continue to drive on the grass horse track early of a morning. With the frosts now getting heavier, surely you can see the damage being done around the grass track, which is also part of our golf course. Our volunteers work so hard to keep the reserve looking nice for all users...

Members Draw: Last week Dean Squires; this week Rodney McGiveron. No collect, you must be there around 8.00pm on Friday night for the draw!

Footy Tipping: Sad to say, the Rugby converts are at it again, Jeff Matters cleaning up both nights last week.

Golf: Steady improvement in numbers saw Gary Maher and Rick Stillman tie on 15 Stableford points from Macca on 13, and Rodney McGiveron and newcomer Rick Hunt on 11. Nice to see Rodney "Topper" McGiveron back and enjoying his golf and all enjoyed the feed afterwards. At present, 11.00am on Sundays, just \$5.00 entry for golf and feed.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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