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BICHENO IS SWITCHING IT ON IN THE OFF SEASON

‘Bicheno Beams’ Laser Light Show is set to make the East Coast shine!

Every night from 19 August to 30 September at 6.45pm, the beautiful must-stay East Coast Tasmania town of Bicheno will host an awe-inspiring new FREE event, ‘Bicheno Beams’.

At this nightly FREE and family friendly event, visitors will witness a spectacular 15-minute laser light show presented in the skies above Bicheno, accompanied by specially curated music streamed to their devices via a free web app.

Bicheno Beams received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Recovery for Regional Tourism program, an initiative of the \$1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund.

Bicheno’s Destination Management Group has used the funds to make a long-term investment in the future of tourism in Bicheno. By purchasing the laser equipment, they’ve committed to turning Bicheno Beams into an unmissable annual winter event for the region.

“Our town has so much to offer visitors during these cooler months,” said Kyle Duffield of the Bicheno Destination Management Group. “The winter sunshine is always amazing and now the nights are set to shine too!”

Bicheno Beams will be on nightly at the Lions Park. Visitors are encouraged to come for two nights to see two different, alternating light shows.

Attendees at Bicheno Beams will be welcomed by a team of friendly local volunteers who will assist them to the viewing area and ensure COVID guidelines are followed.

- What:** Bicheno Beams Laser Light Show
- Where:** Bicheno Lions Park
- When:** Nightly 19 August - 30 September 2021
- Time:** 6:30pm COVID check-in for a 6:45pm - 7.00pm show
- Cost:** Free

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Editor, the Valley and East Coast Voice.

BREAK O'DAY RECEIVES GRANT TO TACKLE WEED PROBLEM

The Tasmanian Government and landholders are working in partnership to support 14 landscape-scale projects to tackle invasive weeds across the state.

As part of the Government's Weeds Action Fund, the latest Targeted Large Grants round will provide \$1.5 million to large-scale projects over three years, with landholders contributing the remainder to make the project worth a total of \$3.5 million.

Weeds Action Fund Chair Ian Sauer said the widespread interest is an encouraging step in the fight against weeds that have a detrimental impact on valuable agricultural and environmental assets.

"Through this round, we have seen an impressive co-investment of around 57 per cent, which will see extensive on-ground weed works across the Coal River Valley, Flinders Island, Ridgley through to Waratah, Sorrel down to the Tasman," said Mr Sauer. 14 projects have received grants in this round.

Break O'Day Council has been awarded a Tasmanian Weed Action Fund grant of \$21,530, for a project with two landholders to continue the eradication of serrated tussock grass, which is wide-spread throughout the municipality.

Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) is a grass native to South America, and is the worst perennial grass weed in Australia. It has adverse impacts on productivity and biodiversity. In a pasture it has no nutritional value; animals grazing on serrated tussock alone can die of malnutrition. It is a perennial (long-lived) tussock-forming grass with a deep root system. The leaves of serrated tussock feel rough (or serrated) if the finger and thumb are drawn down the blade. Flower stalks usually appear in spring, but may appear earlier in dry years and later in wetter years. A tussock in full flower presents a distinctly purple appearance due to the large number of purple florets. It is spread by wind, which breaks the seed-heads off and blows them against obstacles, where it releases the seed. It can also be carried on the fleece of sheep or in mud on the hooves of livestock and on implements, on vehicle tyres, and on firewood. The seed can lie dormant for up to 20 years.



Serrated Tussock grass is a widespread problem in Tasmania, and can be hard to recognize.

Serrated tussock is similar to several of Tasmania's native tussock grasses, and is frequently overlooked until it begins to flower, at which time it is easily recognisable. The project will bring 'Fonz' the sniffer dog (below) to Break O'Day municipality, to help make sure no serrated tussock plants have taken root unnoticed.

Herbicides can be used to spot spray serrated tussock grass. Individual plants are treated using a knapsack or spray unit with a handgun. Spot-spraying can be done on foot or from a vehicle, and needs to be done on a consistent basis, along with monitoring for new out-breaks. Two small infestations in Break O'Day have been contained and significantly reduced.

The project will run over three years and give municipal eradication a boost, making more years of follow-up vigilance and control much easier.

The project will be an important opportunity for all landholders in Break O'Day to check they don't have more serrated tussock grass they don't know about, and get it controlled. And a reminder about weed-hygiene and prevention of spread; the first step is to know about this weed and its identification. Biosecurity Tasmania's serrated tussock webpage is a good place to start, or contact Polly Buchhorn at: polly.buchhorn@bodc.tas.gov.au for further information, and if you are interested in assisting the project with searches.



Fonz has been trained to 'sniff-out' serrated tussock grass.

Backyard Bird Count - 18—24 October 2021

An annual citizen science event for anyone to count birds they see in their backyard, local park or any other outdoor area, and record this data using the Aussie Backyard Bird Count app or website. This year's count is on 18-24 October. See the website for more: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>.



FINGAL FOCUS

Contributed by Mike Brouder

Politicians and nappies must be changed often, and for the same reason....Mark Twain.

Before I started work with the Forestry Commission, I worked with the Agricultural Bank (which existed at that time), as a survey assistant, helping to drain the Montague Swamp in readiness for soldier settlers to start their farming life.

Labour was a problem at that time, and the majority of the workers were immigrants from various parts of war-torn Europe. Let me make it clear that I am a migrant too. There were Italians, Poles, Hungarians, Latvians.... it was a good learning curve for me. I was relatively innocent of worldly affairs, although I had experienced the London Blitz. That was a serious experience for me. Bombing is never shrugged off, but these men had been part of the subjugated peoples. One of the Polish workers had seen his father shot in front of the family because he was the Police Chief. This was extremely saddening, and I could understand why he was uneasy. It was still relatively raw, being only a few years past. A Hungarian came to Australia because his wife had been killed. I guess he wanted a chance for a new life. He was an angry man, but never became aggressive. He was also a boxer, and was very muscular and strong. I saw him lift a steel anvil waist high one day for a bet. Nobody wanted to argue with him. I seemed to get on with them all, some more so than others.

One of the Australians with whom I became friendly talked me into going for a ride on the rail trolley. These were propelled by a sort of pump action. We went to Redpa, a few miles away, - no kilometres in those days - and then back again. It was exhilarating and relieved boredom. A train brought supplies every other Friday. We got a lift on the train when it returned to Smithton. Some of the men in camp wanted (for wanted, read needed), to get away for a couple of days. For me, it was a weekend at home. It felt really good. A couple of times, when the season was right, the train ground to a halt on the way to Smithton, and the driver and the fireman got out to pick a prolific crop of mushrooms. We then set off again. Getting home for the weekend meant I could go to the Saturday night dance. These were held at the various townships in the Circular Head district. We looked forward to the delicious suppers supplied by the CWA. Some of the men from the Montague Swamp also went to the dances. While I didn't see any fights, I could see that they were not very welcome. It was very unfortunate, but there was deep suspicion of foreigners, especially migrants in those days, even more than there is today. I got on well with the Italians. Because there was some language similarity with some words, we could converse, kind of! I discovered that one of the Italians, Georgio, was once in the chorus of La Scala, the Milan opera house. La Scala is one of the great opera houses of the world. Georgio had been a Prisoner of War after his capture, and was held captive in France. Whilst he was captive, he learned a little French and also played football (soccer) for the local team. I found this very amusing; I still do. I was able to speak with Georgio through a mixture of schoolboy French and a bit of Latin which I had also learned a bit in school (kind of close to Italian). He would break into singing some aria or other which he had sung at La Scala. He was surprised when I would join in, not singing the aria but my "la, la, la," version of the melody. I guess I would never make it to any opera house chorus, but we enjoyed it anyway.

Once, when the Easter break was coming up, the kitchen team couldn't get it through to the migrant workers that we could take a short holiday. This was purely language problems. Finally, the cook called me into the kitchen and explained the problem. Eventually, one of the Italians mentioned the word 'Pascua'. I finally cottoned on to the word, and related it to the 'Paschal Feast' i.e. Easter. We all became relaxed when the problem was solved. The cook asked me a few more times if I could solve a misunderstanding when language got in the way. Generally the answer was pretty simple.

My time at Montague Swamp ended after a few months, when I found that I was losing a lot of weight working in water. Time to leave. It was a very worth while experience which I still enjoy to this day.

These actually happened in American Courts during cross-examination:

Lawyer: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse? **Witness:** No.

Lawyer: Did you check for breathing? **Witness:** No

Lawyer: So it was possible that the patient was alive when you started the autopsy? **Witness:** No

Lawyer: How can you be sure? **Witness:** Because his brain was sitting in a jar on my desk.

Lawyer: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless? **Witness:** Yes, it is possible he could have been alive and practising law!

Lawyer: Now Doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep he doesn't know until next morning?

Witness: Did you actually pass the bar examination?

As our beloved the late (very, very late) Queen Victoria once said, "I don't care what people do in their own homes as long as they don't do it on the street and frighten the horses."

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

EAST COAST VISITOR SITES GET A MAKEOVER

Next time you are travelling around the municipality, make sure you stop and check out the updated information sites; you might learn something new!

Affectionately referred to as 'Tourism Mushrooms', Break O'Day Council has updated three visitor information sites, including Fingal; outside the public toilets, St Marys; opposite the St Marys pub and Scamander; at the Scamander River Mouth.

The three sites now feature more relevant, up-to-date information, as well as some great images of the picturesque Break O'Day area.

Each site has five panels that feature information on

- Local history of the area
- What services you can find in the township
- A local street map
- Things to see and do in the township as well as the region
- A map of the north east of Tasmania
- QR codes that link to;
 - a map showing where and when you can take your dog on and off lead,
 - more tourism information as well as the local Council.



The updated Scamander tourist information site.



The Scamander site, due to its location near a threatened shore bird nesting area, also features information and pictures of these vulnerable shore birds, so that visitors can do their bit to protect and admire them. "We want to make it as easy as possible for people to explore our beautiful region," Mayor Mick Tucker said. "The information sites are now a lot more informative and also help point people to further information if they require it."

"We hope you all stop next time you are passing through and check out at least the local history, you may just learn something!"

'WINED' YOUR WAY DOWN THE GREAT EASTERN WINE TRAIL...

The Great Eastern Wine Week is returning in 2021 with nearly 50 food and wine events over 11 days starting on Friday 3rd September. It will enable both locals and visitors to experience the best in wine, food and scenery that the East Coast of Tasmania can offer. Events will be hosted by many of the region's food and wine providers, from St Helens to Orford, enabling visitors to meet the winemakers, the growers, the producers, and the people behind the wine.

Established at Freycinet Lodge as the Great Eastern Wine Weekend in 2015, it has become a major draw-card for interstate wine lovers, with local vineyards and restaurants, cafes and artisans benefiting from the boost to the economy in the off season, and providing excellent publicity for the area. The phenomenal success of 2021 led to it being extended this year to 10 days.

The Great Eastern Wine Trail Association, which incorporates all the winemakers in the region, was recently formed to oversee the coordination of the event, as well as promote the profile of the area and the collaboration between the vineyards and other local businesses. East Coast Tourism Tasmania supports the Association and the Festival.

All operators have COVID-safe plans in place, and these can be viewed on each host's website.

To find out where to go and what is happening during the Great Eastern Wine Week, go to:

eastcoasttasmania.com/great-eastern-wine-week .

Tickets are selling fast, so get online and make a booking for a great experience, then take a drive, and discover the East Coast's finest wines.



BRIDGING THE SCAMANDER: BRIDGE 8 - CONCRETE CONVENIENCE FOR MODERN TIMES

As the decades passed, the East Coast community grew accustomed to having a reliable bridge over the Scamander River. Floods came and went with no effect on the bridge. People gradually forgot the dramatic stories of past bridges, and just how special the successful 1935 bridge was.

As traffic increased in volume, and larger vehicles used Tasmanian roads, the inconvenience of load limitations and single lane bridge crossings became more significant. B-double trucks were first introduced to Australia in 1982, and by 1989, Tasmania was the only state that did not allow any B-double traffic. There was resistance from many groups around the country, but these vehicles were clearly becoming a part of Australia's transport network and would have influenced decisions about road infrastructure in Tasmania.

The decision to construct a new, double lane, concrete bridge was made, and the Department of Construction's Works Division began to build it in late 1989.



Aerial view of Bridge 8 under construction

The exact location of the bridge was based on the most suitable path for large vehicles, eliminating the tight curves in the road. The substructures are angled 25 degrees to the decking, so that they are parallel to flow. The 165m long bridge has five spans, each is about 30m long and has five precast concrete beams 1.55m deep. The deck is a reinforced concrete slab, made of one continuous 2 span and one 3 span section. Between them is an expansion joint.



The bridge's deck has four piers, and a deck with a two-span and a three-span section with an expansion join.

The northern end is built directly on rock, with the abutment supported by a spread footing, and the first pier by eight 970mm concrete-filled steel shell piles, which are socketed into the rock, 5 to 15m down. The southern abutment and remaining piers are supported by 52 concrete-filled steel shell piles 650mm in diameter. These are driven into sand at depths of up to 16 metres. More than 4000 tonnes of concrete, with a volume of 700 cubic metres, were used in the bridge's construction. To allow the concrete slabs to extend over the 30m spans without cracking, over 36 kilometres of steel cables called 'prestressing strands' are embedded in the precast beams.



The Scamander River opening as we know it - two bridges and a channel to the sea that is constantly moving. Photo by Garry Richardson.

The bridge was officially opened on 26 June 1991 by then Minister for Roads and Transport, the Honourable Judy Jackson, MHA. (Note – Judy is only the second woman to appear in this story, after Miss Mason, the passenger in the bus that drove off the punt who was rescued by a gentleman bystander! Perhaps one day Bridge 9 will be designed by a woman engineer?!) Bridge details are from Tasmania Transport Library's pamphlet 'Scamander River Bridge'.

'Bridging the Scamander – a most treacherous river' by the author Liese Fearrman was published in 2017 in the Tasmanian Historical Research Association's Papers and Proceedings, Vol. 64 August 2017. The newspaper that each piece of information in the story comes from is identified by the name, date and page of the paper in the publication.

Alex lives locally in Bicheno and is available to assist clients with all legal matters. Appointments are by arrangement in Swansea, Bicheno, St Marys and St Helens. With nearly 15 years' experience working as a Barrister & Solicitor in Tasmania and Western Australia, Alex is your local lawyer on the East Coast of Tasmania.



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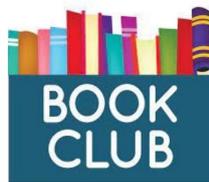
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Date: Wednesday 29th September 2021

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House
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RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN ASKS TASMANIANS TO LEND A HAND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Tasmanians are being asked to connect with their communities by doing something they love, as part of a campaign to recruit volunteers across Tasmania. The campaign is supported by the Tasmanian Government as part of its plan for recovery and rebuilding post-COVID, and to ensure Tasmanians continue to lend a hand to each other. Volunteering Tasmania CEO Dr Lisa Schimanski said the specific impact of COVID restrictions in March–June 2020 was sharp and profound.

“Many volunteers were encouraged to stay home and stop volunteering for COVID-related public health reasons, while other services usually delivered by volunteers were suspended or cancelled (for example, local sporting competitions),” Dr Schimanski said. “COVID restrictions, though relatively brief in Tasmania, shone a bright light on just how much Tasmanians appreciate being connected to each other, to our communities and to the activities we love. Those values - of connection, community and contribution - are what volunteering is all about. There is no requirement for volunteers to give more than they can and the best way to volunteer is to do something you love, and pass your enthusiasm and enjoyment onto others in our community.”

The multi-faceted recruitment campaign includes volunteer videos, TV, radio and online advertising, and showcases volunteers in our communities. The theme of the campaign is the spirit of connection that makes Tasmania and the people who live here special.

Tasmanians interested in lending a hand doing something they love are encouraged to contact Volunteering Tasmania by visiting volunteeringtas.org.au to find out more.



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SET IN STONE – THE DANIEL HERBERT SCULPTURE PRIZE

Set In Stone is a sculpture competition and exhibition that celebrates the traditional techniques and forms of sandstone carving. It is open to practiced sculptors and complete novices alike. In keeping with the work of Ross' traditional stonemasons, entries must be completed using only hand tools. Entries must also be worked from the stone block supplied by the competition. All entrants who deliver a work for exhibition will be in the running for the Daniel Herbert Sculpture Prize, which honours Herbert as the convict stonemason credited with the carvings on the Ross Bridge.

Set In Stone was conceived by respected Tasmanian sculptor Anita Denholm as a way of encouraging ordinary people to explore their creativity and 'have a go' at art. Anita's personal experience of having her creativity questioned, and finding art again 25 years later, inspires her to inspire others.



Image by Steve Robinson

"Art should be for everybody," says Anita. "Don't let anybody say you can't 'art.' 'Art' anyway. The people that carved the icons on the bridge, they were convicts, just everyday people. This is an art competition for everyday people, so they can just have a go."

The inaugural event in 2019 was a huge success, with people from all around the state, and of all skill levels, submitting their carved sandstone blocks. The event is back in 2021, and open to any Tasmanian resident aged 18 or over. The entry fee is \$50.00, and application forms can be down-loaded from the website or emailed. Applications opened on 9 August, and stone is now available for collection. Completed entries must be delivered by 12.00pm on Friday, 5 November. The exhibition opens that evening at the Tasmanian Wool Centre, running from 6th November until 5th December, with the announcement of the People's Choice taking place on the final day of the exhibition.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor of Set In Stone is encouraged to make contact.

For further information, please contact Margaret Young, at the Tasmanian Wool Centre, phone 6381 5466, or by email: info@taswoolcentre.com.au



Image by Steve Robinson



CERAMIC TABLEWARE WORKSHOP AT THE FARM SHED, BICHENO

Following the success of our previous ceramics workshop, we are delighted to announce another. Glazed & Confused will lead a handmade ceramic tableware workshop at The Farm Shed, Bicheno.

They will guide participants through the process of creating functional ceramic tableware while guests enjoy a homemade grazing table and some amazing East Coast wines.

Learn how to make your own unique tableware items using handbuilding techniques such as pinch pots, coiling and slab rolling, using Buff Raku, a beautifully textured dark brown clay that lends itself to handbuilding. The pieces will be taken away, glazed, fired and returned to The Farm Shed 4 weeks later.

Price includes the workshop, materials and grazing table. Wines are available by the glass or bottle, at additional cost. Seats are limited so as always, please get in touch early to secure your place.



WHAT: Handmade ceramics workshop

WHO: Glazed and Confused

WHEN: Sunday 12 September, 2-3.30pm

WHERE: The Farm Shed, 53A Burgess Street, Bicheno

HOW MUCH: \$75 per person



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'Black Boy Plains' or 'The Black Boy' means the general area where Mathinna now sits. From the flats at the opening of Black Horse Gully east of Mathinna down to the Mathinna Upper Esk Road is the area known as Reedy Marsh. The first alluvial gold rush happened at Black Horse Gully Creek. Mathinna was known as Black Boy and then the town was re-named Reedy Marsh Black Boy in 1871, until they changed the name to Mathinna. The area contains one of Tasmania's largest gold mines, the New Golden Gate, which had a total (historical) production of over 260,000 ounces (8 tonnes) of gold. As the 1890s gold rush to Tasmania's north-east gained momentum, Mathinna grew to be one of the island's largest towns.

The town of Mathinna was proclaimed on the 26th March 1872, in honour of Mathinna, the little Aborigine girl Lady Jane Franklin adopted until she was 8 years old. She was originally named 'Mary', and was born on Flinders Island in 1835, the daughter of the chief of the Lowreenne tribe. Being renamed when she was about 6, she was a companion to Eleanor Franklin. The Franklins had to leave Tasmania in 1843, and Mathinna died in 1852 by drowning. The name 'Mathinna' means 'Beautiful Gully' or 'Beautiful Valley'. There is also a mushroom named after Mathinna, 'Entoloma mathinnae', in the Agaric group; it is endemic to Tasmania and only found in the north-east and south-west.

In 1866, an old colonist George Lowe had built the first house in Black Boy. He was engaged in various pursuits, but mainly alluvial digging. Born in Middlesex, England in 1811, he arrived in Tasmania 1830, and died 1898. He was seen working in the garden a few weeks before he died.

The Governor, Thomas D Chapman approved a post office at Black Boy which opened on the 27th June 1870, and appointed Mr. John Reid as Postmaster. From the 30th June 1870, 'the mail to Blackboy will be closed at the general post office every Tuesday evening at 5.30pm and return mail will arrive at the general post office every Tuesday morning at 8am.'



Post Office, 1908.



Staff and students outside school, 1906.

On the 23rd May 1872, the Board of Education placed an advertisement in the Tasmanian Government Gazette for tenders to build a public school and a teacher's residence. Mr. Triptree won the tender, and completed the erection of a common school. On the evening of the 28th October, 1872, a tea meeting was held at the schoolhouse which was decorated with ferns and tables loaded with good things. In October 1941 the official opening of the new state school was opened by Mr Cosgrove, who stated that Tasmania was the first state to introduce area schools. Attending the opening were Mr G V Brooks, Director of Education, Mr V von Bertouch, District Inspector of

Schools, Major J M Taylor, Mr L Spur, Warden of the Fingal Municipality, Mr J M. Davies, the patron of Parents and Friends Association, Councillor K E McKenzie, Councillor A McKenzie and Inspector of Public Works Mr W Baille. On arrival, the official party were presented with buttonholes by Heather Vincent and speeches were made by Max Burt and Leila Reynolds. Mr N Lowery was appointed head teacher and the school building consisted of 2 rooms, 24ft by 21ft, a store room, office and large enclosed verandah. Mathinna Primary School closed in 1997.

By 1873 there were three hotels; the Black Boy Inn run by Josiah Turner, Caledonian Inn run by S Trail and Talbot Hotel run by John Trowbridge. Mathinna Hotel was built in 1875 by Mr Laughton, who was landlord for 11 years before Mr John Polley took over. The establishment catered for 14 visitors. By 1880 there was a butcher and 3 stores. By 1898, Mr Watson had set up a chemist and Dr Champ and his family arrived by August 1899. Between 1895 and 1903, there were 7 general stores, 2 butchers and a newsagency.



Turner's Grocery Shop and William's Bakery, 1904.

In the Walsh's Almanac 1864, it is written, "Leaving the bridge at Fingal and veering to the right, the road leads through part of the Malahide estate called the Black Boy Plains to Evercreech and Fonhill. Between the townships, a tributary of the Esk empties itself into the river from the north; in one of its branches at about 4 or 5 miles from the confluence, the beautiful and romantic 'Deverill Falls' have recently been discovered by Mr. George Deverill of Malahide. The fall is not very difficult to access after passing through the scrub and underwood on the steep side of the ravine in which it runs its course, the falls burst into view, tumbling a headlong leap of 100ft, when rushing rapidly over a cataract of boulders, it falls again 150ft into a rugged chasm and hurries along the channel to the river. George Deverill is the son of the late Colonel Deverill who commanded the 90th regiment before Sebastopol." Could this be Mathinna Falls?

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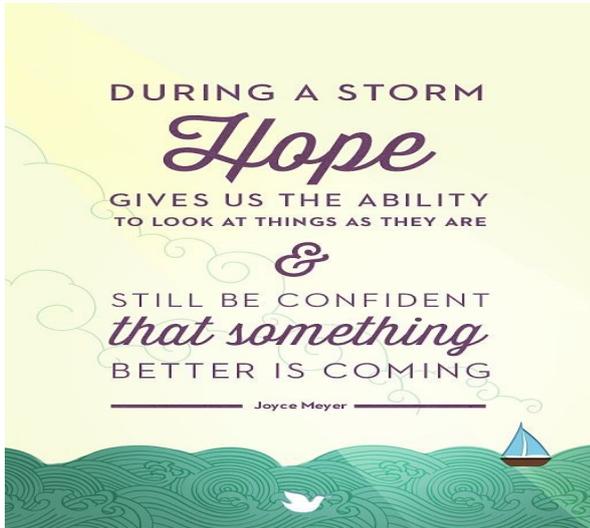
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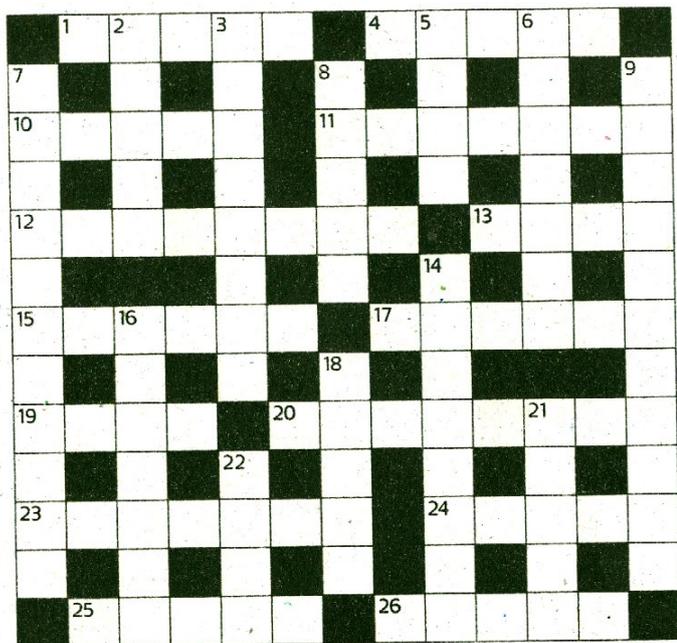
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- 15. Decapitate (6)
- 17. Out of order (6)
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- 20. Beauty product (8)
- 23. Fare coupons (7)
- 24. *The ___ Sanction*, film (5)
- 25. Tolerate (5)
- 26. Trivial (5)

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- 2. Arrangement (5)
- 3. Final (8)
- 5. Part of a shoe (4)
- 6. Early Russian satellite (7)
- 7. Likelihood (11)
- 8. Pastoral (5)
- 9. One of a pack! (7,4)
- 14. First showing (8)
- 16. Short back and sides! (7)
- 18. Freewheel (5)
- 21. Close-fitting (5)
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Unfortunately, the currawong liked sitting on her head, and a little imagination tells you why we don't want that...it would not be good for the fish, so no doubt Steve will come up with a deterrent. The polishing pads didn't arrive, so that's another job to look forward to.

I can't help but include a photo of shells Gaye gave me. They dangle around our mermaid, as a magpie sings her approval under the almond blossom.

More next time.

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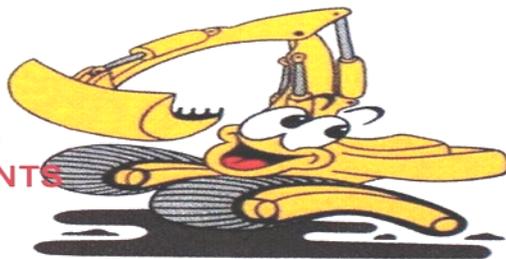
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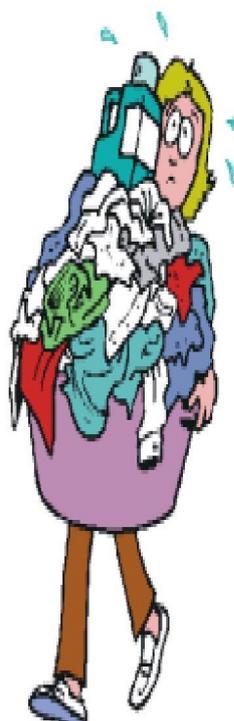
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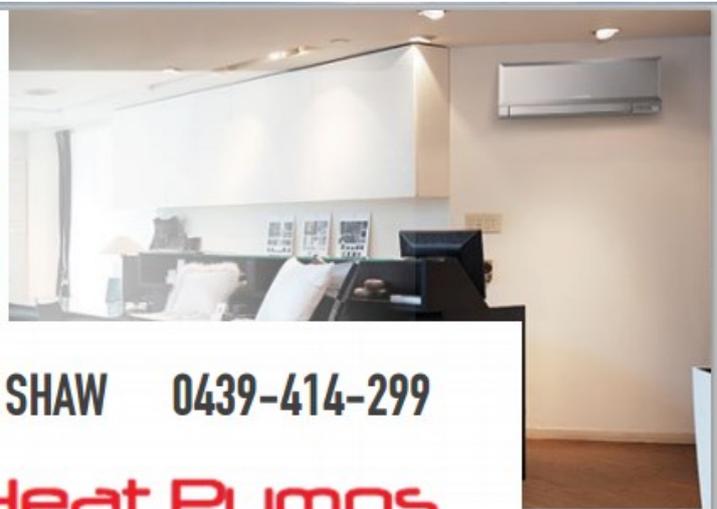
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What a terrible situation. I refer, of course, to the Afghanistan situation. Over the past few weeks we have been seeing the reality of a humanitarian event unfolding in front of our eyes, and it makes you wonder why twenty years of occupation in Afghanistan even happened. It's now an absolute bewilderment to millions of us. On the back of that, there would be 41 grieving families around our country, and a lot more than that in several other coalition countries, that numerous politicians would need to explain why they had to surrender, for eternity, their brave service men and women family members. In many ways it might remind us that we are slow learners. Similar situations took place in Korea and in Vietnam and Cambodia didn't they? Now Afghanistan.....

It seems to me that there might have been a better way, or at least a less destructive way, of sorting out the extremist arms of the Islamic controlling groups like ISIS and the Taliban. Ironically, the Taliban despises ISIS, according to recent media reports. Whether that is entirely accurate I don't know, but if it is, I wonder what would have happened if we'd approached all this in a totally different way twenty years ago.

Caught in the crossfire - quite literally - of all this are the millions of moderate and peaceful Afghan people, who now face a very uncertain future. They also face implementation of Sharia Law it seems. The Taliban quite openly have said that democracy of any type is not going to happen once they form the new government in coming weeks, and Sharia Law is to return. For us democratic folk, Sharia Law seems barbaric and backward, and it is by any standard we hold dear. It is very unclear, too, with Sharia Law in mind, how the Afghan women-folk will fare for the same reasons. Now that the years of coalition influence are finishing, there is a generation of young Afghanis that have seen an equality for women that may well be lost, but will still be yearned for, I'd suggest. Already young Afghan men and women have protested openly in the streets about Sharia Law return. They are brave people at obvious risk of severe harm.

That is truly the saddest thing for many of us, should the new regime return to previous times; how many of those same brave people will pay the ultimate price if they feel compelled to defy the Taliban. It makes you hope that somehow there are enough people who will, at some time, overpower Taliban rulers or alternatively, there are enough good Taliban that will come to the forefront and encourage a more moderate approach. Well-known and respected Australian journalist Stan Grant recently reported this very thing. He said that actually within the Taliban there are two distinct branches; the hard-line side and what's known as the moderates. There is some hope apparently, according to Grant's report, that the moderate influence will be more pronounced now that Afghanis have experienced a more peaceful and less fearful life while coalition forces were in the country.

Maybe all hope of a life in Afghanistan for those who fear hard-line Taliban rule can be tempered by a more influential moderate component under the new 'government'. Only time will tell, and in the meantime, unfortunately, we can only wait and watch, and indeed hope for a less violent and extreme outcome for Afghanis, who have no choice now but to stay and make a future for the country.

What do you think....especially any with Afghan or similar heritage?



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www.ndh.org.au

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1800 858 858

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www.anglicare-tas.org.au/financial-counselling

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<https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON YOUR HEALTH CARE

We all know how tough it can be to make a GP booking or access the medical care you need, especially for Tasmanians living outside the big cities.

The acute GP shortage across Lyons will now be subject to a Senate Inquiry. Labor called for the inquiry in a bid to investigate the critical lack of doctors across outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australia.

Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell MP welcomed the inquiry as “great news for the people of Lyons”.

“Our primary health network is in crisis. Too many people are being forced to wait weeks to see a GP - if they can see a GP at all. And the problem is only getting worse,” he said. “COVID-19 has highlighted the holes and gaps in our health care system, and none are more obvious than the shortage of GPs and other health services across Lyons. But this issue isn’t new, people living in Lyons have been battling a critical lack of GPs for far too long.”

“This inquiry will investigate why regions are particularly affected by a lack of GPs and put recommendations to the Government. The only reason this Labor inquiry is necessary is because the Liberal Government has dropped the ball for eight long years.”

The Senate Inquiry will examine the Government’s current classification system, the stronger Rural Health Strategy, GP training reforms, and the effects of the Medicare rebate freeze. The Inquiry will also assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on doctor shortages in outer metropolitan, rural, and regional Australia.

“Thank you to the GPs who have been working tirelessly to support our communities and who also took time to meet with me and outline the issues affecting their practices and raise their concerns,” Mr Mitchell said.

You can make a submission to the inquiry here. https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/OnlineSubmission

Alternatively, you can contact my Tasmanian Federal Labor Colleagues Senator Anne Urquhart and Senator Catryna Bilyk. Both are members of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee overseeing this inquiry, and will be very happy to assist you.

Brian Mitchell MHR, Federal Labor Member for Lyons



Share your experience/feedback on regional, rural or outer-metro health care. Make a difference!

Contact our Senators on the Community Affairs References Committee

Submissions due 30 September 2021

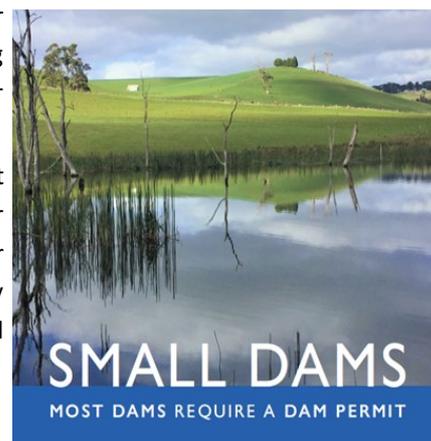
DAM PERMITS AND TEMPORARY WATER ALLOCATIONS

The Operations Branch (Water) of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment recently put a call out regarding increasing cases of small dams being built without permits, and the need to have permits for temporary extraction of water from waterways (for road construction, for example).

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(Information and image from NRM bulletin)



St Marys Community Health Centre

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CHANGES TO ENTERING THE ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

- Please be aware COVID rules still apply.
- The St Marys Health Centre is required to screen in **ALL** persons entering the site.
- On arrival at the Centre press the intercom bell at the entry door where a staff member will assist you to complete a Department of Health Screening on entry.
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- It is compulsory for the community and visitors to the Centre to wear a face mask on entry to the facility. Mask will be supplied at the door. **NO MASK NO ENTRY.**
- Mask wearing is now mandatory across all Tasmanian Health Sites.
- **VERBAL ABUSE TO STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** you may be asked to leave the building.
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Thank you for your cooperation.

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On Thursday 26/8/21 the St Marys Social Club donated funds to the St Marys Day Centre for ongoing activities at our weekly Respite Centre, which is located in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The St Marys Day Centre is a self-sustaining Day Centre, with funds raised from craft sales, a small op shop, trade table and raffles helping us generate our funds.

COVID times have hit us hard as we have restrictions now around our communal op shop and trade table and with limited opportunities to get our crafts out for sale.

Your donation to our weekly group will be spent on purchasing resources for our ongoing activities. We sincerely thank you for your donation.

DOCTORS ROSTER

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

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

<u>Dr C. Latt</u>	<u>Dr R. Newton</u>
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INR tests require a 5 minute doctors consultation – please inform reception when booking.

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

Please report to reception upon arrival or we don't know you are here. The consultant you are here to see will be told and they will come and collect you from the reception area.

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Scripts and Doctors Appointments

There is currently a 2-week waiting period to get a doctor's appointment.

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

We are not able to issue scripts during the weekends; please ensure you have enough medication in advance.

Scripts by phone still require a GP appointment.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccines are available at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Please phone 6387 5555 and make an appointment today

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

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

NON-URGENT BLOODS

If you require non-urgent bloods to be taken, please present at the nurse's station between

8:30am until 12 midday Monday-Friday.

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

CTST - Community Transport Services Tasmania

Phone: 1800 781 033 for bookings.

St Marys General Practice reminder

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

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

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- ◆ Requested medical reports
- ◆ Insurance medicals
- ◆ Harness medicals
- ◆ Pre-employment checks

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

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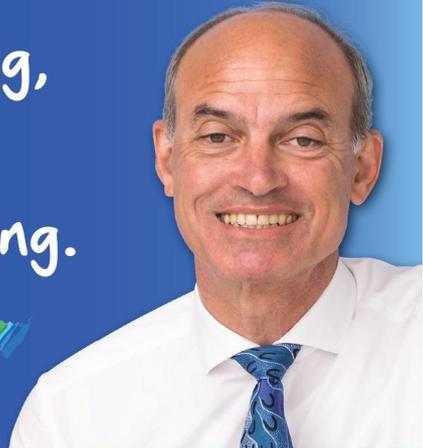
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5 MINUTES WITH THE MAYOR



Mayor Mick Tucker – punching above his weight.

All of the community of Break O'Day would know how vocal an advocate for the area our Mayor is, but did you know that just like Mick sometimes likes to say, he punches above his weight when it comes to representing not just our area, but regional areas of Tasmania?

Mick is currently serving his third term on the General Management Committee (GMC) of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, where he was voted Vice President. The position of Vice President is voted on by the fellow GMC members who are other Tasmanian mayors, which shows a respect and confidence in his skills and capacity to fight for the sector.

The role of the GMC is to provide leadership for the sector and focus on implementation of strategy and policy to influence the Tasmanian and Federal Governments whilst ensuring the voice of Tasmanian Local Government is heard.

With his appointment as Vice President on the GMC Mick also takes on the role of a board member of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). ALGA is the national Local Government Association whose role is to provide a voice for all 537 council's across the country on a national stage. Each state and territory has two representatives on the board.

One of the roles of the GMC position is to also sit on the Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC). This means that our Mayor has regular opportunity to discuss the needs of not just our region but other regional LG areas across the state.

This is a very important role as it ensures that the views and priorities of small, regional areas are heard when policy decisions are made, and it shows that our Mayor, Mick Tucker, cares not just about Break O'Day, but that what matters to all of Tasmania is just as important to him.

EAST COAST HOSTS FINAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

Saturday 11th of September sees the East Coast Motocross Club hosting the fifth and final round of the Tasmanian State Round Series, which is being held at the Bar 20 track at Goshen. Riders of all ages have been competing since early in the year, and will be hoping to have a successful day and bring home a cherished State Title.

Local Scamander riders Jack Cropp (717) and Brodie Faulkner (756), from team Broack Racing, have been competing in Victoria, as well as doing all the Tasmanian rounds, and will be hoping to bring home a title on their 65cc and 85cc Husqvarna machines. Other local riders to watch include Joel Howe and Bayliss Sawyers.

Riders will be on track from 8.00am for practice followed by 3 rounds of racing during the day. The trophy presentation and dinner will take place later that night at Bayside Inn St Helens.

Spectators are most welcome on the day, so come out and support all the riders and support our local motocross club. The canteen will be operating with lots of choices on offer. Entry for the day is only \$5.00.

Don't forget we still have a few ride park days still to come later in the year; check out the Facebook page for details and dates.

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UNDER 14 BOYS

The under 14's took on Launceston in the Preliminary Final at Scottsdale on **Sunday 22nd August**.

At the end of the first quarter, they were in the lead by a goal, with the score being Swans 1. 1 (7) - Launceston 0.1 (1)

In the 2nd and 3rd quarters, Launceston came out fighting and meant business, with the score seeing Launceston in the lead by 7 at the beginning of the last quarter; Launceston 2. 5 (17) - East Coast Swans 1. 4 (10).

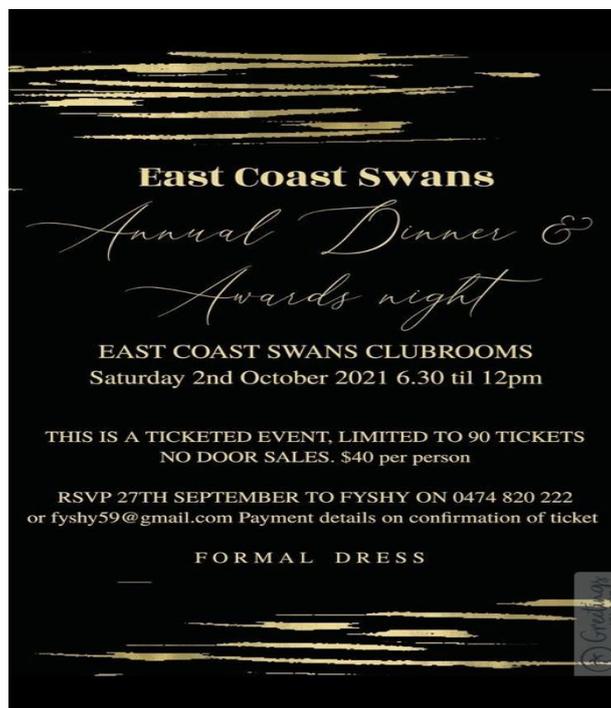
In the last quarter, East Coast boys were being run all over, with Launceston coming away with the win and into the grand final against Prospect on Sunday 29 August.

RESULTS: Launceston 4.8 (32) defeated East Coast Swans 1.4 (10)

SWANS GOALS: Mitchell Calow.

SWANS BEST: Tysen Gamble, Ashton Gillies, Owen Hilton, Max Tolley, Lachie Woods and Tas Watts.

East Coast Swans Junior Awards Presentation will be held on Saturday 11th September. Check out the next issue to see the winners.



East Coast Swans Annual Ball

The East Coast Swans held their annual ball on Saturday 17th July, at the Wharf Bar and Kitchen. It was a great night for all attending, with gents and ladies alike dressed to kill. Assistant coach Clint Robson thanked all those present for their attendance and encouraged everyone to get behind the club, and assist in the many roles which have to be filled. Trent Hayes was the runaway winner of the best bow tie of the night, with a magnificent orange creation which drew gasps of admiration and envy.



Trent and Claire Hayes



Club President Stephen Walley, Assistant Coach Clinton Robson and Wendy and Nigel Smith.



Sam Child and Samantha Child.

SWANS SOLDIER ON



The East Coast Swans battled its way to a fourth consecutive preliminary final, with a gritty 10-point win over Old Scotch on Saturday 22nd August. The early stages of the first quarter were even and the teams traded goals, but it was Scotch who looked more dangerous in attack. John McKenzie was a powerhouse in the middle for the Thistles, receiving great support from some of his speedy younger players such as Gee. Adam Marland threw himself into the fray as always for the Swans, and Lewis Ritchie was his reliable self in defense for his team. With three opening quarter goals, the Thistles had established a handy 11-point lead at the first break, in conditions which made every goal vitally important. John McKenzie continued to wreak havoc in the early moments of the second term, kicking his first major, with his team threatening to blow the game open. A clever goal from the pocket by Zammit, followed by another from the strong-marking Cannon, reduced the deficit to manageable proportions for the Swans, as they began to get the game back on even terms. Will Stoltenberg in defense for East Coast was magnificent, continually denying Scotch's attempts to breach the Swans backline. Younger players, Baldwin, Graham and Breen also had important moments for the Swans, as their team squared the quarter, with two goals being scored by each team. Swans' coach, Gene Savage, threw caution to the wind in the third term, throwing Ritchie into the forward half along with Cannon, while freeing up Nick Child to play further up the field. The move had immediate effect, as Cannon kicked his second and the Swans were able to wrest the momentum in their favour. Majak Miar dominated the ruck contests as his midfielders continued to grind away, finding plenty of the ball and continually pounding the ball into attack. When Evans and Haley found the big opening, it was 3 in a row for the Swans, as their large contingent of supporters began to find plenty of voice, with their team holding a 9-point lead at the last break. Aaron Seen played a magnificent final term for the 'Bay Boys', kicking two long-range goals for his team. With a sniff of a preliminary final, the Swans lifted their tackling pressure in the latter stages of the match, continually repelling Thistle's attacks. Upton, Faulkner, Goldfinch and particularly Robson showed cool heads late in the game, not allowing the game to slip through their fingers, as the Swans held on for a memorable victory. The Swans now play in the preliminary final against Old Launcestonians.

FINAL SCORES: East Coast Swans: 8.13 (61) Old Scotch: 7.9 (51)

SWANS GOALS: Cannon 2, Evans 2, Seen 2, Haley, S Child.

SWANS BEST: Miar, Seen, Stoltenberg, Haley, Upton, Evans, Cannon, Marland.

FINALS BLUES FOR SWANS

A Tom Chugg goalkicking masterclass in last Saturday's preliminary final squashed the East Coast Swans' hopes of finals glory. With an incredible 7-goal haul in the first half alone, Chugg single-handedly put the game out of the Swans' reach. The East Coast boys had early chances, but once again inaccurate kicking did not allow them to put any scoreboard pressure on the Blues. In the first term, the Swans' midfield worked hard, but found it difficult to find consistent connection with their forwards, while at the other end, Chugg marked everything which was in the George Town postcode. Spohn was an excellent defender for the Blues, and he had plenty of assistance from teammates such as Fraser, Sciulli and Power. By the long break, the Blues had established a seemingly unassailable 46-point lead, as the Swans' brains trust desperately tried to find answers to the onslaught. The third term saw some positional changes from the 'Bay Boys'. Zammit to full forward was immediately productive, as the burly Swan promptly kicked the first two goals of the quarter, and Shaun Cannon began to curb the brilliance of Chugg. Interchange player Jarrod Mason caught the eye, with an excellent performance either on the wing or when he was swung to the forward line - his high marking is something for Swans' supporters to look forward to in the future. Although the Swans made some inroads into the Blues lead, by the last break they still faced a 32 point deficit. Once again the Swans outscored the Blues in the last quarter, but it was a gap too far to bridge. Nick Child took his tally to 3 for the day, while Zammit booted 5 in a losing side. Cam Upton was magnificent for the Swans all day, and big Will Stoltenberg never stopped trying, but it was the Old Launcestonians outfit which had all the answers and ran out 23 point winners. Tom Chugg was a unanimous choice as best afield as he ended the game with a sensational 9 goals. A sour note for the Blues was the significant knee injury suffered by their gun recruit Jay Schultz in the third quarter, which looks certain to end his finals campaign and probably a great career.

Good luck to both teams in this week's grand final.

FINAL SCORES: Old Launcestonians: 15.8 (98) East Coast Swans: 10.15 (75)

SWANS GOALS: Zammit 5, N Child 3, Mason, Seen.

SWANS BEST: Upton, Seen, Marland (until injured), Cannon, Zammit, Miar, Mason, Stoltenberg.



ST HELENS NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Game Results, Rounds 14 and 15

Round 14

Round 15

Division 3 Bay of Fires (21) defeated Surfside (8)
Georges Bay (19) defeated Clovers (10)

Division 3 Bay of Fires (27) defeated Georges Bay (18)
Surfside (12) defeated Clovers (4)

Division 2: Bay of Fires (38) defeated Surfside (22)
Georges Bay (56) defeated Clovers (8)

Division 2: Surfside/Clovers (16) defeated Clovers (14)
Georges Bay (45) defeated Bay of Fires (25)

Reserves : Bay of Fires (38) defeated Surfside (17)
Georges Bay (51) defeated Clovers (15)

Reserves : Bay of Fires (41) defeated Georges Bay (23)
Surfside (39) defeated Clovers (14)

Division 1: Surfside (26) defeated Bay of Fires (22)
Georges Bay (43) defeated Clovers (27)

Division 1: Bay of Fires (24) defeated Georges Bay (17)
Surfside (41) defeated Clovers (37)

LADDER (as at 1st September)

<u>Division 1</u>		<u>Reserves</u>		<u>Division 2</u>		<u>Division 3</u>	
Surfside	49	Bay of Fires	52	Georges Bay	56	Bay of Fires	53
Bay of Fires	48	Georges Bay	48	Bay of Fires	46	Surfside	43
Georges Bay	40	Surfside	36	Clovers	30	Georges Bay	43
Clovers	31	Clovers	30	Surfside/Clovers	28	Clovers	29

FINALS

The finals begin with the Semi Finals being played this Friday 3rd September, followed by the Preliminary finals on Friday, 10th September, and the Grand Final being played on Friday 17th September.

THANK YOU!

We wouldn't be able to play if we didn't have the other people we need, to officiate, and we value our umpires for their voluntary work.

Mother Linda and daughter Megan Smithurst have been a part of the association for many years now. We thank them very much for their commitment, and appreciate their input to our Association games.

We would also like to thank all the other umpires, who play a vital part of our games.





ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE

By Volun Tier



Just when you think things will slow down, it only get busier at the Club! Last fortnight saw the Crib pairs championship, with entrants playing for a bonus prize, and after many preliminary games, Chris Davern and Ian Johnson took on Jason Mitchell and Cookie in the final, the latter coming out victors on the night. Nice to see so many about, and also good to see Cookie enjoying his cards again; yes, a win sure makes a difference. This Friday we are back to a euchre night, with all entry going back to the participants. Be there about 6.30pm to register for a game.

We also had Coops in the kitchen doing the meats for the wonderful mains, and Alain and his sister Micheline making the beautiful desserts; listening to the comments around the room, they went down a treat. The night was well and truly enjoyed by all who attended and what a fun evening it turned out to be, such a great meal enjoyed by 53 people on the night. Big thanks to all our helpers, especially those who dished up and carried the plates; what a wonderful job. Also thanks to Bradley McDonald for his efforts in gaining some meats and Cookie for a wonderful prize for the end-of-the-night raffle. It was also nice to see Tony and Bronwyn out for the evening as first-time diners at the Centre; good to see them away from their natural habitat and enjoying their evening. Our next meal will be 'Max to the Max', poster below; please book early as we are getting close to our COVID numbers every meal night. Max has organized a wonderful spread, so come along and enjoy it with us.

Our new club membership numbers have increased to 16 as we go to print, great news again for the Club, some new golfers and bowlers in those numbers as well, very heartening indeed. Our next big day of sport will be a Night Golf evening, commencing at 3.00pm on Saturday 2nd October; this is just about booked out already, so be quick, advertisement is on the club's Facebook page. I have also noticed in recent times, some people coming over to the clubroom and being surprized at the facility and what it can offer; some of these folk are our locals. We are just over the road; if you wish, pop over and see what everyone is talking about, and enjoy some good company and a quiet drink; be great to see you there.

Members Draw: Jim Rankin and Dean Squires, to collect. Keep telling everyone to be there for Happy Hour commencing at 6.30pm to be in the draw.

Footy Tipping: Old stager Trevor got the big cash last Friday, hope it doesn't interfere with his pension payment, and this week Mark Carrick, enough for a couple of rounds. Oh, Tamatha back working in the shop this week, no tipping money.

Golf: Well, an interesting couple of weeks with a mystery pairs format last week, Speed and Rodney 34 points, from Peter and Macca, 31 points. No nearest the pin, no one hit the green. This week Peter and Macca tied on 20 stableford points, - great round fellows, - from Rodney on 13 and Speed on 12. Macca hasn't seen those scores since he marked other people's cards... nearest the pin was Speed, and a well-earned drink.

Be there at 11.00am on Saturday for a hit and a feed for just \$5.00.

Oh, by the way, crows 16, Christians nil.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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