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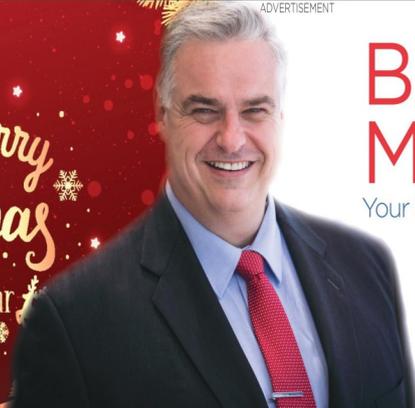
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Email me at: valleyvoice@fvnh.org.au  
 Elizabeth, Editor, The Valley and East Coast Voice.

### FROM THE EDITOR

As the year draws to a close, it feels like it's time to stop and reflect on the year that is nearly over. 2021 has been a year with many challenges for Tasmania, and we are fortunate that COVID-19 has been well-controlled and not been as big a part of our lives as it has been in other states. Throughout the year, the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House has been a dependable place of support, friendship and community, being there to enable a number of agencies to provide services for the people of the area. For some people, it is the first place they turn to when troubled, and I am proud to be associated with this organization, which is centred on a building that has stood in the main street of Fingal since 1856. Since the renovations which enable the whole building to be used were completed, FVNH has expanded it's role, and more people are entering the door, looking for someone who can help them, someone to talk to, or to see a part of the history of Fingal in a new role, which is still in accord with its origins.

I hope that The Valley and East Coast Voice has played it's part in connecting and supporting people in our circulation area during this year. Each fortnight, a new issue appears in the shops, but it doesn't just materialize; each team member fulfills their role, and a new copy is ready for readers to enjoy, so once again, there are people I would like to thank for their part in producing and distributing The Valley and East Coast Voice.

Firstly, around 17 people regularly send me their columns. Mike B, Macca, Rodney, Hayley, Kirsten, Rauni, Eileen, Peggy, Pam, Kym, Mick, Bloomin' Iris, The Happy Hooker, Nigel, Dorothy, Andrew and Tanya; thank you for the effort you put in to give The Valley and East Coast Voice its local flavor.

Thank you also to the businesses who sell our newspaper, and to the businesses and organizations who advertise in our issues.

Mike, Keri, Louisa, Regina, Gary and Shirley are the other members of The Valley and East Coast Voice team, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart for their assistance this year. And I can never thank my husband, Shane, for all the support he gives me; I would not be able to do the job I do without the support and encouragement I receive from all these people.

The last people I must thank are you who read each issue. You are the reason that this publication exists.

I hope that Christmas is a time of joy and peace for you and your family, and I look forward to continuing to bring you news, views and pictures of what is happening in The Fingal Valley in 2022.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! MAY 2022 BE A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

Elizabeth, Editor.



What a WONDERFUL year at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Play Centre. We had great fun exploring, investigating, discovering, learning, developing friendships and blossoming. We have loved playing outside in our new mud pie kitchen. One of our favourite games to play is "What's the Time Mr Wolf". Conducting science experiments has been a blast. We love to paint, construct, draw, dig, rest and eat a healthy morning tea.

We are happy busy bees.

From everyone at Play Centre we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.



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 8:00pm (*Triduum – Shorter form for Novena Masses*)  
 In preparation for Christmas.

**Friday December 24 2021 - CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 6:00pm - St Mary of the Assumption and St Boniface's Church, St Marys.  
 8:30 pm - St Helen and St Stanislau's Church, St Helens.

**Saturday December 25 2021 - CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9:00am - Bicheno Community Hall, Bicheno  
 6:00pm - St Helen and St Stanislau's Church, St Helens

**Sunday December 26 2021 - (Holy Family)**  
 9:00am - St Mary of the Assumption and St Boniface's Church, St Marys  
 11:00am - St Joseph's Church, Fingal  
 4:00pm - St Helen and St Stanislau's Church, St Helens

**Friday December 31 2021 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 8:00pm - St Helen and St Stanislau's Church, St Helens

**Saturday January 1 2022 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
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Happy holidays from Libraries Tasmania!

What a year it has been. We hope you enjoy the festivities.

In anticipation of the holiday break, our libraries will all be closed by 5:00 pm (with some libraries closing earlier) on 24 December.

Check in with your local library to confirm opening hours during this period.

All public libraries around the state will be closed on:

- Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December
- Monday 27 December
- Boxing Day, Tuesday 28 December
- New Year's Day, Monday 3 January

The following libraries will be open from 29 to 31 December:

- Burnie Library
- Devonport Library
- Glenorchy Library
- Hobart Library
- Kingston Library
- Launceston Library
- Rosny Library
- The State Library and Archive Service

All other libraries, including **ST MARYS** and **ST HELENS** will be closed from 25 December 2021 to 3 January 2022.



# Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House INC

Old Tasmanian Hotel  
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Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2022!

FVNH office will be closed from the 17 December and re-open on the 10 January 2022, noting that the Grocery Sales will continue throughout the holiday period with us being closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Loaves and Fishes will be available on the 23 December 2021 as normal, and first collection next year will be available on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Fingal Online Access Centre will close on the 23 December and re-open on the 4 January 2022.



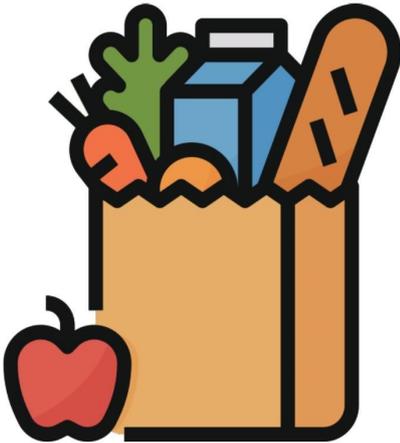
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**Saturday and Sunday 8am - 10am**

**CLOSED: Christmas and New Years Day**

Due to the closure of the Hayshed Supermarket, Fingal, the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, with support from CnD IGA, St Marys will be selling basic groceries including bread, milk and newspapers from 22 December. We will also offer a grocery order and medication service so customers can place essential orders before Christmas.

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House would like to express its sincere thanks to CnD IGA for their support of the community.

Thank you to John and Barbara for their support for the past 15 years.



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## ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TIP SHOP 2021

As 2021 draws to a close, we reflect on the success of the Tip Shop. This has been made possible by the generosity of Tip Shop customers dropping off household goods no longer needed and/or purchasing these goods to repurpose, reuse and recycle. Most importantly, these goods have been saved from landfill.

All funds raised have contributed to St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary purchases for the Community Hospital that will improve patient comfort.

A big thankyou to the Tip Shop volunteers who have devoted many hours to sorting and selling goods while sharing ideas for projects to upcycle goods.

The Tip Shop will be open usual hours over the holiday period:

Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am - 3.45pm

Sunday 2.00pm - 4.45pm

Check out the 'St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary Tip Shop' Facebook page.

*We wish all our valued customers a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2022. You are always welcome at the Tip Shop.*



Whatever you are looking for, you might just find it at St Marys Tip Shop!

### KELLY THE HAIRDRESSER

@ Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House

Kelly would like to advise that she will be available for appointments on MONDAYS from Monday 17th January 2022.

Please phone 0407 549 678 for appointments.



**Kelly wishes all of her clients a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful 2022.**

## FRIENDS OF FOUR MILE CREEK INC. (FOFMC)

### Community Training Session

Inc. No: IA09978

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FOUR MILE CREEK  
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FOFMC, in collaboration with SLS Scamander, are providing a free basic first aid and surf rescue techniques awareness training session. Come along and discover the local 'lifesaving station', learn how to use our new surf rescue tube and brush up on basic first aid.

**What:** First Aid and Surf Rescue Techniques Awareness Training

**When:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Where:** Meeting Point the 'Lifesaving Station' - 18 Four Mile Creek Road

**Who:** Four Mile Creek Community Members - all ages welcome (children to be accompanied by an adult)

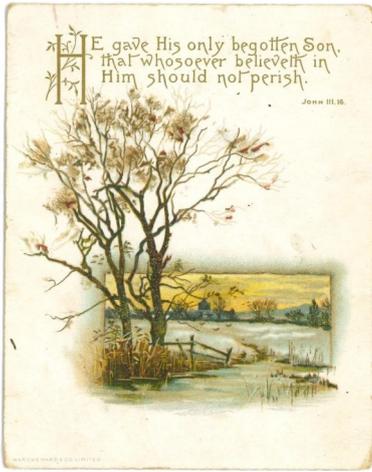
**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Trainer:** Emma Attard, Scamander Surf Life Saving Club

**Participation Certificate:** Awarded for non-accredited awareness training covering basic first aid and surf rescue techniques

**Enquiries:** Amanda Rossi, 0419 440 946





## GIFTS FROM TWO WORLDS

"We're ready, Mother," eight excited children called in unison. Mary Newman smiled as she took a much-earned break from her extensive cooking. Now she was to perform her favourite Christmas Eve task - judging her children's decorated Christmas trees. Each child stood proudly beside their own special peppermint gum sapling tied to their own personal verandah post. Each tree was decorated with wild flowers - native violets, trigger plants, everlasting daisies and shivery grass. Appearing critical, Mary carefully inspected and commented on each tree. She finally paused to declare the winner. Just as she did every year, she smiled and said, "My dear children, all the trees are equally beautiful, just like their owners, therefore I declare all 8 equal winners." She reached into her apron pocket, giving each child their reward - a bag of her special home-made butterscotch.

Resuming her domestic duties, Mary reflected on past Christmases. Soon she was no longer Mary Newman, wife of Jack, living on their farm at Richardson's Road, St Marys, or mother of Elsie, Doris, Clarrice, Frank, Linda, Gwen, Tom and Phyllis. Her reminiscing transported her back to when she was Mary Dakin, living with her family at Falmouth. One Christmas was particularly special. That year, she was the instigator of tying gums saplings to the verandah posts of her childhood home...

### December 1886

"Time to go, Mary Maria," William Boyd Dakin announced as he hoisted his 7 year-old daughter into the saddle of the waiting horse. Tying their supplies onto the saddle, he feigned buckling knees when he lifted Mary's satchel. "Whatever do you have in here?" he puffed. "Why Father, you know I'm taking shells and sand to show the children at school. You told me most of them have never seen real shells or felt sand; and besides, they are gifts for the Mitchell family for billeting us tonight."

"That's so thoughtful, Mary, but did you really have to bring half of Falmouth Beach?" They both laughed as William sprang nimbly into the saddle behind Mary. "See you Friday afternoon," Mary called to her 2 older brothers, younger sister and mother. "Bring us home a surprize," her siblings called as the pair galloped away. "I will!" she promised.

The scenery quickly changed. The dry coastal farmland gave way to lush bushland. The familiar sound of waves crashing on the rocky Falmouth shore and the screeching of seagulls were replaced by the gentle breeze whispering in the gum and blackwood trees, and the melodious song of birds unfamiliar to Mary.

Near the bottom of St Marys Pass, William reined in the horse. Mary gave her father an enquiring look. "Seeing your grandfather William died back in March, I thought we might take time to honour him. This seems an appropriate place, seeing St Marys Pass was constructed by convicts." "What do convicts have to do with Grandfather?" Mary enquired. "Well, Mary, my father wasn't part of the Pass work gang, but he was a convict." "No," Mary protested, "Grandfather could never have been a convict, he was too kind and thoughtful to ever be a bad person." "I'll tell you more tomorrow, Mary, for I'm using his story as my end of school year lesson for my German Town and Dublin Town students. But for now, we'll continue on our journey on the trail to German Town. On the way, we'll have some botany lessons." Mary enjoyed that, bombarding her father with questions: "What's the name of the delicate fern growing on the stream bank?" "Maiden hair fern." "What's the name of that beautiful bush smothered in purple flowers?" "That's Mountain Lilac, commonly called Christmas bush." "We must pick armfuls on the way home," Mary insisted. "Maiden hair fern and Christmas bush will be my surprize gift for the family to decorate our home for Christmas." "I don't know how those will go with the holly and ivy boughs we already have as decorations," William commented. "Perfectly," Mary replied confidently. "Why can't we blend Australian flora with European flora?" "Why not indeed," William agreed. "You are starting a new tradition in our household, Mary!" "I'm not done with ideas yet, Father," she assured him. "I bet you're not," he laughed. He was so glad he had decided to bring Mary with him as he completed the final two days of the school year. As the only school teacher in the region, William was a shared teacher. He spent 3 days at German Town and 2 days at Falmouth one week, then alternating. The mountain trail following the ridges made it accessible.

Mary was thrilled at her success with the sand and shells. The students delighted in feeling sand trickling through their fingers. They were fascinated when she told them how God makes every shell in the world with a different pattern. No two shells are ever exactly the same. That night, William and Mary were the guests of William Henry and Mary Ann Mitchell. Mary quickly made friends with 6 year-old William George and his 4 younger siblings. At dusk, William Mitchell announced a surprize to William Dakin. "As a thank you for teaching the children of the community, our family will present you with a turkey to take home for your Christmas dinner. I'll have it butchered and ready for you to collect tomorrow afternoon. "But first," young William George said, "Mary has the honour of selecting that turkey." "How will I do that?" the young girl inquired. "Easily," the young boy told her, "tonight when the turkeys go to roost in the willow tree, you and I will climb up and dab the turkey of your choice with whitewash," he said confidently.

"That's an impossible task," Mary protested, "no bird will let us do such a thing." "Turkeys will," he replied. "Don't you know that turkeys are the dumbest creatures on Earth, and what's more, a sleepy turkey is doubly dumb!" "They might be the dumbest of creatures, but once roasted, they are the tastiest of creatures," Mary Ann spoke from experience. Mary rubbed her tummy in anticipation of Christmas dinner. Equipped with a lantern and a tin of whitewash and brush, the two children successfully completed their mission on the unfortunate turkey. (That's the price paid for being the plumpest of the flock, for Mary chose wisely.)

True to his word, William Boyd told his class the story of his convict father, William. Life in England had been extremely hard, racked by poverty and full of uncertainty - a miserable life with a perpetually bleak future. William explained to his class how trying, difficult circumstances can cause people to make poor and bad choices in life. And so it was with this young English man. He was found guilty of maliciously wounding a man. The consequence was transportation as a convict to Van Dieman's Land for life. William arrived in Van Dieman's Land in 1830. Here he decided to change his life - a new beginning in a new land. He received a conditional pardon on 23 March 1842, and married Ann McCormack on 11 August 1842. He was assigned to work for a surveyor. Later, he rented property at Londavra, then Fingal, and finally in 1864, he rented 150 acres at Cullenswood. He was a successful and respected member of the community, and together with Ann, they raised 9 children. "If William had not decided to make right choices, I would not be standing before you today, having the privilege of being your teacher. If he had not chosen to improve his life, Mary would probably not have the opportunity of living the free life she now can. So you see, the choices each of us make can influence other people, even for generations to come." Then he concluded, "Christmas is the perfect time for us all to remember why Jesus came from Heaven to Earth - to give us the choice and means of living a fulfilled life. To end this school year of 1886, I say thank you to God that Jesus became a baby, grew to be a man, and dwelt among us, and died on the cross on our behalf, so we could choose to be right with God. I thank my ancestors, especially my father William, for making wise and true choices. And I thank you all for being very teachable students. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Class dismissed!"

Armed with the prize turkey, William and Mary journeyed home. "This turkey will be the surprize you promised your siblings," William declared. "Oh, no, that's your surprize; mine is taking home armfuls of maiden hair fern and Christmas bush to add to the holly and ivy and cotton wool 'snow' - traditions handed down to our family by grandfather William." "Good idea, Mary." But Mary was not finished. "And we'll gather a wild cherry bush for our Christmas tree and my greatest idea is...." William groaned at the prospect. "We're collecting gum tree saplings - one for each family member. We'll tie them to the verandah posts of our home to create an Australian Christmas." And so they did. William laughed. "We left Falmouth with half of the beach, now we are returning with three quarters of a forest!" The poor horse was overloaded, but for his effort, he received an extra ration of oats!

On Christmas Day, as the Dakin family gobbled up the last of the turkey, Mary looked at her European Australian decorative creations with delight and pride. "Old and new traditions have become one in unity and beauty." Her family agreed. "Mary, you have started something simple and special that will live on for generations to come," William said proudly. "Thank you Father, and thank you God, for God has given us gifts from His creation, from two worlds - England and Tasmania, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and Jesus is the gift from Heaven to Earth. Oh what a blessed Christmas this is!" Again her family agreed.

#### Epilogue:

Mary's daughter, Linda, fully embraced Mary's traditions, taking them into her marriage to Sydney Mitchell, son of William Henry and Mary Ann. On Christmas Eve at the Mitchell farm at Daisy Dale, Lower German Town, my mother Linda and my father Sydney and I would gather maiden hair fern and Christmas bush to enhance our 'European' decorations. We would collect a wild cherry tree for our Christmas tree. We tied gum saplings to every verandah post of the homestead.

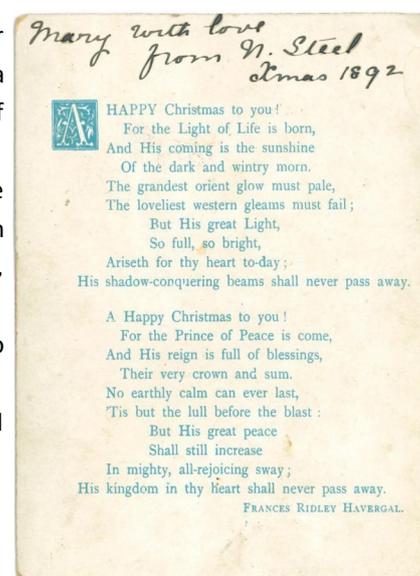
For 46 years, Peter and I have continued these traditions, and will do so this year. Nine gum saplings will be tied to our verandah posts - one for each family member and one in honour of our ancestors, especially Mary. It is the continuation of something beautiful, simple and meaningful.

Beautiful, simple and meaningful - that's the true message of Christmas. Jesus came to us - the ultimate gift!

May this Christmas of 2021 be full of the blessings of beauty, simplicity and profound meaning for you and your family.

Beverley Rubenach,

Gray, December 2021.



**IN OUR SCAMANDER GARDEN ....**

How sad a time for the loss of little children’s lives and wellbeing, in the aftermath of the freak winds in Devonport causing such tragedy on the 16th December 2021, their last day of school, when they were playing on what was meant to be a day of fun activities. I think of others taken to hospital, critically injured, and then all the parents and other children and the first responders and teachers. It doesn’t end there, of course; there will be traumatic memories for the rest of our lives for so very many affected, and we pray for all concerned and the staff treating those in need. I can’t imagine how those who were responsible for setting up the jumping castle and balls must be feeling. Never have I heard of these items of excitement and joy being carried ten metres up into the air by wild winds.

I wondered what our St Helens Church Group of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints could do for these distraught families, and then an email arrived, asking all in the Australia Devonport Stake to fast and pray this weekend for all who are suffering due to this tragedy. Our Stake President, Lionel Walters, also reminded us of the words of 'Away In A Manger'. Do you sing that at Christmas? I do. He spoke of the last verse,

“Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.”

Well, that’s certainly where those deceased little ones are, whether baptised or not. He has taken them home. It is the people left on earth who are mourning, and we mourn with them in their great sorrow. How their hearts must be breaking, and we pray for the gift of peace to flow over them and give them refuge as they turn to God for answers, and the help needed to go on living through this bleak fog of anguish. We pray for the mending of limbs and minds, for the wise use of the technology used in modern medicine, and for her servants, the doctors and nurses, to help perform the delicate tasks needed to help mend little bodies and minds and for the appropriate assistance to be given to all those who require help through this experience. May we grow in compassion, not condemnation. May we forgive and seek forgiveness. Hatred and bitterness destroy the kindness within us, so let us pour out love wherever we see hands and heads that hang down in grief.

Today I picked some little white roses and a big red flower off the rhododendron to remind me of the heartache of those suffering loss or fear of the death of their loved ones, and I will go into my little chapel in the garden that my Steve built for me some years ago, and I will continue my prayers for these little ones and their parents and siblings and grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, teachers, police officers, reporters, and all concerned with this sad event. I do take comfort in my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who was born, taught us a good example, died for us and rose from the dead that we might live. He does love and care deeply for us, and in Gethsemane, He bled from every pore as He suffered all that we go through, so that He might know how to succour us in our time of need, so we can lean on Him.

I do wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and will write to you again next year.

Until next time, Peggy.



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## The Say by the "Cage Rattler"

Our State, as we speak, has just seen a real tragedy, that has rocked our beautiful people to the core. That said, there is no point dwelling or trying to come up with answers on all that, and no doubt the authorities will be very diligent and also be respectful to all the souls involved in this terrible event over time, to make sure such incidents are greatly reduced, if not eliminated. Also as we speak, we face uncertain times as our borders open to the rest of the country. All this is happening as we approach Christmas, the end of this year and indeed, the new year. We do probably need to approach the near future with appreciation of something many of us take for granted, and that is, of course, family and friends. As such tragedies and indeed this pandemic demonstrate graphically, lives of our nearest and dearest can be taken in an instant, so we should take steps to make the most of the precious time we have with them when we can.

While we pay our respects to all of the families that will not be celebrating Christmas this year as they grieve the loss of the innocent little souls in recent days, we should also appreciate and enjoy our own loved ones when the opportunity presents. Also, how many of us have contemplated doing or trying something new and keep putting it off until later. Then, one day, circumstances change and that opportunity has become much more difficult. Every one of us has done that, I bet. Why not this summer, or next winter as the case may be, have a go at that new hobby, sport or pastime. All too often, we hear people lament the fact that is regretted that it took so long to discover their 'new passion'. At the moment, a new hobby I've tried is a classic example of that...that said though, I suppose it's better late than never.

As we spare a sympathetic thought or two for those suffering on the North West Coast and elsewhere from the tragedy, for those also suffering from other troubles and turmoil around us whatever that may be, we should also please appreciate all the positives surrounding us, and consider making the most of our life while favour smiles on us, not least with our family and friends.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank everybody at The Fingal Neighbourhood House, not least our wonderful editor Elizabeth, for allowing me the chance as unworthy as I am, to add 'Cage Rattler' to the pages of our unique local periodical that's been with us for well over 50 years, beginning way back in 1968...and also to all the volunteers prior to FVNH, that allowed us to put information, thoughts, opinions and memories out there in our Valley and surrounds. It's awesome!

Hope to do another year of Cage Rattler again in 2022, God willing, and have a safe, healthy and enjoyable break that approaches, and be kind and respectful too. Thanks!

What do you think?



### ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### 24<sup>th</sup> December

11.15pm Christmas Eve Service  
St Paul's, St Helens

#### 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Christmas Day service  
St Paul's, St Helens  
9.30am Christmas Day service  
Holy Trinity, St Marys

A rose, which we think was planted by Mrs Legro outside the former Fingal Council Chambers to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Country Women's Association in Fingal, was accidentally run over earlier in the year. I was delighted to see that it has bounced back, and has 4 fragrant blooms, along with about a dozen buds. This has happened because Coral Brady has nursed it back to health, surrounding it with bricks, and feeding and watering it regularly.

It is lovely to see what can be achieved by a member of the community taking time to look after something which is was thought had been accidentally destroyed. Thanks Coral!



## FINGAL VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE HISTORY GROUP



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### CHURCHES OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

In the Fingal Valley, we have managed to find 29 churches. Churches were the hub of the community for spiritual and social events and family support. In the convict era, religious instruction was given regularly, and it was noted that religious instructors from different denominations would argue over who was going to give their sermon first at the pulpit. Pioneer priests would make their way into the Fingal Valley on horseback to deliver religious instruction to the convicts at the probation station.

**Avoca** had 3 churches, including the earliest church in the valley, which was St. Thomas Anglican Church, established in 1842, with the first minister being Reverend William Richardson. It was consecrated 43 years later on 10th August 1885. The Church of the Guardian Angels Catholic Church was established in January 1884. This church was moved to Rossarden and renamed St. Barbara's, after the patron saint of miners in the early 1960's. It served the Rossarden and Storey's Creek communities for almost 20 years, until it was deconsecrated and transformed into a private home. The Church of the Guardian Angels was replaced by St. Theresa Church. Named after Theresa Rubenach, who donated the land, Mrs. J M Davis covered the cost of the materials for construction. The new church was opened on 19th February 1956 by Archbishop Guilford Young, but it is now deconsecrated and a private home.



*The former St Barbara's Catholic Church at Rossarden.*

**Mangana** had 3 churches. St. Basil's Catholic Church was opened in 1869 by Father Beechinor.

By 1912, St. Basil's was showing its age, and Father Graham led a fundraising campaign for a new building, which was designed by Alexander North. 100 pounds had been raised to procure the site from the government, and on 9th September 1912 a new church was opened and blessed, and named 'Our Lady of the Sacred Heart'. It is the only church which still exists in Mangana. Holy Cross Anglican Church was established in 1887. Built and founded by G F M Fielding in about 6 months, it was dedicated to the Holy Cross on 3rd May 1888.

**Mathinna** had 5 denominations in the township. St. Georges Anglican Church was opened on 29th March 1896. In 1903, St Georges acquired a bell weighing 140lb, which was supplied by the Phoenix Foundry in Launceston. The bell rang the news of the armistice 15 years later. In May 1896, the foundation stones were laid by Mrs G Brock of Campania and Miss M Andrews of Mathinna, for the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Reverend Wykes performed the dedication ceremony on 7th June 1896. On the 14th February 1897, St Scholastica Catholic Church had its foundation stone laid, and it was officially opened on 12th September 1897 by Archbishop Delaney. Mathinna was the first town in Tasmania to welcome the 'Daughters of the Sacred Heart', an order of nuns. A convent was built for them, and the nuns arrived, accompanied by Father Gressinon, on 2nd July 1905. By 1912, the convent was tenantless, and in 1934 it was dismantled and moved to Fingal, where it was erected as a private home. The Salvation Army Hall was established in March 1897, but the Salvation Army did not prosper in Mathinna, so, 4 years after the hall was opened, it was sold to the Presbyterian Church, who at the time, were using the public hall. By March 1901, the hall had been renovated to give the appearance of a church, adding a belfry and porch, and it opened for a special service on Sunday 17th March 1901. It's history and location are uncertain, and the date of closure and fate of the building is unknown.

There were 4 churches in **Fingal**. St. Peters Anglican Church was established in 1867, with the first stone laid by Thomas Reibey. Reverend Chambers led the building committee of this gothic style building, and it was officially opened by Archdeacon Reibey in September 1859. The Wesleyan Church was established in 1872 on premises on Grant St. The morning opening service was conducted by Reverend J Hutchenson and Reverend J Graham. They quickly set up a Sabbath School, and by 1878 there were 48 children attending. Marriages and funerals were recorded until the 1950's. There is no closure date. St. Joseph's Catholic Church was established on 21st November 1877, when Bishop Daniel Murphy laid the foundation stone. He returned on 1st April 1880 for the opening and blessing of the church, which was a 4-day event; he confirmed 30 children and some adults on the 4th day. The building which houses St Andrews Uniting Church started out as a Presbyterian church in March 1878, when the first service was held by Reverend Wardrop of Campbell Town. The congregation grew to around 100 people per service, and a permanent church was required. Harry Conway was the architect and he also drew the plans for the Fingal Council Chambers. On 24th March 1881, the foundation stone was laid by Captain Samuel Tulloch of Launceston, and on 10th July 1881, Reverend Wardrop opened the church.

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**Cornwall** had 3 churches. The Cornwall Methodist Hall was originally built by miners in 1896, when it was first used for a state school. By 1928, the hall had survived 2 fires, but it was blown down in wild storms. The Anglican Mission Hall and The Church of the Good Shephard were opened in March 1908. Colonel Legge loaned the sum of 45 pounds to build the Mission Hall, to be repaid in 7 instalments. Replacement of the old church was undertaken in the 1950's by volunteer labour, and in March 1960, the building was consecrated and the church served the Anglicans for 30 years before closing in the 1990's. The church was sold and dismantled, and was used to build part of a house at Scamander. The Salvation Army established themselves at Cornwall in 1923 and used the Methodist Hall until they could get their own army barracks. The building was dismantled at Lefroy before it was reconstructed at Cornwall, and it was opened in 1924. They remained in Cornwall for 40 years, before all officers were removed. The hall was used for Sunday School before it was sold and removed to Irish Town in the 1990's, where it was converted to a house.

Christ Church Anglican Church at **Cullenswood** had the foundation stone laid by Robert and Elizabeth Legge on 16th March 1846, and the church building and rectory were completed in 1847. Dr Samuel Parsons, Mr. Legge's nephew, was the first minister, then Reverend Barkway officiated for a couple of years until Reverend John Chambers took over in 1860; he served with the church for 15 years. On the 23rd December 1932, the Sunday School children of the parish, from Seymour, Upper Scamander, Mt Nicholas, St Marys, Cornwall and German Town, gathered together for the annual feast. There were races and sweet scrambles for the children, and picnic games for young and old, while tea was served on the lawn. Church registers go back to 1851 with the first baptism and marriage in that year, and the first burial in 1852. There were 785 baptisms recorded in that church. The Cullenswood Catholic Church, the Church of St Mary, was established in 1859. It was initiated by Father John Fitzgerald and built by Father Cullinane, and consecrated by Bishop Wilson of Hobart, on 30th January 1859. Between 250 & 300 people attended the opening, listening intently to Bishop Wilson's sermon on the evils of intemperance.

**St. Marys** had 3 churches. The first established church was St Mary's Wesleyan Methodist Church. It was opened by Reverend Greenwood of Campbell Town on 17th February 1884, and the church accommodated approximately 150 people. After its opening, the 'Band of Hope' was formed and membership grew to approximately 200. It was associated with the temperance movement, an organization for children under 16 which had aims of preventing children from drinking alcohol. It was active until World War 1; after this it was converted into a house. Holy Trinity Church of England, now Anglican Church, had its foundation stone laid on 22nd July 1886, by Mrs L'Oste, who was presented with a silver trowel suitably inscribed. In 1926, the church came close to burning down. That church building was demolished in the 1980's, and all that remains is the foundation stone which is on display in the new building, which was built and consecrated in 1988. The original bell of the church hangs in a small bell tower near the front doors. Our Lady of Assumption Roman Catholic Church was opened on 9th November 1899; this building was totally destroyed by fire in 1974. A new brick church was built and opened in May 1975. 400 people were said to have attended the consecration.



*The original Holy Trinity Church of England,  
St Marys*

**German Town** Anglican Church was brought up from Falmouth in 1912. In 1913, Miss Lohrey fundraised at Todd's Hall in St Marys for the enlargement of the church, then in the 1950's, it was relocated to St Mary's and served as a hall behind the Holy Trinity Church. In 1984, it was relocated to Derby to be part of a recreated village at the Tin Mining Centre. The village was removed, along with the church, to a place unknown. Social events revolved around the church in the Christmas period from divine services on Christmas Eve, watch night services on New Year's Eve, to annual fairs, and picnics were a regular event at the end of the year.



*German Town Anglican Church,  
1912.*

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At **Gray**, there were 2 churches. The Island Methodist Hall was situated on The Island Road, and on Sunday 10th September 1899, the new church was opened by a service conducted by Reverend G T Heyward of Newham. This ornate church operated until the 1930's, but the closure and fate of the building is unknown. October 1904 saw the establishment of St. Barnabas Anglican Church at Gray, with the dedication service conducted by Bishop Mercer. In 1948, the church was sold to the Presbyterians for 110 pounds, and it was removed to a place unknown. Dublin Town Wesleyan Methodist Church was opened on 14th February 1900 by Reverend J R Bradbury of Longford. Constructed by Messrs Thomas and Waugh with stone foundations, it was a weatherboard structure with an iron roof. The harvest festival in 1925 was the last reference to this building, and the closure and fate of the building is unknown.



*The Island Methodist Church, Gray,  
year unknown.*

Churches were, and in some place still are, an important part of a community. Christmas was a time when workers rested, and people would travel from far and wide to celebrate the season. The 'Daily Post' reported on 29th December 1914, that at Fingal, "Church services were held in all the churches, which were prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens. In the afternoon, 2 chopping matches were held on the land next to the Tasmanian Hotel. Local axemen competed, with Mr William Barnes who won the underhand chop, and Mr Joseph Bosworth won the standing chop (one foot blocks)."

The 'Daily Telegraph' dated 29 December 1916, states, "It was a quiet Christmas at Mathinna. On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> (December), services were held in all 4 churches to good congregations. On Christmas morning, Father Graham held a service in the Roman Catholic church, the afternoon bicycle sports were held on the Recreation Ground, when a number attended, and in the evening, a social was held in Polley's Hall in aid of the Catholic Church school." In 1952, Christmas events drew large crowds, with 'The Examiner' noting, "News from the country: St. Marys - 500 children attended the annual Christmas festival party when Santa arrived by jinker. Children shared drinks, ice cream, sweets and sang Christmas songs. The Red Cross Christmas party was held at the St Mary's Hospital for patients and staff. Carols were sung and Santa Claus presented patients and staff with presents."

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House History Group would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope everyone has enjoyed the history articles, and we have more to come next year!



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## MOUNT ELEPHANT AND BEYOND BOOK GROUP

### BOOK REVIEW

Written by Pam Bretz

'Boy Swallows Universe' by Trent Dalton was the latest book for our group. Published in 2018, it was a much talked-about novel by the journalist, who writes articles for the Weekend Australian Magazine about suburbia and battlers, and does so with much compassion and empathy. With the publication of this, his first novel, he became something of a darling of the media, appearing on talk shows and doing interviews, particularly on the ABC, and his book was received with wide popular acclaim.

It tells the story of 14 year old Eli Bell and his slightly older brother, August, growing up in the 80's on the wrong side of the tracks in Brisbane. Yet another 'coming of age story' by a male writer, it led one member to comment that such books are the male version of 'chick lit'! His mother, Frankie, left their alcoholic father and a traumatic event occurred which would have a profound effect on both boys. August stopped speaking and communicates by "air writing", and Eli is left with confused nightmares. Their mother's next partner is Lyle, a drug dealer whom Eli loves and eventually comes to assist in his "trade". Another mentor is the old ex-con Slim Halliday, known as Houdini for his frequent breakouts from gaol. He encourages Eli to become penpals with one of his ex cell-mates, and so begins a relationship that will have powerful consequences later in the story.

Peopled by outlandish characters such as Tytus Broz, a kingpin in the Brisbane drug scene and founder of The Human Touch, an artificial limb business, and ably assisted by his henchman, Iwan Krol, who disposes of anyone who interferes with his boss's drug trade, these are the real villains of the piece.

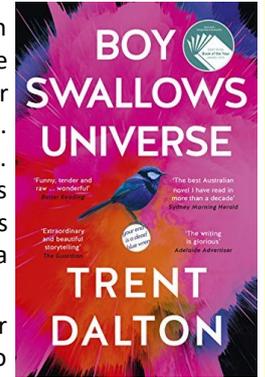
Then there's Bich Dang, a Vietnamese restaurant owner and matriarch of another branch of the drug trade, and numerous other shady characters from the underbelly of Queensland society. Despite the seedy company he keeps, Eli has an innate sense of what is right and fair and he is not adrift. Slim helps him to answer the question, "What is a good man?", the underpinning of the whole story.

It is a wild and rollicking tale, often violent and confronting, an unconventional journey towards reconciliation and redemption. Rough justice is dealt out to the villains, and the realisation of Eli's dream of becoming a reporter brings the story to a close.

Dalton has said that the tale is 50 percent autobiography and 50 percent fiction, and this always leads to much speculation about what is real and what is fantasy. The reader assumes that the more outrageous incidents, such as Eli being smuggled into the notorious Boggo Road Women's Prison in order to see his mother on Christmas Day, thus saving her life, has more than a dash of magic realism, but the boy's unconditional love of both his mother and his errant father somehow has the ring of authenticity. This is an author who wears his heart on his sleeve and cares deeply for the innocent. Despite the brutality and the harsh, rough language, the novel is often very funny; the dogs belonging to one of the villains are called Beau and Arrow, and Alex, the bikie gang leader, is the Rebel Without a Pause.

This book was very much enjoyed by many of the members, but for those who might be offended by crude language, accounts of domestic violence and exposure to the dark underbelly of the drug scene, this is not the book for you, however Eli's courage and eternal optimism lift the story to another level.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, in the hope that Santa leaves a good book or two in your Christmas stocking. Good reading!



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*I would like to wish all Valley and East Coast residents a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.*

*I look forward to assisting those in the McIntyre Electorate in 2022, which I trust will be a less challenging and more enjoyable year for all.*

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## SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB



We arrive ready to make our own fun, for it is the Scamander Garden Club's Christmas lunch, held at the Scamander Sports Complex. Jill takes our photos in between running out our meals, and a nice fellow pours our drinks then later brings the desserts. I have a raspberry squash and see bottles of sparkling apple water drift by, as Val does the drink waitress duties. There is laughter as we pull on our bonbons and put on the party hats. I am one of the several pairs of hands working on the raffle table, and Charlie is pleased he thought to bring an extra book, as members and friends are being extra generous. The spare tables fill with our 'Secret Santa' gifts and wrapped items for the other prizes.

A few have not turned up and we hope they are ok. Then in come some stragglers, who were told the wrong time. It does not matter, we all got fed a lovely baked lunch, and the conversations were about family and Christmas and no, don't you dare say COVID-19 and her non-ending varieties! Well, I do have to say Charlie Smith had beautiful table centrepieces as part of the table decorations. Of course, there is a bit of tinsel and cheerful, helpful, polite staff make it more enjoyable. So our President Marj Aulich thanks everyone for coming, then I'm not looking at the speaker, but it sounds like Nev is saying 'Thank you' to the committee and all the helpers who come along each month and help set up, get the names of those entering the room and sell the tickets. Then there is our Carla, who pours the cuppa teas, and Lucy, our wonder woman on the trade table, with her husband Charlie; Lucy yells out the raffle number as she draws them and we keep saying "What number? What colour did you say?" I think we will have to get a mike. Then we have Margaret, who counts the discs and tallies the competition winners scores. Ever so many willing hands make things go smoothly.

Well for those not here, I give a reminder that the Garden Clubs of Australia calendar photo competition closes on 15 February 2022. Our next meeting is on Monday February 21.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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YCNECT's youth workers work in schools, hold regular meet-ups in the valley and on the coast, and create epic school holiday programs. These activities are a direct response to the feedback that we've had from young people - that many young people are yearning for more things 'to do' and fun activities and events are at the top of their list.

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## SUMMER

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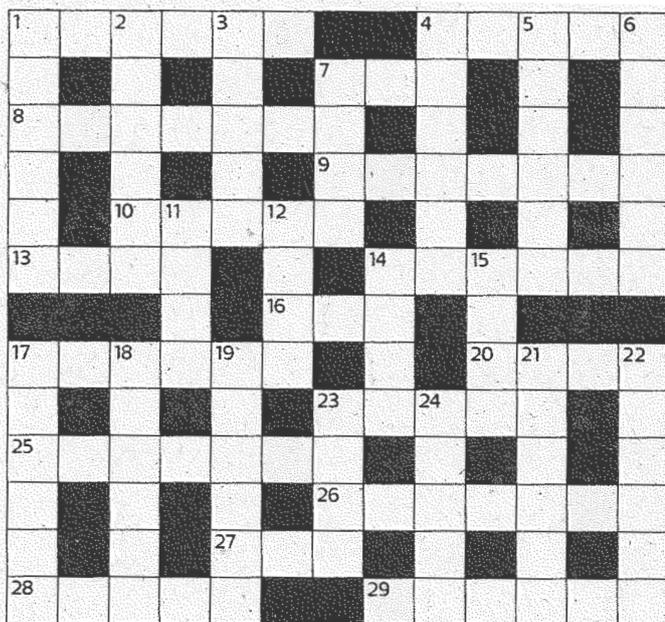
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Large wasp (6)
- 4. Sacred water lily (5)
- 7. Which person? (3)
- 8. Loathe (7)
- 9. Stretch material (7)
- 10. Clutch (5)
- 13. Departed (4)
- 14. Protect (6)
- 16. Type of bread (3)
- 17. Well-built (6)
- 20. Charley's \_\_\_\_\_, stage farce (4)
- 23. Old 5-shilling piece (5)
- 25. Wander aimlessly (7)
- 26. Cutting-tooth (7)
- 27. Round loaf (3)
- 28. Commerce (5)
- 29. Third place medal (6)

**DOWN**

- 1. Spanking (6)
- 2. Abdicate (6)
- 3. Andrew Lloyd Webber musical (5)
- 4. Find (6)
- 5. Marine tortoise (6)
- 6. Seasoned (6)
- 7. Cry (4)
- 11. Hindmost (4)
- 12. Nimble (4)
- 14. Costly (4)
- 15. Imperfection (4)
- 17. Pinnacle (6)
- 18. Country, capital Kampala (6)
- 19. Infer (6)
- 21. Togetherness (6)
- 22. A small tower (6)
- 23. Cradle (4)
- 24. Happen (5)



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## IN THE KITCHEN WITH KIRSTEN



OK, so who gets to the end of Christmas day and then goes, "Oh my goodness, I have so much food left over, and I have no idea how to use it!" Well I have a some wicked recipes that work well with leftovers.

Great for Boxing Day is '**Coronation Turkey**', traditionally known as 'Coronation Chicken', and the story behind that is a good read here; <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/london/coronation-chicken/en>

So, for my recipe, you can use chicken or turkey, both work really well and its fabulous in this weather. The beauty about this is, really you don't need to have the exact amount of ingredients, and you can be a little experimental. By that, I mean don't go outside the recipe, but if you don't have apricot chutney, then use another one; if you don't have apricots, perhaps use mango etc. So, **what do you need?**

Approximately 500 grams to 1 kilo of cooked turkey or chicken meat, shredded up

1 bunch of fresh spring onions, sliced

150g apricot chutney

100gr crème fraiche or Greek natural yoghurt

200g full-egg mayonnaise (the soy one works a treat as well)

1/2 cup chopped dried apricots

3 tablespoons sliced toasted almonds

½ teaspoon Keens Curry powder, or to taste

2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander

Salt and pepper to taste

### Method

Mix the chutney, mayonnaise, crème fraiche (or yoghurt), spring onions and curry powder together. Gently fold in the chicken, apricots, almonds and coriander, reserving a little of the latter two for garnish. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Let sit for 30 minutes to let the flavours develop and then place in a serving dish and garnish with remaining coriander and almonds.



For the last of the ham, try **American Ham, sausage and Bean Stew.**

### **Ingredients:**

500g dry red kidney beans, or 4 tins, saving the liquid

1/2 tablespoon good olive oil

400g good pork sausage

3 rashers bacon, chopped

2 cups chopped onion

1 cup chopped green capsicum

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 tablespoon minced fresh garlic

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

black pepper to taste

1 teaspoon dried basil

2 medium bay leaves

1 large ham bone or 2 meaty ham hocks

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 litre water; if using tinned beans, use the liquid and make up to 1 litre

**Method:** If using dried beans, rinse and sort them, then place into a deep saucepan and cover with water plus an inch. Soak overnight, or boil uncovered for 5 minutes, turn off heat, cover and soak for 1 hour. Drain beans and set aside. Heat oil in the same saucepan. Cut sausage into 3cm chunks, add and fry until browned, then remove and set aside. Add bacon and cook until fat is rendered. Add the onion, capsicum and celery and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, black pepper, cayenne, basil and bay leaves, and continue cooking for about 3 minutes. Add ham bone or hocks, beans, sausage chunks and water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until beans are tender. Add water if getting too thick. Remove bay leaves and discard and stir in the butter. Remove bone or hocks and take off any meat, returning it to the saucepan. Taste and adjust seasoning; only add salt if needed. Chopped ham can be added if you like. It can be served with rice or pasta, and freezes really well, but can also just be served by itself as a big hearty stew.



For my recipes, like and share my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thekingboroughcook/> and YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs7TNBH6Wi1NjOcY4E929Wg> then subscribe and tell me what you would like a recipe for .



Merry Christmas to you and your families from our family.



## IN THE KITCHEN WITH KIRSTEN



And to use up left-over pudding, try **Summer Ice-cream Pudding**. You can also make this as individual desserts.

**You need:** 450g Christmas pudding, roughly chopped into small pieces      500g custard (ready made is fine)  
150 ml Tasmanian double cream      25g pure icing sugar

**To make,** blend the chopped pudding and custard in a food processor. Whip the cream and icing sugar to soft peaks and stir into the flavoured custard. Pour the mix into a 1.2 litre pudding bowl, then cover and freeze overnight, or for several hours. (This can be frozen for up to a month.)

### For the orange sauce

4-6 oranges peeled      Pinch of Tassie lemon myrtle powder if you can get some  
300ml orange juice      100g caster sugar

a splash or two of Knockoftly Orange Liqueur, and/or Tasmanian Mellifera; these are Tasmanian products, check them out at the addresses below.

**Method:** Cut away the pith and peel from the oranges with a sharp knife, then cut either side of the membranes to release the segments. Bring the orange juice and sugar up to a boil, stirring occasionally, until the sugar is dissolved. Then boil hard for 20-25 mins, until reduced by about half to a thick syrupy consistency (like golden syrup). Watch it carefully so it doesn't boil over, lowering the heat if necessary. Leave to cool, finishing with a splash or two of your chosen liqueurs, if using. The sauce can be kept chilled for 3-4 days.

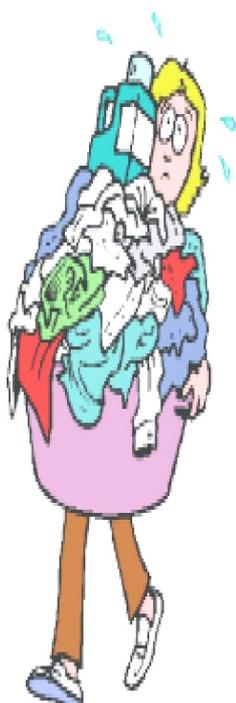
**To serve:** Transfer it to the fridge 30 mins before serving, then dip the bowl into hot water and turn the pudding out onto a chilled plate. Arrange the orange segments around the base of the pudding, and some on top, along with berry fruits if desired. Drizzle with some of the syrup and serve the rest of the sauce separately, so guests can add as required. Finish the decoration with green leaves, berries, and a dusting of icing sugar.

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Health services available over the Christmas and New Year period

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Service	Dates/Hours Available	Contact
<b>Alcohol and Drug Information Service (government funded phone service)</b>	Available 24/7	1800 250 015 / 1800 811 944
<b>Alcohol and Drug Clinical Advisory Service</b>	Available 24/7 for Health Professionals	1800 630 093
<b>Alcohol and Drug Services Tasmania</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling and Support Services (statewide)</li> <li>• Inpatient Withdrawal Unit (St Johns Park)</li> <li>• Pharmacotherapy South</li> <li>• Pharmacotherapy North / North West</li> <li>• Pharmacy Dosing St Johns Park, New Town</li> </ul>		1300 139 641
<b>Ambulance Tasmania</b>	Available 24/7	Emergencies: 000 Non-urgent requests: 1800 008 008
<b>BreastScreen Tasmania</b>	Closed COB 24 Dec 2021. Reopening 4 Jan 2022	13 20 50
<b>Community Health</b>		
Community health centres	Hours will vary around the state.	Please see White Pages under 'H' for Health Department of.
Community nursing	Hours will vary around the state.	In a medical emergency, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.
<b>Correctional Primary Health Services</b> <i>(to contact patients in health clinics at any Tasmanian prison)</i>	Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm	6166 1253
<b>Dental Services</b> <i>(Available for children up to 18 years with a valid Medicare Card and adults who hold either a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Cards)</i>	Closed weekends and public holidays.	Phone 1300 011 013  After hours, contact your GP or local hospital.
<b>Healthdirect</b>	Free health information and advice available 24/7	1800 022 222
<b>Home and Community Care (HACC) program</b>	Closed weekends and public holidays. Check with your service provider.	1300 769 699 (through Tasmanian community care referral service)
<b>Hospitals</b>	Emergency medical care is available at the major hospitals.	
Royal Hobart Hospital	Open 24/7	6166 8308
Launceston General Hospital	Open 24/7	6777 6777
North West Regional Hospital (Burnie)	Open 24/7	6493 6000
Mersey Community Hospital (Latrobe)	Open 24/7	6478 5500
District hospitals	Open 24/7	Please see the White Pages under 'H' for Hospitals.
<b>Mental Health Services Helpline</b>	Information, advice and referrals available 24/7	1800 332 388
<b>Palliative Care Service</b>		
Whittle Ward (Hobart)	Open 24/7	6166 2800
Community Palliative Care	Closed weekends and public holidays.	North: 6777 4544 North West: 6477 7760 South: 6166 2820
<b>Poisons Information Centre</b>	Emergency information available 24/7	131 126
<b>Public and Environmental Health Hotline</b>	24/7 emergency contact	1800 671 738 <a href="http://www.health.tas.gov.au/publichealth">www.health.tas.gov.au/publichealth</a>
<b>Sexual Assault Support Services</b>	Support for victims of rape or sexual assault 24/7 emergency contact.	1800 697 877

For more information call Service Tasmania on **1300 135 513** or go to **[www.health.tas.gov.au](http://www.health.tas.gov.au)**

For all coronavirus enquires call **1800 671 738** or go to **[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)**

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### Having trouble getting into the Christmas spirit?

The Christmas holiday season is a welcome break for many in our community. But it can also be a time when we have to deal with some problems.

### The Department of Health can help

We have highly trained staff available in your area who can also put you in touch with community service providers who can meet your needs.

Here is some information about the services available over the holiday season.

#### Mental Health Services

For some people, Christmas can make existing problems seem even bigger at a time when everyone else appears to be having fun.

If you're feeling down, help is available every day. You can call a range of counselling services including:

- Lifeline 13 11 14 – 24/7
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 – 24/7
- Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 – 24/7
- Mensline Australia 1300 789 978 – 24/7
- Mental Health Services Helpline 1800 332 388 – 24/7
- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 – 24/7
- Headspace 1800 650 890 – 24/7

The Department of Health continues to provide mental health services over Christmas and the New Year. For advice, assessment and referral call the **Mental Health Services Helpline** on **1800 332 388** within Tasmania or **03 6166 6333**, from interstate available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

#### Alcohol and Drug Services

This holiday period Tasmanians are encouraged to be mindful of the harmful effects that can come with indulging in alcohol and drugs. For information and advice about local services, contact the **Alcohol and Drug Information Service** on **1800 250 015** 24/7 or **Drug and Alcohol Services** on **1300 139 641** Mon-Fri. To find out more go to [www.healthdirect.gov.au/top-7-tips-for-safe-drinking](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/top-7-tips-for-safe-drinking)

#### Sexual Assault Support Service

Sexual assault support services are available in each region to offer support and practical assistance to victims of sexual assault:

- **North** – contact Laurel House North – free call **1800 697 877**
- **North West** – contact Laurel House North West – free call **1800 697 877**
- **South** – contact Sexual Assault Support Service on free call **1800 697 877**

#### General Practitioners (GPs)

For information about doctors' surgeries open over the Christmas and new year period, go to Primary Health Tasmania's after hours website: [www.tasafterhours.com](http://www.tasafterhours.com) or phone the healthdirect number **1800 022 222**

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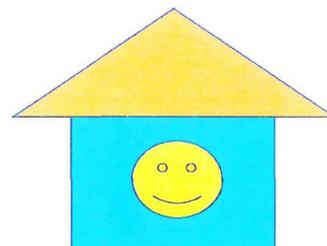
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- ⇒ 1 block white chocolate
- ⇒ 1 packet raspberry lollies
- ⇒ 1 packet peppermint leaves (or spearmint)

**STEP 1** - Pop some baking paper onto a baking tray and place the biscuits on top.

**STEP 2** - Put a pot of water onto the stove and bring to the boil. While waiting for the water to boil, break the chocolate into smaller pieces and place into a heatproof bowl. You could also cut up the lollies into smaller pieces. Ready for decorating. The spearmint leaves and raspberries cut in half work well for decorating the top of the biscuits and line these up ready.

**STEP 3** - Place the heatproof bowl over the boiling water and stir until melted. Start with half of the block of chocolate to see if that will be enough (or melt it all).

**STEP 4** - Remove the melted bowl of chocolate off the saucepan, and dip a biscuit into the chocolate. Place back onto the tray and decorate with the two leaves and a raspberry into the middle.

**STEP 5** - Continue repeating step 4 until all biscuits are covered and place into the fridge to allow the chocolate to set. Keep either in the fridge, or in a cool dry place until needed.



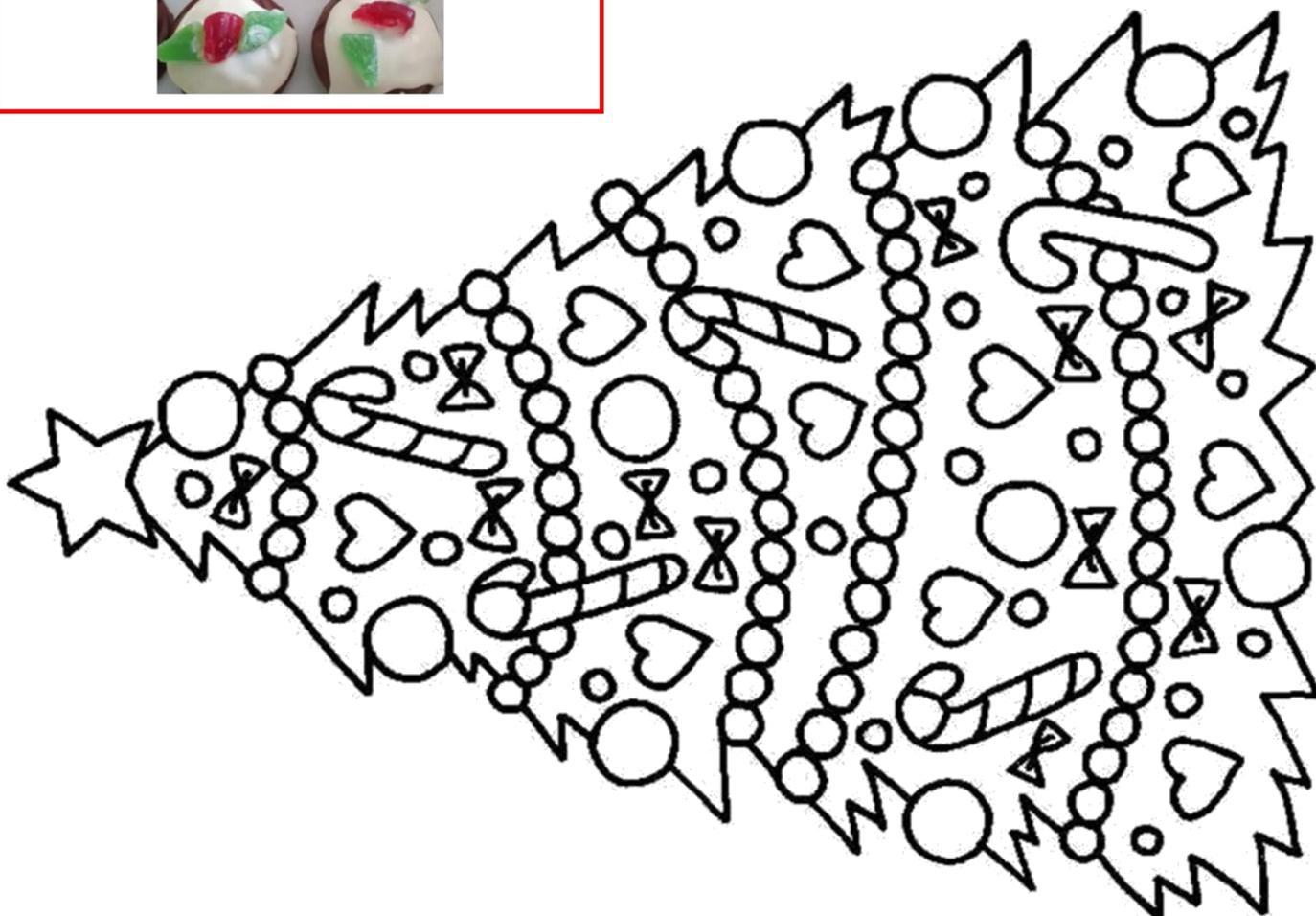
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# Building Blocks



## Summer School Holiday Program 2022



What	When	Time	Where/what	Cost	Age Group
St Helens Pool with Randle	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday January only * not 26th Jan	8-12pm	St Helens District High School Pool Note: limit of 20 people per time in the pool enclosure	Gold coin donation	All Ages Welcome : Parental or adult supervision for children under 10 yrs
St Marys Pool With Randle & Building Blocks & YCNECT	Mondays 17th, 24th and 31st Jan & 7th Feb 2022	10-2pm	St Marys District School Pool	Gold coin donation	All Ages Welcome : Parental or adult supervision for children unde 10 yr
Discovery Ranger Program With Parks and Wildlife	Starts 27th December 2021	Various dates and times	<a href="https://www.parks.tas.gov.au">https://www.parks.tas.gov.au</a> Check out the Full program on the website	free	All ages
Youth Collective North East Coast Tasmania (YCNECT)	Various dates Starts 11th January 2022	Various dates and times	<a href="#">Youth Collective North East Coast Tasmania   Facebook</a> Fingal, Falmouth, St Marys & Scamander, Binalong Bay To sign up contact: Caitlin <a href="mailto:ycnect.caitlin@gmail.com">ycnect.caitlin@gmail.com</a>	Free and Transport Available	8-18 years of age
Break O'Day Child and Family Learning Centre	Check the CFLC calendar for details	Various times	Break O'Day Child and Family Learning Centre, 1 Groom Street, St Helens <a href="#">(1) Break O' Day Child and Family Learning Centre   Facebook</a>	Free	Families with children from pregnancy to five years old. Parent/carer supervision essential.
Play and Learn With Building Blocks	Friday 28th January 2022	9.30-11am	Bicheno Lions Park	free	Families and Children 0-8 years
Beach Play With Building Blocks & Family Food Patch	1st February 2022	10-1pm	Bridport Eastmans Beach	Free	Families and children 0-8 years
Park Play With Building Blocks & Family Food Patch	2nd February 2022	10-1pm	Scottsdale Anzac Children's Park	Free	Families and children 0-8 years

contact Building Blocks (Tanya) 0400002116 or [BuildingBlocks@fvnh.or.gau](mailto:BuildingBlocks@fvnh.or.gau) for more information

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support local markets and shops that offer healthy family friendly food choices  
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### CARROT CAKE BLISS BALLS



Makes roughly 20 balls



Can be frozen



Prep time: 5mins

#### What you need

- 1 cup of rolled oats
- ¾ cup sultanas
- ¾ cup dates, chopped
- 1 large carrot, washed and grated
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 cup dessicated coconut

#### How to make



1. Place oats, sultanas, dates, carrot and spice into the bowl of a food processor and blend for 30-60 seconds until combined into a sticky texture.



2. Shape mixture into balls and roll in the dessicated coconut.

Thank you to all the families, carers and children who have attended a Building Blocks sessions in 2021. We look forward to seeing you all out and about in 2022.

More info on all our programs at

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What a year it has been for all Tasmanians. Together we have gone through the ups and downs of COVID-19, a snap lockdown in the south and the hope of seeing family come together again at Christmas once borders open.

I would like to thank Tasmanians for everything they have done to keep our state going through these challenges, supporting local businesses, looking out for others in the community and abiding by the rules outlined by public health. Our vaccination rate continues to rise and we look forward to welcoming people from across the country through Christmas and the New Year. I know many of our amazing businesses and tourist destinations are looking forward to lots of local and interstate visitors.

This year I have travelled around the electorate of Lyons, sometimes with my young son Hudson in tow. Thank you to everyone who made me feel so welcome. I hope to make it to as many end of year school assemblies as possible if COVID restrictions allow, and I look forward to meeting up with staff, parents and students.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. I'm looking forward to spending some time with my family over this break. Please keep in touch with me throughout 2022, I can be contacted on 03 6212 2222 or by email [rebecca.white@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.white@parliament.tas.gov.au).

**Guy  
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Liberal Member for Lyons MP



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So this Christmas, my family and I will celebrate how grateful we are to live in a safe and beautiful place - the best place in the world, Tasmania. We are truly blessed.

The past nearly two years have highlighted how important family is, and how important it is to support one another in our local community and our local businesses.

I encourage you where you can, to get out and about and enjoy all Tasmania has to offer - from idyllic scenery and the many natural attractions to our world-class food, wine and beverage industry - all things, to make a Christmas meal and to enjoy the Christmas season.

I believe that Jesus is the reason for this season and 2,000 years ago, God's son brought love and light into the world. Christmas is a time for that love and light to shine brightly.

However you choose to celebrate and spend your Christmas and the summer season, please stay safe and keep practicing your COVID-safe measures so we can all continue to do the things that we love.

I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and meaningful Christmas and a prosperous new year, and best wishes as we face 2022 together.

**Guy Barnett MP**  
Liberal Member for Lyons

## Christmas Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters

**FRUITCAKE**

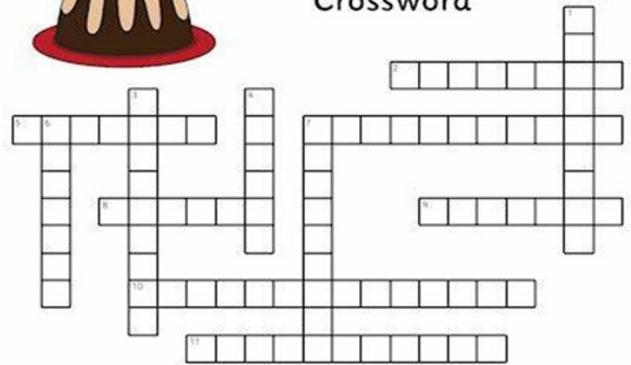
Don't guess - use logic.

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## Christmas Food



### Crossword

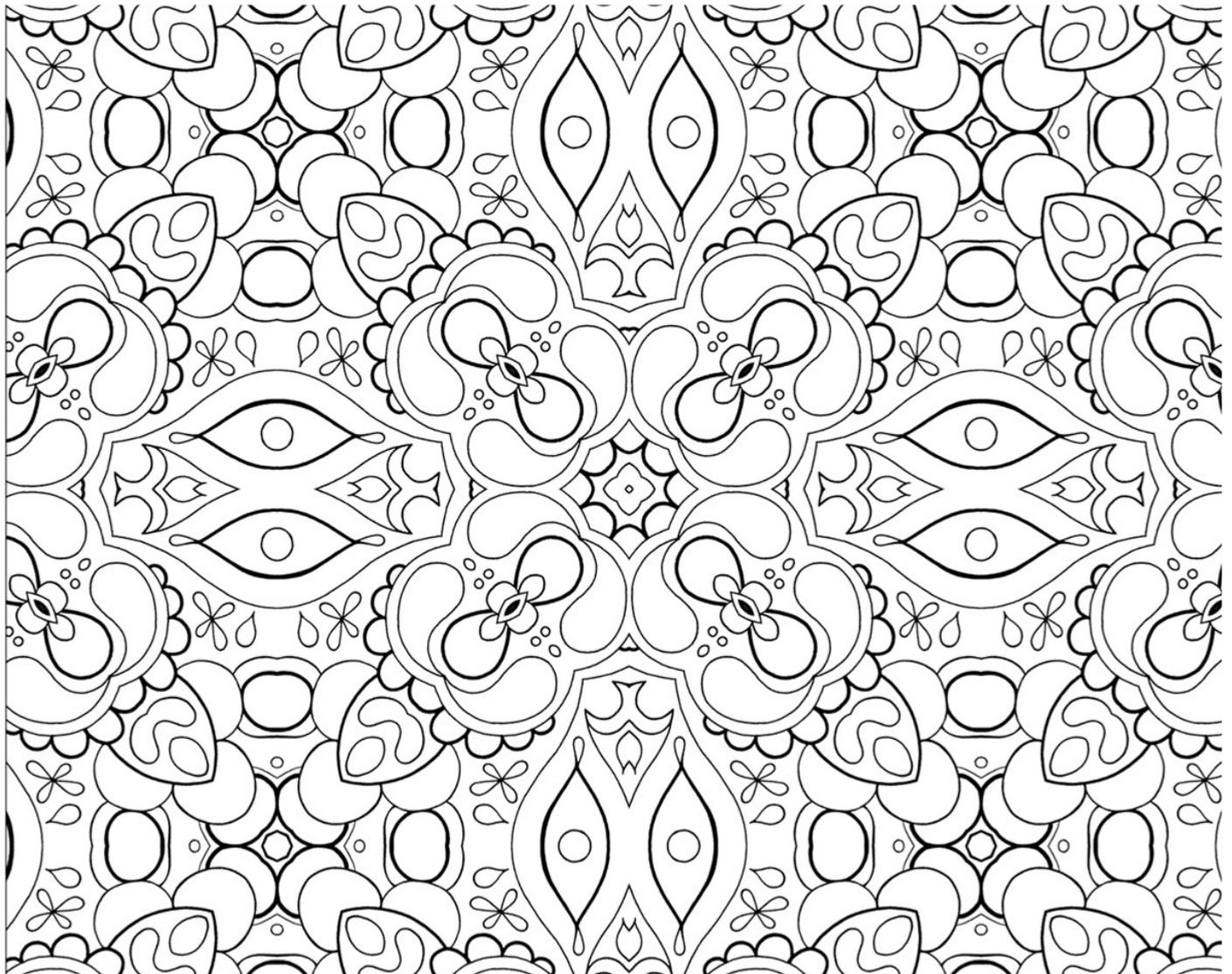


#### Across

- Don't forget to put this inside your roast turkey.
- Round green vegetables eaten as part of Christmas lunch.
- Jewel red fruit often made into a sauce to have with roast turkey.
- Layers of sponge, fruit, custard and cream.
- German fruit bread often made with marzipan inside.
- To remember St Nicholas dropping money down the chimney these are often put in stockings.
- Spicy biscuits made in to a house or man.

#### Down

- Despite their name they don't contain meat.
- Sweet rodents.
- Bird often roasted at Christmas.
- Traditionally made on Stir Up Sunday, this follows Christmas lunch.
- A stripy, sweet, curved stick.



### AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

#### Binalong Bay 24hr access

Outside wall of toilet block, main beach carpark, Main Road, Binalong Bay.

#### St Helens District High School

In the swimming pool enclosure, available during pool hours.

#### St Helens Supa IGA

Wall mounted inside the foyer, available during open hours.

#### St Helens Football Club

Located inside the club rooms.

#### Scamander Sports Complex

On the wall just inside the dining room doors.

#### Falmouth Community Centre - 24hr access

Wall mounted outside Morrison St entrance.

#### Four Mile Creek - 24hr access

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#### St Marys District School

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

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

Please contact an organisation for advice and assistance.

<p><b>Launceston City Mission</b> <b>(03) 6335 3000</b> <a href="http://www.citymission.org.au">www.citymission.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>Launceston Benevolent Society</b> <b>(03) 6344 4213</b> <a href="http://www.lbs.org.au">www.lbs.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>The Salvation Army Tasmania</b> <b>(03) 6323 7500</b> <a href="http://www.salvationarmy.org.au">www.salvationarmy.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>St Vincent De Paul Society</b> <b>(03) 6326 5551</b> <a href="http://www.vinnies.org.au">www.vinnies.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>The Helping Hand Association</b> <b>(03) 6391 2498</b> <a href="http://www.findhelptas.helping.hand">www.findhelptas.helping.hand</a></p>	<p><b>CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania</b> <b>1800 819 447 or (03) 6332 0600</b> <a href="http://www.catholiccaretas.org.au">www.catholiccaretas.org.au</a></p>

### FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SUPPORT

If you or someone you know requires financial counselling support:

**National Debt Helpline**  
**1800 007 007**  
[www.ndh.org.au](http://www.ndh.org.au)

**Gambling Helpline**  
**1800 858 858**  
[www.gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au)

[www.anglicare-tas.org.au/financial-counselling](http://www.anglicare-tas.org.au/financial-counselling)

**Housing Connect**  
**1800 800 588**

[www.communities.tas.gov.au/housing/housing-connect](http://www.communities.tas.gov.au/housing/housing-connect)  
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**In all emergencies call the Police 000 line**

**Tasmanian Government Family Violence Response and Referral Line**  
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**1800RESPECT**  
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[www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)

**Mensline Australia**  
**1300 78 99 78**  
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**A Tasmanian Lifeline**  
**1800 98 44 34**  
[taslifeline@lifelinetasmania.org.au](mailto:taslifeline@lifelinetasmania.org.au)

**Kids Helpline**  
**1800 551 800**  
[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

**Lifeline**  
**131 114**  
[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

**Beyond Blue**  
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**Carer Gateway**  
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<https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>  
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**Disability Information Helpline**  
**1800 643 787**

[www.dss.gov.au/disabilityhelp](http://www.dss.gov.au/disabilityhelp)  
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**Older Australians and Carers COVID-19 Support Line**  
**1800 171 866**

Older people and their carers are encouraged to call

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**1800 671 738**

[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)  
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**National Coronavirus Helpline**  
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[www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au)  
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## ST HELENS WALKING GROUP



St Helens Walking Group covers some great walking in the local area. Whilst the Wednesday walks are usually less demanding, the Saturday walks usually take in the more physical walking tracks. There is a Facebook page on offer for a general look-see of some of the many walks that have been tackled in recent months. The group was instigated as part of the Heart Foundation's program for the over 50s in the Break O'Day area for social interaction, as well as keeping active with physical exercise. The added bonus, of course, is that you see parts of own municipality that you may not normally encounter. We have a wonderful municipal region to explore, where the walking is always diverse. Have a look at our recent walks on Facebook to whet your appetite. Here is a summary of walks undertaken in this beautiful area.



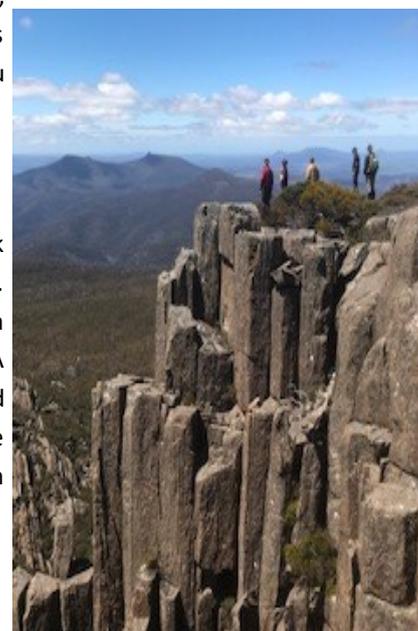
*Waratah in flower, Blue Tier.*

### October 2021

This month's walks ranged from The Gardens with Revel, where the beached yacht was passed by 14 walkers at Taylors Beach, to Whale Rock near South Mt Cameron in the NE bush, where 7 walkers admired the view north along the coast and took in the many Rock Orchids that festooned the wonderful granite rock formations along the way - thank you Ian. More beach walking led by Helen, this time along Binalong Bay Beach onto Jeanerette's Beach, returning via the path behind the beach across the lagoon and back. Then onto Grants Point to Dora Point, returning the same way after enjoying a short break - thank you Fran.

### November 2021

This month saw another range of walks on offer. Greta and Henk led a Wednesday walk around Medeas Cove Road, whilst Alex led a walk to the old Jubilee Mine near St Marys. Pam took the Wednesday walkers around the Scamander area, whilst Andy took a longer Wednesday walk, that took in Jocks Lagoon, Dianas Basin and Onion Creek. A biggish group of 16 tackled Pavement Bluff at Ben Lomond, led by Alanna's husband Andrew, where legs were really tested, but the views out to the NE Highlands more than compensated for the slog uphill. Fran led the Wednesday group to the Moon Rim walk on the Blue Tier where the waratahs were in fine display.



*Pavement Bluff, Ben Lomond.*

### December 2021

Christa led the first Wednesday walk this month, along 'Ron's Road' (newly created) to enjoy again the coastal reserve around Scamander and to take in a local coffee! Alex led the Saturday walk to Halls Falls and the ever popular Anchor Stampers, that took in another aspect of the NE Highlands up at the Blue Tier.



*Enjoying walking on Ron's Track.*

Interested persons can contact Alex Buchanan on 0428 287 753 for further details regarding joining the St Helens Walking Group. Walks are usually planned well in advance with a half yearly calendar (subject to change of course due to weather etc).

This year's Christmas BBQ was held at Ade's place at Stonyford on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We look forward to seeing new faces in the New Year; keep walking and keep healthy!

# St Marys Community Health Centre

Gardiners Creek Rd St Marys Tasmania 7215

Phone: 6387 5555

## COVID RULES APPLY TO ENTRY

If unsure phone ahead on 6387 5555 and ask for advice.

## DOCTORS ROSTER

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

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

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

<u>Dr C. Latt</u>	<u>Dr Jacobs</u>
23/12/21 – 7/1/22	23/12/21 – 7/1/22

The waiting area for *all services* at the St Marys 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.

### SCRIPTS AND DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS

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

Please ensure doctor's 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.

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

When making appointments to see the GP's please **write down the date and time** or request an appointment card as a reminder.

### To Our Community

On behalf of the staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre, we want to thank you, the community, for your ongoing support of the Centre in 2021.

Wishing you all health and happiness for the remainder of 2021 and into the new year.

### CHRISTMAS

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES

Monday 27/12/21

Tuesday 28/12/21

Normal Doctor Surgery hours will resume the day after the public holiday – Wednesday 29/12/21. Please refer to the After Hours contact numbers for help during this time.

Emergency 000

GP Assist 1800 780 011

Ambulance 1800 008 008 non emergency

Lifeline 131 114

St Marys Community Health Centre

6387 5555

If possible, please ring before presenting after hours.



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## How to get your COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate

You can get an immunisation statement or COVID-19 digital certificate to show proof of your vaccinations.

How you get proof depends on your situation. This includes if you need to create a MyGov account or link services or enrol in Medicare

If you're 14 or older you'll need to get your own immunisation history statement or digital certificate using either:

- Medicare online account – through MyGov
- Express Plus Medicare mobile app

You can also call the Australian Immunisation Register and ask them to send your statement to you. It can take 14 days to arrive in the post.

## Australian Immunisation Register 1800 653 809



### PATHOLOGY- FASTING BLOODS

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

*You can still take morning medications.*

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

### NON-URGENT BLOODS

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

**8:30am until 12 midday, Monday-Friday.**

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

## 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.

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

## Non-attendance of Doctor's Appointments

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

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

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

Waiting periods can apply.

### GP Surgery Hours: Monday - Friday

**8:50am - 10:00am**

(10:00am - 10:30am, reception closed)

**10:30am - 12.30pm**

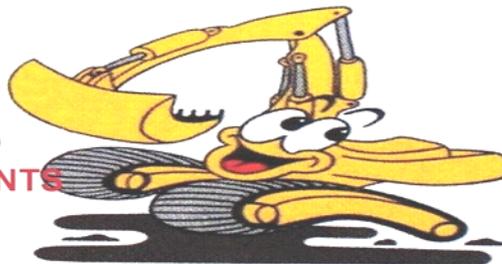
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# SCAMANDER RIVER GOLF CLUB



## Wednesday 8th December - Steve and Gonny's Day Stableford

Rod Niven	41
Maryanne Ennis	37
Dean Richardson	36
Brett Kellaway	34
Margaret Thompson	32
Dick Swanson	32
Jens Kalisch	32
Brad Ennis, Jim Haas	31

Nearest the Pin	6th	Dick Swanson
Longest Putt	9th	L.Kellaway

## Saturday 11th December - Sharon's Sizzler Stableford

Dick Swanson	45
Bear (A) Swanson	41
Nigel Wallace	39
Tim Upton	37
Beth Haas	35
Jim Haas	35

Best Gross and New Course Record: Dick Swanson 75  
Good golfing Dick, congratulations!

Nearest the Pin	6th	Tony Swanson
	8th	Dick Swanson
Longest Putt	9th	Dick Swanson

Well done to the Swansons - you cleaned us all up!!!!

## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Midweek Stableford

Saturday 8th January 2022

Drummond Golf - 3 Person Ambrose

On behalf of the Scamander Golf Club Committee, I would like to wish all members and readers of the golf column a safe and Happy Christmas.

The Scamander River Golf Club is still open everyday over the holiday period and visitors are welcome.

Nigel Wallace  
Secretary

## Wednesday 15th December - Midweek Competition 2 Person Texas Scramble

Dean Richardson/Barry Munro	80
Graham Little/Rod Niven	71
Rose King/Jens Kalisch	71
Brad Ennis/Tim Upton	68
Dick Swanson/Beth Haas	63

Nearest the Pin	6th	Brad Ennis
Longest Putt	9th	Jim Haas

## Saturday 18th December - Club Day

### 'Tubby's Day' Stableford

Today was 'Tubby's Day', in memory of our men's handicapper and Life Member, David 'Tubby' Freiboth, who passed away this week. Stableford was his favourite game and we played it for him.

Shan Wilmot	39
Michael Holmes, Jim Haas, Darren Bramich	37
Bobby Haas	35
Matty Cross, Tony Swanson, Nigel Wallace	33
Graham Little, P Dentler, B McGiveron,	
Dean Richardson, Tim Upton	31
Dick Swanson	27
Barry Munro	22

Nearest the Pin	6th and 8th	Michael Holmes
Longest Putt	9th	Darren Bramich



# MALAHIDE GOLF CLUB



## Chicken Run - Friday 10th December

Congratulations to Diane for winning her first Chicken Run and a Nearest the Pin!

Diane Cooper	30
David Lowe	31
Ashley Stone	33.5
Stan Ellerm	34
Robert Matthews	34
Rod Hunt	36
Mick Prewer	36
John Vincent	37
Bill Swann	37
David Duthie	38
Nearest the Pin	4th Diane Cooper
	8th John Vincent

## Saturday 11th December - Monthly Medal

Congratulations to Randall Wadley on his first Monthly Medal win, well played.

Randall Wadley	87/68
David Duthie	89/72
Ashley Stone	94/75
David Lowe	93/77
John Vincent	91/79
Nearest the Pin	4th Randall Wadley
	8th Club

## 2021 Champions

A Grade	Andrew Johns
B Grade	John Vincent
C Grade	Riley Plummer

Men's Foursome Gross: Andrew Johns and Stephen Lowe

Men's Foursome Nett: Ashley Stone and John Vincent

Congratulations to all winners!

**Malahide Golf Club** hold a Chicken Run on each Friday starting at 1pm, \$4.00 entry. Saturday competition starts at 11am and we also have a Facebook page that is updated regularly.

⇒ Full membership is \$235 per annum

⇒ Social Membership is \$50 per annum

Contact Andrew Johns - Club Captain on 0427 854 555

## Chicken Run - Friday 17th December

Rod Hunt	28
David Duthie	28.5
Mike Prewer	31
Jim Rankin	34
Garry Lanham	34
Andrew Johns	35
Ashley Stone	35
John Vincent	38.5
Stan Ellerm	38.5
Bill Swan	DNF
Klaus Kobylinski	DNF

Nearest the Pin	4th David Lowe
	8th Andrew Johns

## Saturday 18th December - Ham and Turkey Day

Ashley Stone	87/71
Randall Wadley	94/74
Robert Mathews	98/77
Klaus Kobylinski	103/79
David Duthie	96/80
Rod Hunt	115/83
Mike Prewer	120/85

Nearest the Pin	4th Randall Wadley
	8th David Lowe

## Next Fortnight

Friday 24th December: All Day Chicken Run - so if you have a partner you can start anytime, also we are hitting off at 1.00pm as usual.

**Malahide Golf Club wishes all members and players a very Merry Christmas.**





## FISHING REPORT

### By The Happy Hooker



Hi everyone, December is the month when both fresh and salt water fisher folk will hit the waterways over the Christmas holidays. In the salt, those people who have been drowning their cray pots have been rewarded with some nice-sized crayfish taken, these tasty crustaceans will be adorning many a Christmas lunch dinner tables along with prawns, and other seafood.

Georges Bay has been fishing well with the normal species showing up, Scamander River bream have finally schooled up and have been hanging around the snags and trees in large numbers up the river, off-shore flathead have been caught, and salmon and gummy shark off the beaches.

In the fresh water, one local angler fishing the South Esk River at Fingal swimming hole caught and released some nice-sized trout on soft plastic lures. Lake Leake trout have been moving well in the early morning wind lanes taking a variety of morsels hatching and previously hatched the day before floating on the water and the wind lanes, producing highways of food for the trout's breakfast. Lake Leake trout have also now switched to the baby perch fry for food; when the trout start feeding on perch fry, normally around the first week of December, it is an exciting time of the year. You can be sitting in the boat with everything nice and quiet when all of a sudden, the water erupts with fleeing perch fry, and following them, a large trout absolutely smashing the water in the hope of catching a feed. Fishing for perch fry feeders can be frustrating, as they lock into the tiny natural source, but in past seasons, we've had success with three green and white small flies (something you would use to catch a salmon on) - the technique is to cover a slashing fish quickly with five or six quick long strips and pause and be ready to have the rod taken out of your hands on the pause. Local Lake Leake residents and anglers really love this form of fishing, and as one text message I received during the week said, "Where the heck (or similar) are you, the big boys are out to play on the fry, get your backside (or similar) up here!"

Fishing reports:

**23 November:** Lake Leake: Up before daylight, and out early. Trout were ringing everywhere, but they were very boat-shy until a breeze got on the water and formed a few wind lanes that made the trout more comfortable, and they fed well until the sun hit the water and they went down around 8.30am. 9.00am, boat out of the water and down to the Swan River, with my two older friends, we have done a lot of fishing together over the years, but for bream, always old school, using pretty fish and crabs for bait, but not today. "Time to get with the times, we'll catch them on the lures today; guarantee!" was the comment which was met with much uncertainty and mumbblings from my fishing companions, "Bream on lures? we'll see.." We fished for the first half an hour or so and not a touch, and the pressure was growing to produce, to prove to them that lure fishing for bream really works. I was getting a few smart comments, something about going and buying some bait and these lures are only good for Christmas decorations. While drifting along, the sounder "lights" up with a school of fish showing sitting on the bottom, so a quick gear change to 'Cranka Vibes' and run them through the area; finally a bream was hooked and boated, thank God!, to save me from the ridicule on the trip home, and in the end we boated a nice bag of bream, with my companions catching their first on lures as well. They enjoyed a new technique they had never tried before, and if only they could only tell their previous bait at all cost fishing buddies that have now past that they have caught bream on an artificial lure. "never heard of such a thing".

**3 December:** On Scamander River, an afternoon session was the go, and we headed upriver, where I found the bream schooled up along the edges. Cast hardbody lures, and soft plastic lures dragged a fly past their noses, as you could see the fish schooled up, but they were not interested in feeding and its very frustrating stuff, then a change of plan was the go. "Right, I'll see if they will take a surface lure today," using 'Savage Gear' surface lures in a technique known as 'walking the dog', which involves working the lure across the top then pausing. First cast, a bream absolutely smashed the lure, and a nice hour or so followed, with the bream sometime smashing the lure, with others quietly sucking the lure under, and others just emerging under the lure for an inquisitive look, even bumping it with their noses to see if it's worth eating. This fishing is excellent visual fishing, seeing the bream emerge under your lure floating on top of the water before engulfing or refusing.

**11 December:** Scamander River and with me, two friends; one a mad keen trout fisherman who hadn't caught a bream on a lure before. I made the prediction that he would become hooked on the bream and the trout would become second best after the session. We started up the river and picked one up quickly on a surface lure, then we battled for a while at low tide and decided to head up the river further, to the deeper rock walls, where we started to pick up the occasional bream hanging on the ledges. We were on a time schedule, with both boys having plans to take their lovely partners to Launceston for a romantic tea and night on the town. They promised to be home by three o'clock, with one having to travel home to Campbell Town. As always happens when you've got a time schedule to obey, the bream turned it on, with constant catches amongst the snags with the bream schooled up underneath the trees. The clock said we were MEANT to be travelling home; after thoughts of various excuses to stay longer and the old 'just one more cast', they succumbed to the possibility of a silent week ahead for them if they were late home, and we left to have them home with ten minutes to spare. "Bugger, could have stayed ten minutes longer after all..."

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and New Year. Please stay safe on the water with family and friends, and remember, "No fish is worth a life."

Tight lines, and catch up next year.



## ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE

By Volun Tier



Welcome all to our last writings for 2021, and what a year it has been! Firstly to our Christmas break-up, where we hosted 48 guests to a lovely evening meal and dessert, had a visit from Santa and also saw the guests hand out their 'Secret Santa' presents, all going down a treat with the crowd in attendance. Big effort from all the intrepid crew again, especially as we had just completed a home game of Pennant bowls in 30+ degree heat, well done again to all who put their hand up to help.

More great news on the Commonwealth grant front, as we have secured a further \$30,000 that will go towards the installation of brand new, state-of-the-art shade cloth that will extend around the entire rink. As wasn't the case with the old outdated cloth, the new one can be folded away in each span when not in use, which will extend the life of the product immensely. More great improvements to our wonderful facility - grants obtained in the last 18 months now total well over \$60,000. What a great bonus for the club and our community.

I omitted to mention the Nan Stuart Memorial Bowls Day that took place a couple of weekends back. Unfortunately, we went down to Scamander 61 - 60, due to some creative accountancy, which means Scamander retains the shield temporarily again. A huge thank you must go out to Bobby, Dot, Heather and families, who not only did the bulk of the catering on the day, but some family assisted with our player numbers, and we all had an absolute ball on a very slippery home rink. Whilst on bowls, our Pennant games panned out like this over the last two weeks, Scamander beating us by 31 shots a fortnight ago, a massive 30-shot improvement by our team though, by our team against Bicheno at home, to take us from cellar-dwellers to just out of second place in a couple of weeks, well done to all. Mid-week bowls saw us with two impressive wins on the road at Swansea and Scamander to retain top spot at present on the ladder. On Monday 27th December, we host the Clive Berwick Memorial Triples Carnival, proudly sponsored by Drew and our club; a great day expected with around 60 people in attendance. Good effort also by veterans Trevor Viney, Macca, Jim Rankin and Ian Johnson, for making the semi-finals of the East Coast Fours, just going down by 2 shots.

Yes, this fortnight, we even found time for a hit of golf, a stableford event last Sunday, scores were Jason Gledhill, 20 points, from Mark Carrick and Rodney McGiveron on 17 points, Macca and Danni Turner on 15 points and Mark Turner on 13. Great to see the latter back having a hit and enjoying their golf. There are a few things on at present, including the commencement of our "Summer Chicken Run" on Wednesday afternoons in the New Year, and a competition called "Phone A Friend", that will be organized by Jason Gledhill, that should be a great intro to new golfers to our club - poster below.

THIS FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, THE CLUB WILL BE OPEN FROM 3.00PM FOR ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE A QUIET ALE AND A FRIENDLY CHAT, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

To all the staff at the Valley Voice and regular readers, patrons and members of our club, we wish to extend Season's Greetings to you all, and a Happy New Year, from all at the St Marys Sports Centre.



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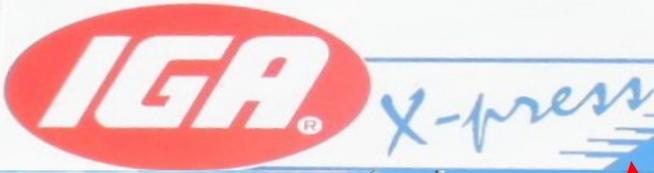
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