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EAST COAST SWANS UNDER 14 BOYS FLY AWAY WITH TITLE

The under 14 boys team soared home to St Helens on Saturday 26th August after winning the Grand Final in great form. The East Coast Swans 6.6. 42 defeated Longford 3.4. 22 in a game played at UTAS Stadium at York Park which one spectator described as "tight for 3 quarters.....exciting game and gusty win."

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Lachlan Brinsmead kicked 4 goals, while team captain Byron Woods contributed 2 goals.

Jaxon Harrison was awarded runner-up 'Best and Fairest' in the NTJFA competition in Division 2, and topped that off with a medallion for 'Best on Ground' in the Grand Final.

The team members are: Byron Woods, (Captain), Tyler Speers and Jaxon Harrison (joint Vice-Captains), Callum Hays, Archie Emmerton, Noah Bourke, Riley Jordan, Tiberius Foley, Cooper Griffiths, Wally Freiboth, Roy Bellchambers, Paul Taylor, Ned Blunt, Lochlan Brinsmead, Connor French, Dominic Locket, Dakoda Davenport, Ryan Gorham, Steely Zorn and Thomas Kelleher. Congratulations to the players, coaches, support staff and parents!

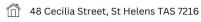








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STUDENTS SPEND A WEEK WITH BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL

Students from St Marys District School learned Councils do far more than just fill pot holes after spending a week with Break O'Day Council staff as part of the 'Week in the Life of Council '(WITLOC) project.

Developed by Break O'Day Council staff, the program aimed to educate youth about what Council does, what career pathways

are available in Local Government, and how they can make sure Council hears their voices and understands what is important to them. Seven students from St Marys District High School took part in the program which saw them spend time with staff from each department including: Corporate services, Community Services, Communication, Planning and Building, Economic Development and Works and Maintenance, as well as a Q and A session with the General Manager and Councillors.

Aside from learning about each department the students also participated in a number of activities including; planting trees, visiting the St Helens Mountain Bike Trails and St Marys Skate Park, developing communications plans, Erica McKinnell from Break O'Day Council with students Joel, Annalissa, triaging community requests and more. As an outcome of the project, students developed and presented posters on



Charli, Tommi, Taj and Cain,.

the last day of the program that displayed what they had learned about Council that they didn't know before. Council will be sharing these on social media and displaying them in their office. The Students from St Marys District School said they had a great time and learned a lot about what Council does and what career pathways are available in Local Government.

Here are some of their comments regarding the project:

- \Diamond "Really enjoyable, I've learnt things I never knew before."
- \Diamond "It was a good program and I would recommend to others."
- "It was honestly amazing and so much fun. 10/10 would do it again." \Diamond
- \Diamond "I feel like this program taught me a lot and helped me learn more about more job opportunities."
- \Diamond "I feel like this could help other students discover a career pathway."
- \Diamond "Huge thank you to these amazing people for the amazing week I had, I learnt so much about the council and I would definitely do it all over again, thank you again."

Mayor Mick Tucker said it was really important for Local Government to connect with youth in a meaningful and genuine way "The youth are our future and it's important that we connect with them and that that they feel they can connect with us and share their ideas for their community. It really was a pleasure to have the students spend a week with us and we all learned as much from them as they did from us," he said. Mayor Tucker said the program would not have been possible without the hard work of Council staff as well as program partners, St Marys District School, Area Connect and Break O'Day Employment Connect (BODEC), and supporters the Community Bank St Helens-St Marys who funded Big Shed Studios to film the week. The video will be shared on Social Media once completed," he concluded.



WHAT IS THE VOICE?

- It will create a body so First Nations people can have a say on major issues that affect them.
- The group will be made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to speak on behalf of Indigenous communities right around Australia.
- The Voice will work to improve the lives of Indigenous people.
- It will give advice to the Government and the Parliament on issues like housing, health and education.
- It cannot make laws, change laws, or force the government to follow its advice on these issues, but it will have a say.
- It will recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Peoples of Australia.
- It's a huge step toward bringing Australia together and walking together.

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WITH ONE VOICE BREAK O'DAY CHOIR

Feel Good, Do Good, Sing For Good!



What better way to celebrate and debrief after our participation in 'Festival of Voices' than to go to the pictures? Upon

request, our new local cinema, Easy Tiger, agreed to run "Fishermans Friends" for us. It's a fabulous true story about a band hailing from a village in Cornwall, UK. It shares many characteristics of our own community, its challenges and its benefits. We sang out loud along with the sea shanties, we laughed and we cried. Bravo and thank you Easy Tiger. What a delight it is to go to the pictures locally and experience state-of-the-art sound and vision. If you haven't done so already, do yourselves a favour and go along for the experience. After the pictures, we adjourned to Parkside for lunch in the sun overlooking Beauty Bay. We extend our gratitude to Parkside and their hospitable staff for accommodating our very, very big family at extremely short notice, and applaud their delicious food.



Our next event is on **Saturday 2nd September** and everyone is welcome. Age and previous singing experience are of no concern. If you like to sing, you can, even if people tell you that you can't. We are extremely fortunate to be able to host a one-day sing session led by the Hobart-based conductor Jane Christie-Johnston. Her reputation precedes her and draws singers from choirs around the state and likely one or two from Victoria. The energy she brings to her workshops rapidly generates great joy and glorious harmonies. Portland Hall is where she will work her magic with nothing other than one little tuning whistle. The magic will begin at **10.30am** and extend well beyond the workshop finish time of **3.30pm**. The songs she teaches in the workshop are yours forever. Welcome teas and coffee with legendary choir-made tasty treats will be available. We would like tickets to be pre-purchased.



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"If you think you can't sing, you're in!"
"Feel good, do good, sing for good"

ST MARYS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on **Monday 4th September 2023**, in the **Day Room St Marys Hospital**, **at 2.00pm**, followed by the monthly General Meeting.

Our thanks to our members for the support given during the past year. We are desperately in need of new members to continue our cause, so if you could spare one hour per month for 10 months per year, please attend this meeting. You will be warmly welcomed.

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The Say by the "Cage Rattler"



They say we are a weird mob, Australia that is. But what about the USA? Right now, we have a former President who has been indicted on numerous counts, and pretty serious ones at that, who is not exempted for standing for the Presidency again next year. Our old mate Donald J Trump. Along with about 17 others, he is facing a raft of charges from States that think he was knowing of things that took place in the 2020 Presidential Elections, I understand, that disrupted the election. I'm not sure if that includes the disgraceful goings on at the Capitol Building as well, but I assume so.

How is it possible that while under charge he is allowed to be nominated as a Republican candidate and accept donations for his campaign? I also understand that that within minutes of his mug-shot being taken while being charged and processed in Georgia, there was merchandise being made to profiteer from that process. How is that allowed? It's just ridiculous.

How this country that lays claim, probably justifiably for a long time, as being the greatest country in the world has descended to letting potential law-breakers run for its highest office while being indicted beggars belief. If it wasn't so serious, it'd be funny. Where else would that happen? Not many countries, I suggest.

The really sad thing about this is that if the Republican Party were to end up with Trump as the candidate for 2024, there is a fair chance that many America's dysfunctional loonies, of which there are many on both the Republican and Democrat sides, might well let the battle for the White House end up being exactly that. Watching various footages, reading about the, dare I say, hatred for each other's candidates, grasping some of the most lax fire-arms laws in the world, distrust for law enforcement personnel quite regularly, overkill also from some law enforcement officers not withstanding, and a biased and disjointed media with vested interests in the outcome, can only lead to a scary time for tens of millions of moderate Americans probably yearning for a settled and sustainable government without the baggage that Donald Trump, and to a lesser extent, Joe Biden these days, carries.

Just a suggestion from a nobody (me), on the other side of the world, that, for reasons of some sort of harmony, these two (Trump and Biden) make way for a couple of more normal individuals to run for the incredibly important job of the President of the United States of America. Crazy ego-mania, vested interests, and goodness knows what else, will preclude that of course, but I'm hoping that all the mayhem that is current in America will not lead to bloodshed more than already happens. I'm beginning to think that restraint, respect and even common sense from some nutcases in American politics is currently in short supply.....

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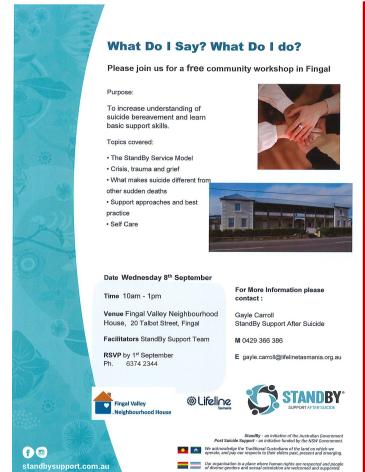
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SUNCOAST SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

are holding a combined exhibition with the Basket Weaving Group from Tuesday 19th September at Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.

On display will be various items that have been spun, knitted and woven so that people can see what some of the very talented members of the community have produced throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to visit between 10.00am and 2.00pm, when you will be able to see demonstrations and make enquiries.

Basket weaving workshops are held on the 1st Tuesday and Spinning and Weaving is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, all that is needed is a bit of curiosity and a gold corn donation.

We hope to leave the articles on display for a week or two, so please drop in anytime during FVNH opening hours.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ON USELESS SIGNS

As a regular traveller on the St Marys Pass, I am often perplexed by the amount of useless signs placed along the way.

The first sign to confront your sensibilities is "YOU ARE NOW ENTERING ST MARYS PASS". Economy would dictate a simple "ST MARYS PASS" would be sufficient to illuminate a possibly disoriented driver, but some demented departmental sign designer has ensured that this sign will forever be the target of the local jokers.

Next up is a road sign exhorting long load drivers to sound their horns when coming to a sharp bend. I imagine that this is a throwback to the days when train drivers would blow their horns at level crossings, but these days cars are designed to be sound-proof to all outside road noises. Windows are never wound down because of air conditioning, and there is an internal wall of sound from radio or phones. Drivers are now grubs in their comfortable cocoons that will never hear a blaring horn. A more useful exhortation would be "DO NOT HIT THE GUARDRAILS!" I am sure there is a truck driver who makes a point of clipping every corner guard post like he is an Olympic downhill slalom skier clipping the course flags.

Halfway down the pass is a speed sign advising 80 is a safe speed on a section of road where only lunatics dreaming of TARGA greatness would dare go above 60.

Following this is a piece of security theatre that is the "HAZARD AHEAD" sign that is placed around a fallen rock. When I first came to St Marys, a local depot worker, who should have been canonised as the Saint of St Marys, would walk up the pass early every morning and remove the fallen rocks. I imagine what happens now is that someone will report a fallen rock to the local works depot. A worker will duly come and place the hazard signs around the rock. After a couple of days a supervisor will come to inspect the rock and write a report on what needs to be done (remove rock). The report will go to his boss who will write a contract for the contractor (remove rock). The contractor will then come and remove the rock.

I believe here is the reason for Tasmania's high employment yet low productivity in recent years. All the effort is going into creating reports and placing useless signs. I imagine that the workload will become so great that they will have to create a separate department for useless signs. It may not operate at the level of Monty Python's "Ministry of Silly Walks", but it would be so very Tasmanian.

Drew Adam

St Marys



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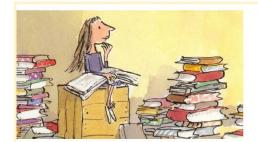
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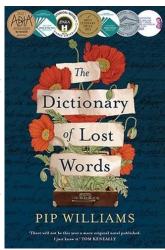
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31st August 2023

BOOK REVIEW

Written by Pam Bretz

Published in 2020, The Dictionary of Lost Words is the debut novel for author Pip Williams. It fits the genre of historical fiction, but with a difference. Williams takes a fictional character, Esme Nicoll, and inserts her into a real setting (Oxford) with actual historical figures, in order to tell the fascinating story of the creation of the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary to replace Samuel Johnson's dictionary of 1755. A mammoth task begun in 1879, it resulted in a 12-volume dictionary eventually published in 1928. Doctor (later Sir) James Murray heads the team of lexicographers who work in the 'Scriptorium', in what is little more than a tin shed in Dr Murray's garden. Their task is to sort and accept or reject definitions and usages of words posted to the project by interested volunteers from all over the country and even from overseas. Cleverly, Williams introduces Esme, the five-year-old motherless daughter of lexicographer Horace Nicoll. She spends some hours every day under the sorting table in the Scriptorium to be near her beloved father, amusing herself by collecting discarded or sometimes mislaid "slips" - postcardsized cards on which words and their meanings and usages are written. She has a close bond with the Murray's servant, Lizzie Lester, a girl only eight years older than her, who also serves as carer for Esme. The child stores the "lost words" in a small trunk in Lizzie's room, and this collection becomes an important focus in the story.



Time passes and Esme becomes aware that some of these discarded words concern women's lives, and as she grows older, she realises that these words are not being included in this very male-dominated project. Another important figure in the Nicholls's lives is Edith (Dittie) Thompson. Based on a real contributor to the dictionary's creation, she is a single woman who supports Esme's father from a distance in the raising of this somewhat precocious child. The novel leads us through Esme's young womanhood during times of great social turmoil. The Suffragettes and their pursuit of equality for women are represented by another fictional character, Tilda Taylor, an actress who becomes friends with Esme, and because of this friendship, Esme's life is changed forever. World War One has a profound effect on the project, as so many young men working on the dictionary leave and often never return, and again, Esme's life is impacted.

This is a big book in many ways and highly original and entertaining. By inserting Esme into the story, Williams is able to explore the question of whether words mean different things to men and women. She claims that the word "bondmaid", the word on the first "slip" that Esme picked up, was actually missing from the 1928 published dictionary and that this fascinated her. Although it is an archaic word and little-used in modern times, it takes on a huge importance for Esme, representing as it does the role of Lizzie Lester in the Murray household and, indeed, that of many women of her time and class. Esme's life unfolds for us during an era of great change and she is a strong character in her own right, as are many of the memorable characters like Lizzie, Tilda and Dittie. The novel is not just about the production of the Oxford English Dictionary, but examines themes such as love, war and its effects, the position of women, adoption and its associated griefs, but above all, the importance of language and how it reflects the concerns of the society that uses it.

The novel was unanimously appreciated by our Book Group and we highly recommend it.



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We get lots of weird and wonderful donations here at the Tip Shop but something came in last month that brought a tear to the eye of even the most jaded amongst us. It was the sweetest little russet-coloured hand-knitted vest. Nothing unusual about that though, as we often get bags of vintage clothes donated.

This was a little different however as there it was, in amongst the scarves and the jackets with a sweet little note pinned determinedly to its front.

It read:

"Mother knitted this vest for me when I was a child in Guildford West Australia (late 1940's). I wore it until I was in my 50's. Cannot bring myself to to throw it away! Mum was some knitter eh?!"

Yes anonymous donor...your mum was definitely some knitter!

Now, of course, we need to decide what to do with this gorgeous piece of history. Any suggestions?

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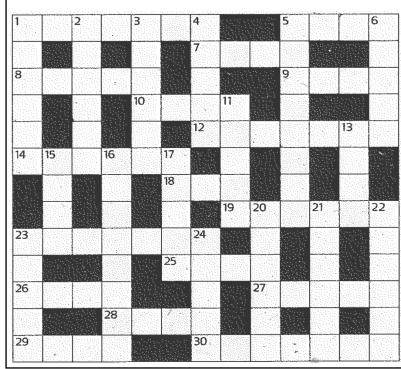


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- 5. Shut forcibly (4)
- 7. Nibble (4)
- 8. Mound of stones (5)
- 9. _ _ Diamond, singer (4)
- 10. Affair of honour (4)
- 12. Protection (7)
- 14. Large bird (6)
- mar margo pira (o)
- **18.** Spanish cry! (3)
- **19.** Team number (6)
- 23. Pupil (7)
- 25. Precious metal (4)
- 26. Hire vehicle (4)
- 27. Port in northwest Italy (5)
- 28. Cairo's river (4)
- 29. Pass slowly (4)
- 30. Kentish resort town (7)

DOWN

- 1. Empty (6)
- 2. Matelot (6)
- 3. Package (6)
- 4. Receded (5)
- 5. Group of words (8)
- 6. Fracas (5)
- 11. River embankment (5)
- **13.** Concern (4)
- **15.** Section (4)
- **16.** Firewood (8)
- **17.** Jimmy _ __, radio DJ (5)
- 20. Accounts book (6)
- 21. Capital of Austria (6)
- 22. Nullify (6)
- 23. Full up (5)
- 24. Indian pole (5)



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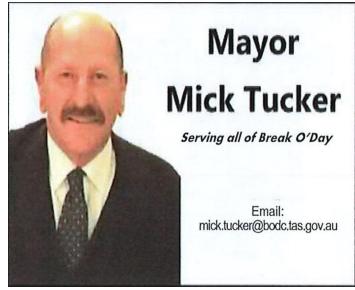
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VIETNAM FALLEN COMMEMORATED

We had a good crowd turn up to show their respect for our local Vietnam Veterans on this special Vietnam Veterans Day.

This year marks 50 years since Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War ceased. Approximately 30 marched up the main street of St Helens to the beat of a drum. Amongst them were SRC students from St Helens District High School who participated in running the Service, and laying white crosses on the Cenotaph for the Tasmanian soldiers killed in the war. Mayor Mick Tucker and President of the Vietnam Veterans East Coast Sub Branch, Gary Graham, unveiled a new plaque in the Memorial park to commemorate the 50th anniversary.

Following the Service our members and friends met up at Parkside for a luncheon.









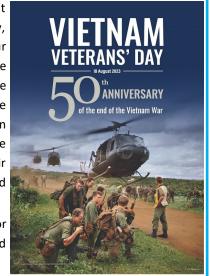
5 MINUTES WITH THE MAYOR



I was invited alongside our community to attend the ceremony held on Friday 18th August to say thank you and give recognition to our Vietnam Veterans. It was an honour to be asked by the St Helens Vietnam Veterans Association Sub-Branch to be the guest speaker on this day, a privilege I will not forget. It was lovely to meet with Vietnam Veterans and their families and be told of their first-hand experiences of war and their encounters when they returned. To be fortunate enough to listen to a part of our history was incredible, and it was a great privilege to celebrate a day that reflects on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. Any event that pays homage to our Australian soldiers past and present is something very close to my heart. My father served in World War II and I have

walked the Kokoda Trail, where I got a sense of what our diggers endured during that war. It is important to give the deserved recognition to those who serve our Country, the place we call home. So on 18th August, we celebrated and remembered our Veterans on Vietnam Veterans Day. Remarkably, this year was the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. This day acknowledges the dedication of our 60,000 Australian service men and women and the sacrifices they made during our involvement in the Vietnam War. We paid tribute to the 523 Australian soldiers who lost their life in the call of duty, 16 of those soldiers were Tasmanian. We honoured the veterans who returned home wounded, ill or injured, who have lost their lives in the years since they returned, and all those who carried the physical and emotional scars of the war.

I would like to thank the St Helens Vietnam Veterans Association Sub-Branch for organizing the ceremony, giving our community the opportunity to celebrate and remember all Australians who served in the Vietnam War.



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Bicheno Community Market

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Market Dates 2023

Sunday 17th September - 9am to 1pm

Sunday 15th October - 9am to 1pm

Sunday 12th November - 9am to 1pm $\,$

Saturday 16th December - 3pm to 7pm

(Twilight Market)

Market Dates 2024

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B.O.N.E. - Bird Observers of the North East

A lovely time was spent at our perennial favourite, Winifred Curtis, on Wednesday, 2nd August.

This is a lovely time to have a walk through there. Lots to see, and a great look at a Spotted Pardalote coming out of its hole and perching waiting for our departure!

Good weather and delicious morning tea made for a great day!

Birds recorded included:

Little Pied Cormorant **Black-faced Cormorant** Black Swan

Yellow-throated Honeyeater White-faced Heron

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

Silver Gull Pacific Black Duck Australasian Grebe Superb Fairy Wren **Grey Fantail** New Holland Honeyeater

Swamp Harrier

Little Black Cormorant

Pacific Gull Crested Tern

Brown Thornbill Little Wattlebird

Masked Lapwing



Spotted Pardalote Pied Oyster Catcher Australian Pelican

Scrubtit

Eastern Spinebill Grey-Shrike Thrush



Next month, we venture up to St Marys way to look for bush birds up around North and South Sister area. Easy walking on gravel road.

On Wednesday 6th September, meet at St Helens Bayside carpark at 8.15am for 8.30am departure, or 9.00am opposite St Marys pub, prior to driving out to site.

Ring Nat on 0400 750 364 to register your interest or for further information.

Chestnut Teal

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Eagle Street, ST HELENS, includes recycling: OPEN 10 am - 4 pm every day.

Coach Road, SCAMANDER, includes recycling: OPEN 10 am -4 pm Tuesday and Thursday and 2 pm - 5 pm, Sunday.

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St Marys - Harefield Road, St Marys

Fingal - Talbot Street, Fingal

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SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB



Our thanks to Sandra Krstic who filled in for me as secretary, and to Nicci Livings who took the photos. From what I heard, it was a buzzing meeting with Guest Speaker Jason Johnson speaking on beekeeping and all things honey. He and Louise had a collection of honey they sell, and many members commented on how exciting it was to have the question-and-answer time with Jason. They lost their whole production in the 2006 bushfires and decided to start again. Louise had entered and helped make a new world record for the most photos of women beekeeping uploaded in 24 hours. That started as an initiative from Tasmanian members of Sister Hives Australia. Their enthusiasm for bees warmed the room. They also kindly donated a few jars to our raffle boxes. Some of the interesting information dispersed in the meeting:

- ♦ You can inseminate to get a Queen and they live for 3 years and produce between 1,000 1,500 eggs a day,
- Bees can die of starvation if no pollen.
- Some flowers that will attract bees to your garden include lavender, sunflowers, Sweet Alice, and borage.

Another exciting fact is that some of our members will go on the September bus trip down South and even visit the Government House Garden. As the bus is fully booked, I will tell you more later.

Flower of the Month - Camellia:

Any Flower:

 1^{st} Di Curtis 2^{nd} Christine Bowkett 3^{rd} Marg Aulich 1^{st} Christine Bowkett 2^{nd} Di Curtis and Margaret Forsyth 3^{rd} Peg Ryan

Novice Floral Art - Miniature Arrangement:

 1^{st} Nicci Livings 2^{nd} Maureen Lloyd 3^{rd} Sandra Krstic 1^{st} Sandra Flannery 2^{nd} Di Curtis 3^{rd} Peg Ryan

Senior Floral Art: 1st Sandra Flannery 2nd Di Curtis Fruit and Vegetables: 1st Pippi and Andrew Simes 2nd Nicci Livings

Next Meeting: Monday 18th September.

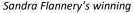
September Flower: Any bulb

Floral Arrangement: Spring arrangement without candles

We hope you join us on at our next meeting.

Peggy Bogar, Secretary







Camelliias on show.

We meet at the Scamander Sports Centre, on the third Monday of each month. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Cost per meeting is \$2.00, with raffle tickets being 50 cents each. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Judging of flowers, fruit and vegetables each meeting. Enquiries - Peggy Bogar, Secretary. Phone 0459 027 306











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The Suncoast Spinners and Weavers met at Fingal on Tuesday 15th August. It was decided that for our next meeting on Tuesday 19th September, we would have a display at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, so that interested people can see some of the things we have been making throughout the year. We hope to leave the articles on display for a week or two, and we invite the public to our September meeting, so that they can see the makers at work. It will be a good way to ask questions and see if you are interested in learning such skills, as we will be there from 10am to 2pm.

The pictures show some of our crafts. Helen was weaving a small basket, she has been holding monthly basket making classes which have been popular. Robina is weaving a clasp weft shawl on an Ashford Knitters loom, and has recently completed her knitted cardigan. Jac is plying yarn that she has spun on her wheel, to prepare it for knitting. Kaye has knitted over 400 pairs of socks and continues to satisfy her customers, who are always thrilled with the finished product.

So come along on 19th September and take a look. Ring FVNH on 03 6374 2344 or Megan on 0418 881 315 for more details.















Springtime

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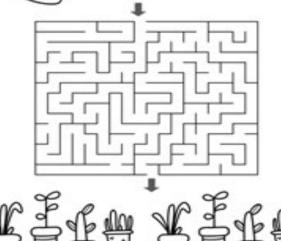
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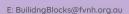
St Marys Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am (next to Op Shop)

13th June
11th July
8th August
5th September
17th October
14th November
12th December

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It takes a lot to keep Building Blocks out and about...From July 2022 - June 2023 the wonderful Building Blocks team saw 519 clients (adult and children) who attended 297 sessions at an average of 7.3 each.

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THANK YOU to everyone who comes along to our sessions and helps out - it is a real privilege to be part of your world. Building Blocks is funded until June 2026 by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, with additional funding from the Australian Early Years Census and B4 (Dept for Children Education and Young People).

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September 2023

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Active4Life Break O'Day

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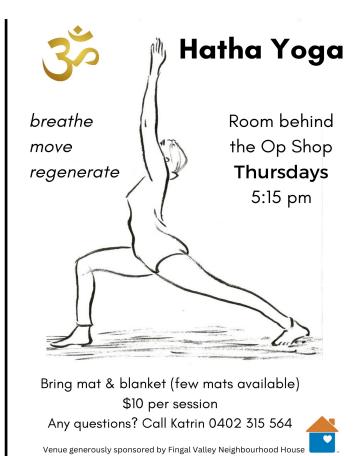
St Marys Active4Life is based in the community gym at St Marys Recreation Ground. The Operating Hours are 6.00am - 10.00pm, 7 days per week, 365 days a year. New members always welcome.

St Helens Active4Life programs are held Monday and Thursday mornings with fitness circuit classes. New participants welcome - subject to availability.

Email Active4Life@fvnh.org.au for more info

on how to book an induction or to join any of our sessions.





The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House and staff would like to thank all gym members for their ongoing support of our programs and services. In an effort to keep in line with changes to the cost of service delivery, there will be a small increase as of **1st September.**

Members will be liable for the new fee rate upon payment of a new or renewed membership from the 1st September.

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Active4Life Class Membership St Helens (no change)	St Marys Active4Life Fob Member (full)		St Marys Active4Life Fob (concession card)	
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All casual users \$15 per single class	6 month access	\$165	6 month access:	\$110
Fees to be paid online	3 month access	\$90	3 month access:	\$55
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SCAMANDER RIVER GOLF CLUB



Wedn	esday	16th	August	-	Midweel	k Com	petition
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1st	Brad Ennis	37 points
2nd	Dean Richardson	33
3rd	Tony Swanson	31

Nearest the Pin 6th: Brad Ennis

8th: Dean Richardson

Wednesday 23rd August - Mid-week Competition Irish Stableford

1st Graham Little, Jens Kalisch, Tony Swanson	81 points
2nd Rose King, Brad Ennis, Dick Swanson	74
3rd Dean Richardson, Tim Upton, Tim Laird	65

Nearest the Pin 6th and 15th: Jens Kalisch

8th and 17th: Jens Kalisch

Saturday 19th August - Bay of Fires Stableford

Thanks to our wonderful sponsor, Bay of Fires IGA				
1st	Beth Haas	38 points		
2nd	Tim Laird	36		
3rd	Dean Richardson	35 (on c/b)		
4th	Rodney Macbeth	35		
5th	Darren Bramich	35		
6th	Jodan Longfield	35		
7th	Jens Kalisch	34		
8th	Shan Wilmot	34		
9th	Darrell Thurley	33		
10th	Graham Little	32		
11th	Dick Swanson	32		
12th	Scotty Bennett	31		
13th	Normie Austin	30		
14th	Mike Holmes	26		

Saturday 26th August - Surfside Hotel Motel 2 Ball Ambrose

A great turn-out, with 30 players. The course looked great,

thanks team! Mixed

1st	Brad and Maryanne Ennis	66.25
2nd	Joe Rattray and Razz Walker	67.25
3rd	Rose King and Darren Bramich	67.5

Men

<u>1st</u>	Dean Richardson and Tim Upton	62.5
2nd	Matthew Cross and Darren Thurley	65
3rd	J Ellis and C Davis	67.25

Nearest the Pin

6th and 15th:

Darren Bramich

8th and 17th: Tim Laird

Carter Award Mike Holmes

Tuesday 29th August - Ladies' Stableford

1st Bobby Harwood 32 points (on c/b)

2nd

3rd

4th

5th WAITING FOR SCORE

6th

Tuesday 22nd August - Ladies' Stableford

2nd 3rd

1st

4th 5th

NO SCORES AVAILABLE

6th 7th

Putting:

Longest Putt:

Upcoming games:

30th August Midweek Competition
2nd September East Coast Surf Monthly Medal
5th September Ladies Brooch and Putter/Stroke
6th September Jackpot Stableford
9th September Tony Swanson Stableford
12th September Ladies - Stableford

MALAHIDE GOLF CLUB



Friday 18th August - Chicken Run

1st	Rod Hunt	28 points
2nd	DB Lowe	28.5
3rd	Mike Prewer	29
4th	Ashley Stone	29.5
5th	John Vincent	30
6th	Stan Ellerm	31

4th: **Rod Hunt** Nearest the Pin 8th Club

Friday 25th August - Chicken Run

1st	Rod Hunt	31 points
2nd	Andrew Johns	34
3rd	DB Lowe	34
4th	Stan Ellerm	34
5th	R Matthews	34.5
6th	John Vincent	40.5
7th	M Perkins	63

Nearest the Pin 4th: **Rod Hunt**

8th: **Rod Hunt**

Saturday 19th August - Red Marker Day

1st	H Heyen	40 points
2nd	M Johns	34
3rd	Andrew Johns	33
4th	P Heyen	32
5th	Peter Sorenson	30
6th	Stan Ellerm	29
7th	Klaus Kobylinski	28
8th	John Vincent	28
9th	DB Lowe	27
10th	Ashley Stone	21
11th	Brad Ennis	20

Nearest the Pin 4th and 13th: **Andrew Johns** 8th and 17th:

Stan Ellerm

Interested in taking up golf?

We'd love to see you on the course - you can choose how often and when you want to play. You can choose social events or play competitively - its up to you. Come along on a Friday night and have a chat to us.

Friday Nights at Malahide Golf Club

The Committee of Malahide Golf Club invites you to enjoy a convivial Friday night get together at the Malahide Golf Club - just across the South Esk River from Fingal. Join us to connect with friends and enjoy light refreshments and good fun every Friday from 4pm. You don't have to be a golfer!

Saturday 26th August - Par

1st 2nd 3rd 4th **NO SCORES AVAILABLE** 5th Nearest the Pin

4th: 8th:

Upcoming Games:

2nd September Monthly Medal 9th September Red Marker Day **Pinehurst Foursomes** 16th September

23rd September Par

Malahide Golf Club hold a Chicken Run on each Friday starting at 1.00pm, \$4.00 entry.

Saturday competition starts at 10.00am and we also have a Facebook page that is updated regularly.

Full membership is \$235 per annum \Rightarrow

Social Membership is \$50 per annum

Contact Andrew Johns - Club Captain on 0427 854 555



FISHING REPORT By The Happy Hooker



The trout season has kicked off in style with some cracking fish in great condition having been taken on various methods from the rivers and lakes around the state. Lowland lakes Four Springs, Toombs Lake and Lake Leake have been popular with anglers. The South Esk River has been producing some good-sized trout, with the river running a banker also providing the trout with plenty of worms and grubs to dine on.

Fishing reports

5th August, Scamander River: Arrived mid-morning after a late start to the day, the rods were rigged up with the trusty plastic six-inch sandworm as a searching lure and the bream were on the go. To start with, a lovely bream to the net on the first cast from the top of Prices Straight. Thoughts of a big day came to mind when another was boated shortly after, then another. The wind died out and the river went calm, and the fishing suddenly became hard, with lots of casting but not a lot of joy before the white flag went up and I returned home, satisfied to have a cast and catch a few after the winter months. All fish were caught on worms in the natural colour, as I was too lazy to bother changing lures.

8th August, South Esk River: The river was in flood, and a quick look around the few back waters resulted in no fish being seen.

13th August, Scamander River: Headed down to have another crack at the bream, and once again found a few up the top end of Prices Straight, and all fish were taken on six-inch sand worms and Zman grubs. We did try some hard body lures on the mud flats, but no fish were touched. The fishing was slow but the rewards were there, you just had to be patient and work the plastics slowly along the bottom, with lots of small lifts and long pauses. A silver trevally and a mackerel also came to net, with the mackerel a surprise catch more accustomed to Georges Bay.

Nature is a wonderful thing and the insect world, whether aquatic or land-based, is quite incredible. If we get a calm evening after a warm muggy day, as we can get this time of year, the cockchafer beetles will hatch and start flying around the house at dark. In years past, these nights were like gold to be on the river with these types of evenings, and some great dry fly-fishing was had, using dry fly cockchafer beetle imitations. Sadly now days, with the farming practices in cropping and the use of pesticides to eliminate the cockchafer grubs from the ground, we don't see the thousands of beetles hatching along the rivers as once was the norm. I used to fish with a couple from New Zealand, who spent six months in New Zealand and the summer months here in Tasmania. (What a life!) Basically, the time spent here was centred around fly-fishing, and their first month back was in the Valley, from September to October for the cockchafer and the red spinner hatches in the South Esk and Break O'Day rivers. "Oh, to have those days back!" One can only hope this year.... maybe.

Until next time, stay safe.



The larvae hatch after 4 to 6 weeks, then develop in the ground for 3 to 4 years before hatching.



Cockchafers have also been known as 'cob-worm', 'snartlegog', 'billy witch', and 'dumbledore'.
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ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE

By Volun Tier



Good to see so many golfers on the course this fortnight, with a visit from the 14 Scamander River ladies and others playing an Ambrose Day. Nice to host them on our course and end enjoying a hit, thanks to Bobby Harwood for organizing the event, and also the food and raffle prizes for the day. Everyone enjoyed the hit-out and some familiar faces returned to the course after a few years away, good also to see Judy Freiboth on her return from a trip on the mainland over the last couple of months. We also have around 20 names on the board so far for our revamped club championship on Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd September, a fantastic effort as we will be playing this competition for the first time after 13 years' absence. We also have the Bradley McDonald Family and Friends Day coming up in November, 9 teams booked in all ready with a few more to come, well over \$1000.00 in prizes for this one, book in at the club.

We also held our Bowls Club AGM and working bee, thanks to the 14 or so people who turned up and helped out for a couple of hours with the rink and clubhouse prior to the meeting. Club President this year is Rodney McGiveron, Secretary Glenn McDonald and selectors Rodney and Gary Laycock. With the number of new bowlers we have picked up this year, it looks like exciting times for Pennant, Mid-week and Social bowls. Nice also to see Peter "Peewee" Singline make a return after several years' absence, we certainly know that he is up and about, waiting for the season to begin. Later that day, few were surprised that the rink was marked out ready for a practice run, probably the earliest start in the history of the club and greatly enjoyed by all who participated. Thursday evening training starts this week and all welcome to have a roll up, we are trying to get everyone there by 3.00pm, prior to daylight savings coming in and giving us more time to practice. Finally, thanks again to the people helping out on the course, great news that volunteer numbers are increasing, taking the load off the usual culprits and making things a little easier around the course and rink. Meal nights continue to do well, Pete the Pleman and Smithy put on a right royal curry feed for around 30 guests and it went down a treat, apologies to Pete for missing his fruit cobbler at the end of the evening. This week, the little master Mark Oliver is back, cooking up a wonderful feed of battered scallops and Valeries's Chicken crepes the week after, check out the poster and book in early, as spots are filling fast.

Golf: Bogey/Par day on Saturday 19th August, winner Mick Kringle 1 shot down, Brad Davidson 2 shots down, Nick Kringle

and Rod McGiveron 3 shots down, Nick Child and Macca 4 shots down. Nearest the pin, Mick Kringle. Black Rock Trophy, Saturday 26th August, Nick Kringle a fantastic 90 off the stick and 59 net, Macca 93 and 65 net, Stan Ellerm 93 and 69 net, Rod 89 and 73 net, Nick Child 83 and 74 nett, Senna Ellerm 134 and 80 nett and Mick Kringle 111 and 83 nett. Nearest the pin, Nick Kringle. Fantastic to see Senna having a hit with the group for the first time and enjoying the day so much. Come and enjoy a hit at 10.00am on either Saturday or Sunday, \$10.00 with a great feed afterwards.

Members Draw:Last week Judy Freiboth and this week Graeme Bean, neither were present so fuel prize jackpots to \$110. Come along on Friday evenings0 at around 8.00pm to win.

Opening Hours:

Thursday - 5.30pm

Friday - 5.30pm

- ♦ Autumn Specials Meal Night
- ♦ Happy Hour 6.30pm till 7.30pm
- ♦ Members Draw 8.00pm

Saturday - 1.30pm after golf

Sunday - 2.30pm

Until next issue, good hitting, rolling and socializing.

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