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## BIASED REPORTS

It would appear, following some recent well-publicised activities at our High School, that most of what constitutes 'news' is really a reporting of abnormal, unusual or deviant behaviour with sufficient re-inforcing of the worries and insecurities of the community to keep the 'news' bubbling for some days.

The fascination/revulsion approach is fine for newspaper sales and TV ratings. But the continued reporting of deviant behaviour, the constant references to abnormal activities, always threatens to re-define the public concept of what is normal and what is not normal. The over and over references to unusual activities dulls the readers or listeners reaction to the behaviour. The lack of response to the 'news' is taken to be acceptance, and the community finds it's attitudes artificially established.

The reporting of the recent events at the St. Marys School, by Channel Nine and the Examiner, was an example of the way in which the media can perform in this finely balanced act of social opinion control. The attitudes of one side only were given proper coverage. The angry silent majority was not consulted or reported. It would appear, to a reader or viewer elsewhere, that there was only one opinion in the township.

We know this is not the case. So does Channel Nine; so does the Examiner. Both news sources have lost local credibility because of their misrepresentations in this affair.

## ROAD TO BE SEALED

George Shaw, M.L.C. for Macquarie has asked the Minister for Main Roads what is to be done to improve the Storeys Creek Secondary Road between Avoca and Rossarden. The Minister, Mr. Field, advises that sealing of the link has been programmed for January 1980.

## INSIDE...

Is St. Marys football finished?  
.....see the Sport pages.

Fingal Main Road neglected again.  
.....see George Shaw's letter.

Answers to our football quiz.  
.....no-one got it all correct.

"Kiss of Death" issues a challenge.  
.....who is the best judge?

"Casey" puts his motion.  
.....and hopes for the change.

## EARLY RISERS

According to a correspondent the Life Be In It campaign has had some effect on a few of the over-thirties in our area.

In the past month six joggers have been seen out on the morning run. At St. Helens there are two regulars to be found...and though the numbers are less there, the St. Helens two jog faster, we are told.

We can't find anyone in Fingal who gets up early enough to report on what's happening there.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...of the St. Marys Football Club will be held in the club rooms at 7.30 p.m. on October 10.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...of the R.S.L. Womens Auxiliary will be held on Monday, October 8 at 7.30 p.m. in the Institute. PLEASE ATTEND.

NEXT MEETING...of the Valley Ladies Group will be held on Wednesday, October 10 at the Thrift Shop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ARTS, CRAFT AND THRIFT SHOP...will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday. Home made cakes galore.

NEXT MEETING...of the St. Marys District High School Parents and Friends Association will be held on Tuesday, October 16, in the School library at 8.00 p.m. Items to be discussed include Open Day stall and the school magazine. Supper will be served.

ST. MARYS BADMINTON CLUB...Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 13 at Surfside. For details contact Mrs. J. Cornelius.

WINNER...of S.M.F.C. Ladies Committee raffle of a toy pig is Mrs. R. Scales, Cornwall.

DISCO...October 20, St. Marys Football Club Rooms. In aid Leonie Vincent, East Coast entrant Multicap. Music by East Coast Disco.

CAKE STALL...Friday, October 5, 11 a.m. in the Arts, Crafts and Thrift Shop.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP...will meet October 15 at 7.30 p.m. at the Clinic. Nutri-Metics Party. Trade table. All ladies welcome.

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## LETTERS

Sir,

In your last issue I noticed that one of the bus services carries passengers, people and parcels... what is the difference between passengers and people?

"Traveller", Bicheno.

Sir,

I wrote to the Minister for Main Roads on the 20th. August concerning the condition of the Esk Highway through the town of Fingal. The Minister's reply is to hand and reads...

"I am advised that design of this section of road commenced in 1976, but was unfortunately deferred because of more pressing works elsewhere. I am assured that this matter is now being investigated with the view to completing the design.

The Government faces extreme difficulty in maintaining the present network of roads, as well as new construction and reconstructions of a high priority.

It should be expected that some existing projects will need to be completed prior to the commencement of improvements to the Esk Main Road."

I forward this letter for your reader's information.

George Shaw,  
M.L.C. for Macquarie.

Sir,

I am pleased I helped "The Prophet" to a profit with my football selections throughout the season. I hope he made a bit more than me.

If he wants another wager, I challenge "The Prophet" to match his selections against mine in this paper next year.

All the year I have been trying to think of an apt non-de-plume. Next season "Kiss of Death" is willing to take on the "Prophet" to see who can pick the most winners.

"Kiss of Death"  
St. Marys.

Editor's note: We think it would be a close contest. "Kiss of Death" would win by a nose.

## THUMBS DOWN

...to the sad and silly people who have obliterated a well known and much liked painting on St. Marys Pass. He lasted for years unmolested and now some fools have blacked him out.

## FOOTY ANSWERS

The quiz in last issue must have been a bit hard as we were flooded by only seven replies, none of which were 100% correct, thereby saving us a dollar.

The answers are.....

- 10 straight premierships: Fremantle, from 1887 to 1896.
- 100 goals or more 12 seasons in a row: Ken Farmer of S.A.
- V.F.L. team with six brothers in it: Geelong with Tom, Joe, Phil, Jack, Henry and Jim McShane.
- 1961 Champion of Australia, and where: Western Australia & Victoria in Brisbane.
- Who won a VFL premiership altho' beaten in the Final: Essendon, in 1924, in a system whereby the first four teams played each other, built up such a high percentage by beating South and Fitzroy that Essendon had to lose the Grand Final by 5 goals to lose the Flag. Richmond beat them by only 15 points.
- Who kicked the most goals in a senior career: Ken Farmer, 1419 goals in 13 seasons.
- S.A. footballer decorated by the Queen: Lindsay Hood, M.B.E.
- What test for umpires began in 1933: An eyesight test! Truly.

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St. Marys	11.00am	Denney
St. Helens	5.00pm	Vincent

Sunday October 14

Fingal	9.30am	Vincent
St. Marys	11.00am	Vincent
St. Helens	5.00pm	Vincent

## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL CULLENSWOOD AVOCA

Sunday October 7

Fingal 7.00pm

Sunday October 14

Fingal	9.00am	
St. Marys	10.30am	Vestry
Avoca	7.00pm	Special meeting to follow

Tuesday October 16

Rossarden 7.30pm

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Marys of the Assumption

Sundays October 7 and 14 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus

Saturdays October 6 and 13 6.30pm

Fingal - St. Joseph

Sundays October 7 and 14 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

3 and 5th Sundays 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church

Sunday 7 October 4.00pm

The Sacrament of Baptism is given during the celebration of Sunday Mass after suitable notice and preparation.

PARISH PRIEST: Father Medwin, The Presbytery, ST. MARYS, 7215. Phone 72 2252.

RECONCILIATION in the Sacrament of Penance:

You may go to Confession in each church before Mass, and at other times as announced. At any time by private arrangement.

# MEALS ON WHEELS

## OCTOBER

## ST. MARYS

## FINGAL

## MANGANA

Sunday 7	Jeff Faulkner	R.H. Yates	
Monday 8	Atholie Webb	Mrs. R. McKenzie	Mrs. R. McKenzie
Tuesday 9	CYSS	Mrs. H. Mills	J. Miller
Wednesday 10	Ruth McGiveron	Mrs. N. Stingle	
Thursday 11	Judy Aulich	Mr. R. McGee	R. McGee
Sunday 14	Mattie Leedham	Mrs. H. Williams	
Monday 15	Judy Costain	Mrs. J. Hall	Mrs. J. Hall
Tuesday 16	CYSS	J. Woods	Mrs. Sweeney
Wednesday 17	Clive Berwick	Mrs. M. Mace	
Thursday 18	Miss Thorold	Mrs. H. Williams	J. Miller

## CYSS ACTIVITIES

The Community Youth Support Scheme is pleased to announce that we have a stall in the new Arts, Crafts and Thrift Shop in St. Marys.

We are offering a selection of hand-crafted goods, many at bargain prices. Orders for goods not on display will be accepted.

Dont forget, our raffle to aid the unemployed youth centre will be drawn on Friday October 5 at the stall. First prize...coffee table  
Second prize ...2 pair of embroidered, satin pillow cases.  
Third prize...decorated cake.  
Tickets are 20 cents each. Tickets still available....but hurry.

HEALTH HINT...To prevent catching a Spring cold, avoid breathing through the mouth or nose.

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## SPORT

TIGERS FINISHED?

No Football 1980!!!

There is a distinct chance that the St. Marys Football Club may have to go into recess in the 1980 season.

This is the result of the extremely poor attendance at the scheduled Annual General Meeting held on September 26, at which there was insufficient attendance for a quorum, even though the meeting had been advertised in this newspaper on two occasions and at the Annual Dinner attended by 160 people.

Everyone will know that if a recess occurs it will be almost impossible to ever get football in St. Marys off the ground again and to be accepted into the F.D.F.A.

Please, make the effort to be at the further Annual General Meeting which is set down for Wednesday, 10 October, at the Football Club Rooms, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

This meeting is not restricted to last seasons committee or players...everyone is welcome to attend.

FISHING

Anglers Diary: Seamander Angling Club surf contest at Four Hills on Sunday, 21 October from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St Helens Surf Angling Club broom contest from Seamander to Ansons Bay, from daylight to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 30 Oct.

Seamander Angling Club surf contest at Wrinklers Beach on 23 September was a blow-out thanks to a strong S.E. wind which caused drift and brought lots of weed. Only three of the entrants tried casting and after one or two frustrating tries, gave up and spent the next half hour cleaning off the weed.

St. Helens Surf Angling Club was forced to cancel it's contest last Sunday because of similar conditions. At the previous contest, eighteen anglers fished for 4½ hours to land one fish which weighed only four ounces!

We strongly recommend that the American fishing writers who are to visit the state shortly are not invited to this area...it would completely ruin our tourist image.

If they are paid by the word, they would starve on the East Coast.

LADIES VOLLEYBALLROUND 1 25.9.79

Game 1: Bankcard d Blackwoods 3-2. S. Blackman, K. Read, M. Mitchell and M. French were best players.

Game 2: Kiwis d Tobys 3-1. M. Targett, J. Lynch, A. Greenwood, T. Gillies were best players.

Game 3: Blackwoods d Targett's 3-1. Tania Goss, M. Mitchell, T. Streets and Hilary Stewart best players.

Game 4: Bankcard d Tobys 3-1. J. Wright and V. Aulich best players.

ROUND 2 2.10.79

Game 1: Kiwis d Targetts 3-0. J. Lynch, M. Targett and T. Streets best players.

Game 2: Blackwoods d Tobys 3-0.

Game 3: Bankcard d Targetts 3-0.

Game 4: Kiwis d Bankcard 3-0. T. Lynch, J. Lynch, A. Greenwood, K. Reid and M. Richardson best players.

ROUND 3 9.10.79 Blackwoods v Tobys  
Targetts v Kiwis Tobys v Bankcard  
Kiwis v Blackwoods

ROUND 4 16.10.79 Targetts v Tobys  
Blackwoods v Kiwis Bankcard v Targetts  
Kiwis v Tobys

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VOLLEYBALL

The results for Round 3 were as follows.. Adidas d. Jetsetters 3-1; TRC d. Footy-Franks 3-2; Pelicans d. Supa-Valu 3-0; TRC d. Roosters 3-0; CBA d. Spalding 3-0 and Roosters d. Spalding 3-0.

The best games in this round were TRC v. Franks which took five games to produce a winner and saw a great fighting effort from the Franks; and Adidas v. Jetsetters, which saw a big improvement in the Jetsetter side. The disappointment of the round were Spalding who travelled up from St. Helens to play, not realising that they had to play two games on the one night and left before their second game, so forfeiting to the Roosters.

Players to show good form in this round were "Crumb" Longdon, "Eric" Jupp, "Moonshine" Woolley, Mark Richards, Scrooge Faulkner, "Goose" Cornelius, Blunder Read and Powder Morris.

The Round 4 results were... Pelicans d. Roosters 3-0; CBA d. F. Franks 3-1; Adidas d. Pelicans 3-0; Jetsetters d. TRC 3-2; Spalding d. Supa-Valu 3-1 and Adidas d. Franks 3-0.

A long but highly entertaining game between Jetsetters and TRC was the best match in this round. Jets just won 3-2 with point scores being 73-72. Franks turned in another good performance, this time against CBA, taking a set off them before going down narrowly. Pelicans, although third, proved to be no match for Adidas while Spalding gained their first win this roster at the expense of Supa-Valu, 3-1.

Best players in this round were "Hondo" Richardson, Shorty Hall, "Gusset" Newman, "Floor Boards" Richards, Murray Gofton, Mark Read and "Fingers" Johnson.

Ladder	Adidas	20	148.7%
	C.B.A.	20	145.3
	Pelicans	16	114.5
	Jetset	12	102.3
	Roosters	12	111.5
	T.R.C.	8	98.0
	Supa-Valu	4	82.1
	Spalding	4	61.6
	F Franks	-	72.2

The Volleyball Association would like to thank Russell Harwood and Ted Moorcroft for their help in erecting the new net.

MEMO...Rod Woolley...one plus one plus one makes three and one more will make it four! Perhaps you could cut this out and read it between hits to remind you. (Will he ever live it down?)

GOOD SHOOTING

During the day there were many shoot-offs showing consistency and accurate shooting.

D. Freeman from Carnick had a "double" by winning the Best Front Marker section and followed this up to win the double barrel handicap, after a lengthy shootoff, defeating Tim Aulich.

Congratulations to Wes Aulich who won D grade in the championship. Wes is now a C grade 12 metre shooter. Herb Kerrison shows he still has much "staying power" to win the High Gun with a score of 59/65.

Event 1: 15 T. DB H'cap S/S; shared by R. Groves, D. Freeman, L. Treloar, B. Wright, E. Whately and G. Rainbird. Best front marker was D. Freeman

Event 2: 10 T. Continental Eye Opener. S/S Shared by T. Symons and R. Moikle.

Event 3: Continental Championship. A Grade, B. Wright 19/20; B Grade, R. Dakin 21/23; C. Grade, G. Rainbird 19/20 and D. Grade, W. Aulich 8/20

Event 4: 20 T. SB 18 metre. A Grade, L. Viney 16/20; B. Grade, H. Kerrison 27/28; C. Grade, P. Thomas, 17/21; D Grade, W. Hardman 13/20.

Event 5: 10 T. DB H'cap S/S. 1st. D. Freeman 23/23; 2nd. T. Aulich 22/23 3rd. T. Singline, 19/20

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Roll call: Our favorite Gen.

Open Arrangement: M. Royle 1st, A. Llewellyn 2nd and 3rd. Intermediate: L. Mitchell and R. Brough. Novice: K. Lefevre 1st and 2nd and A. Jarvis 3rd.

Onion: A. Jarvis, P. Llewellyn, M. Royle.

Any Veg: M. Royle, A. Jarvis, P. Llewellyn.

4 Party cakes: L. Mitchell 5 pts., M. Royle and K. Lefevre all 5 pts.

Raffle winner L. Mitchell; Lucky Door, A. Jarvis; Competition, M. Royle.

Next Meeting October 25 in back room of Art, Craft and Thrift shop.

Donors raffle: K. Lefevre, Lucky door, A. Llewellyn; Competition, E. Wright.

Veg. of month: Cabbage.

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Members are reminded extra effect for October Trade Table.

Any members wishing to go to Bicheno Annual meeting on October 19th. are asked to leave their names at Jill Faulkners shop for transport arrangements.

## \$2000 DONATION

The Annual Meeting of the St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary on October 1. Twenty members were present.

The President read the report of the year's work and congratulated all members for another successful year as in the year the Auxiliary had raised more money than any previous year. This was due to the work and interest of the Auxiliary secretary, Mrs A. Birrell, all the members, Matron Johnson and hospital staff, and the generous support of the people of the district.

The financial statement was read by Mr J. Napier who was also congratulated for his work as treasurer for the past ten years.

The amount donated to the hospital this year was \$2100.00. Gifts were given to patients at Christmas, Mothers Day and Easter Eggs at Easter.

Arrangements were made to hold the Christmas Carols on December 16 after the Party.

Office bearers for the ensuing year are..

President: A. Jarvis

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V. President: S. Hayes

Secretary: A. Birrell

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## HELPFUL HINT

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## CASEYS COLUMN

At the meeting of the Fingal Council last Monday, I put forward a motion that this municipality change it's rating basis to the land value, and stop taxing the improvements. The motion could not be accepted because of a technicality so it has been listed for the next meeting in November.

I have been writing about the unfair, discriminatory rating system this last seven months. I have spoken to many rate-payers in that time and so far all have agreed that the taxing of improvements is wrong; it needs changing. Over the next month I hope to speak to many more to gather opinions on changing to the Site Value base, so that at the next Council meeting I can put your combined opinions with mine to show how much the change is supported.

There is one point worthy of repetition; let me state again that 94%, repeat 94%, of the land in this nation is rated by Site Value. More municipalities are turning to it year by year, because it is the proven, incontestible fairest way to raise the local taxes we call Rates. It is not something new; it is not something I have dreamed up; it is not a system to give privilege to some and not others; it is not something to benefit me. It is the proven, accepted, inevitable method to raise rates.

If you have been reading this column regularly, you will know the arguments against the present Assessed Annual Value system used at the moment, the one you were taxed under this year; which taxes your every effort improve your own comfort, even though the services of the Council are not increased. It is a foolish, unfair, out-of-date system and has to be discarded.

At the November meeting of the Council my motion to bring our municipality into line with the majority of this country will be voted upon. If you support the point of view that I have put forward in this column over the past few months, then you should write to; talk to; ring or otherwise let your local Councillor know you support the change. Despite the example of 94% of the country, some Councillors of Fingal Municipality have reservations.

If the Councillors reject the change, if they vote to retain the old, unjust and mostly discarded AAV system then any change to your rates cannot occur until TWO YEARS time, because of some provisions in the Local Government Act. If this municipality is to come up to date with it's rating methods; if it is to play fair with all it's ratepayers and not just a few; then the elected representatives must carefully consider their vote on this important

overdue reform and give it their support at the next meeting.

Let me repeat another significant statistic, or piece of information. No municipality in Australia, having changed to Site Value Rating, has ever changed back to Assessed Annual Value. None what-so-ever. Site Value is proven method we have to adopt. I am trusting in the good sense of my fellow Councillors to help me bring in this reform next month.

" Casey "

## EVERCREECH RESERVE

The Forestry Commission recently gazetted fourteen reserves as areas for special public enjoyment.

The Evercreech Forest Reserve has as it's centre piece a giant white gum which was discovered in 1975. The tree is scientifically known as Eucalyptus Vininalis.

It is estimated to be more than three hundred years old and stands at ninety metres high; making one of the tallest of it's species in the world, and rivalling the world's tallest known hardwood tree, a Mountain Ash in the Styx Valley in Southern Tasmania.

The other reserves are at Oldina, Milkshake Hills near Smithton, Dalgarth near Port Sorell, Holly-bank near Launceston, Tahune where the Arve Road crosses the Huon River and Upper Natone.

The Commission is developing the reserves for public use and enjoyment. It is also seen as a means whereby the public can have access to forest areas for not just recreation, but also as a place of education in the techniques of forestry, including tree felling, log handling and regeneration techniques.

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... 3 - 24 MONTHS



# STARDUST

By Grandma Moses  
Fortnight beginning October 5

## LIBRA: September 24 - October 23

A new cycle might bring greater popularity with friends, however social life may become costly. At this time travel is favoured, also education. Explore angles that may improve business & humane matters.

BEST DAYS: 5, 6, 17.

## SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

An investment in a new & untried area could return good dividends. A good time to pursue your artistic & creative hobbies-perhaps a monetary reward is in the air too. Remember to maintain an even disposition at all times. BEST DAYS: 8, 9, 16.

## SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

You may encounter unexpected problems in daily tasks, conditions in your local area are touchy & you'll not get co-operation from friends. Finances appear stable so long as you avoid impulsive spending.

BEST DAYS: 11, 12, 17.

## CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20

Danger during travel is reduced but caution is still indicated. Students are apt to make good headway in studies. Remember to always look ahead, not behind, for better things may be just around the corner.

BEST DAYS: 6, 10, 18.

## AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19

There seems to be a promise of extra work & added earnings. Social life takes on a new look & your popularity should be high-association with stimulating & creative friends makes it that much better.

BEST DAYS: 5, 13, 15.

## PISCES: February 20 - March 20

You should have the good grace to avoid asking partners for help when you know they are occupied. Family relationships are favoured now, try out a new angle in connection with children, recreation or creative work. BEST DAYS: 7, 9, 11.

## ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Avoid trying to force issues with loved ones. Finances are apt to cause minor problems so take advantage of good business & financial opportunities, but avoid going into debt of any kind.

BEST DAYS: 8, 13, 14.

## TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Problems of a financial nature are likely to arise in the home unless you have a clear understanding about budget matters beforehand. Use tact at all times when dealing with the public & maintain an even disposition. BEST DAYS: 6, 12, 15.

## GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

An opportune time to concentrate on creative hobbies but do not expect to accomplish a great deal. Travel is indicated. Push ahead with things that mean a great deal to you personally.

BEST DAYS: 9, 10, 18.

## CANCER: June 22 - July 23

A change in staff may give you a chance to move up to a better paying job. Fresh inspiration for new creative undertakings may be slow in starting, but if you stick with it you may discover more than you need. BEST DAYS: 8, 11, 16.

## LEO: July 24 - August 23

Suppress the urge to hurry - you will achieve more if you use a lot less haste. Always keep your temper under control. There is an avenue in which you should accept responsibility or share a duty. Health needs watching. BEST DAYS: 7, 13, 14.

## VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

Business associates may be edgy & irritable because a change is in the making. Keep in close touch with the people who make decisions-you'll be the first to hear the news-good or bad. Cancel travel & pay attention to health. BEST DAYS: 5, 10, 15.

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