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HEALTH INSURANCE

Most people have lost track of how many times the health insurance system has changed in the past five years. On September 1st. there is to be another change. We set out below, in as ordinary language as we can use to explain it, the variety of options open to you from the beginning of next month.

Let's deal with pensioners first, for it is the simplest section. If you are a pensioner and you have a Pensioner Health Benefit Card you need do nothing. For you nothing has changed. You get the same benefits as before, both for hospitals and medical costs.

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as disadvantaged and you will pay nothing,
same as now. Hospital treatment in any
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If you are not a pensioner, or classified by your doctor as disadvantaged, you now have to weigh up your personal circumstances and decide what, if any, insurance you want to take. The first choice you have to make is whether To Be Insured or To Be Uninsured.

To Be Uninsured: No one can advise you whether to be uninsured or not. You must judge the alternatives from your own medical history. If you choose to carry no insurance then...,

...all public hospital treatment is free!
...you have to pay all the usual doctors'
fees yourself: the whole fee, from your pocket. If you have an uncommon visit for
which the fee exceeds \$20.00, the amount
above the \$20.00 will be paid by the Government. To get that benefit, you have to have

your name registered with an insurance fund. It won't cost you anything, it's just a mechanism to get the amount paid.

If you are usually healthy and only visit a doctor occassionally, compare the costs of paying the full visit fees against the cost of medical insurance, accept free public hospital treatment, and make up your mind if you intend to insure or not.

To Be Insured: There are several levels of insurance you can take out. Basically there are two things to insure for; medical costs and hospital costs.

Let's take medical first. The lowest cover, by law, is 75% of the scheduled fee for a doctors visit. If you take this you will get most of the bill paid, but still owe a bit yourself. The second level of insurance is 100% of the common fee. This insurance level is naturally dearer to buy and if you are a very regular patient it could be worth comparing your costs.

The hospital insurance side comes next.

Just about every Fund offers three levels
for you to choose from. The lowest is
for public hospitals. This is a waste of
your money if you take it, because you can
get all your public hospital treatment at
no cost simply by not insuring for hospitals.

The second level of hospital insurance generally offered is for intermediate wards in public hospital (there are only three in Tasmania that have them) and this also pays some of the costs for private hospital accomodation. The third and highest level is for the private hospital costs fully covered.

Again, no one can choose for you but it may help to remember that public hospitals offer as much, and more, services as private hospitals.

You can tailor your insurance as you choose. You do not have to take out one just because you took out the other. You can have hospital insurance with one fund and medical with another to get the cheapest deal. You can have hospital insurance but no medical insurance; or medical without hospital. The choices are not as confusing as they seem when you look carefully.

We hope it may be a little less foggy after you have read this.

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GARDEN CLUB Your competition recipe is.. ½lb butter or margarine; ½lb plain flour; 2 oz SR flour; ½lb sugar; 4 eggs; ½lb sultanan; 2 oz mixed peel; essence of almoso

frear butter and suger, add eggs singly, add fruit, flour and essence. Cook in round tin in moderate oven.

THATET SHOP ROSTER

August 24 Mms. E. Wright U. Camplin August 31 Mms J. Sermens J. Spencer.

STALL

Mothers Whien stall in the vestry of Cornwall Church, Thursday, 6 September beginning at 2.00 p.m.

MISS TARMANIA QUEST

August 20 Cake stall at St Helens bakery August 31 Old-time and Fancy dress Ball in Portland Hall. Good prizes, Good music. September 1 Jumble sale, Portland Hall. Cabaret at night with Country touch.

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RETURN THATES

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LETTERS

Sir.

"Is the current argument about the site of St. Helens Gum Club a lot of humbug?"

'Pigeon' St. Marys

Sir, .

I was pleased to see some response in the last issue of the Valley Voice to my offer, even if it was from a deluded and somewhat ignorant member of our community who did not allow a name to be printed.

' Pensator' has unfortunately entirely missued the point of my letter. I made no appeal to discuss the unemployment situation. It is not my job to pass judgement on the right of wrong of the Government's approach to unemployment or the why's and wherefore's of causes and offects of unemployment itself.

To put it simply for 'Rensators' benefit, I was offering to explain the workings and aims of CYSS to anyone who cares take the trouble to ask me. It is people like 'Pensator' who should take the trouble to find out first hand what is happening to the taxpayers money instead of condemning a scheme of which they know very little.

Alan G. Beer, St. Marys.

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Sir.

I would like to thank the people of CYSS for cutting our wood. I was amazed at how much they cut; I am very grateful.

They are doing a marvellous job, especially in cases such as ours. We are both 70 and Jim is in a wheelchair. Good luck boys, keep up the good work.

Hazel Hall, Fingal

Sir

Recently, St. Marys District School bore silent witness to a Saturday night bar-room type punch-up between two school teachers, Mr. Lynch and Mr. D. Thorn.

Although the event took place on

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RETURN THANKS

WRIGHT Muriel Edith

Ray and family wish to thank their relatives, friends and neighbours for personal expressions of sympathy, attendance at the service, cards, phone calls and beautiful floral tributes at the sad loss of a dearly loved wife, mother and Nan. Special thanks to Mrs P. Davern for all her help.

school property on a weekend, such stupid behaviour is to be deplored and is hardly the example to be displayed to pupils whether in- or outside school hours.

This is just one facet of teacher behaviour. Some teachers are known to be using illegal drugs, almost openly, appearing in class sloppily dressed, wearing thougs with hair unkempt and overall showing contempt for students and fellow teachers alike, worsening the school's already unenviable reputation.

One can't help believing many of these teachers are only attending school for the delight of receiving fat salaries, along with the many benefits handed out.

If teachers can't behave in a proper manner, they should get out of the education system; they're not wanted.

Parent, St. Marys.

Help the Spastic Association entrant, Miss Berbara Cooper. Come to a big barbecue and cabaret at the Fingal rifle range on Saturday night, August 25 at 7.30. Good music. Admission - 51.00.

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL, CULLENSWOOD AVOCA

Sunday 26 August

Fingal	9.00am	H.C.	Rector
St. Marys	10.30am	M.P.	R. Legge
Rossarden	10.30am	F.S.	Rector
Avoca	7.00pm	H.C.	Rector
	-	Vestry	

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<u>St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption</u> Sundays 26 August and 2 September 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus
Vigil Mass Saturdays August 26 5.30pm
Vigil Mass Saturday Sept. 2 6.30pm

Fingal - St. Joseph
Sunday August 26 and September 2 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Third Sunday of the month 10.30am

<u>Bicheno</u> - Community Church 2 September

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 722252.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	26 27 28 29 30	Karen Bean Judy Costain Kaye Nailer CYWS Joan Smith	B. Saunders Mrs. L. Parker Mrs. J. Burbury Mrs. D. Parker B. Saunders	Mrs. M. Francis Mrs. J. Burbury B. Saunders
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WITNESSES CONVENTION

Jehovah's Witnesses from the Valley and East Coast, held a Circuit Assembly in the Albert Hall, Launceston, recently. Members and many interested persons attended from eleven congregations from Smithton to Scamander with several from Flinders Island.

The programme focussed on cleanliness. Speakers discussed and demonstrated this requisite for Christians in great detail. Scenes were enacted to emphasise the need for clean notives, a clean hind, body and have

On Saturday much interest centred on the baptism of 6 new members in a portable tank at the convention site.

Amond those innersed was Bill Furey an all time swimming great from Devenport who represented Australia in the 1932 Olympics. He also took part in the 1938 Commonwealth Games and the 1939 Pacific Games. This year he was awarded the Order of Australia for his services to Surf Life Saving.

There is an All-Tasmamian District Assembly of Witnesses planned for October 11-14 at North Hobart oval.

WHATS' ON

ST. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP Be the evening will be held at Clinic 7.30pm 27 August. Trade Table. All Ladies Welcome.

VALLEY LADIES GROUP are reorganising the Thrift Shop. It will now become an Arts and Craft centre. Anyone wanting to display or sell articles are quite welcome to do so. It will be open two days a week starting on Wednesday 12 September 11.00am to 1.30pm and Fridays. Cakes available.

KINDERGARTEN FAIR Haffle Winners.

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1st, Hamper (large) Suzie Loane 2nd Hamper (small) John Newman 3rd Duck M. Wardlaw

Iced Cake - Kaye Wailer.

An amount of \$773.50 was raised and Committe would like to thank all those people who assisted in anyway to make it such a success.

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FISH TALK

Anglers Diary: Sunday 26 August; St. Helens Surf Angling contest at Swimcart Beach from 1 to 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 23 September; Scamander Angling Club surf contest at Wrinklers Beach from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Last Sunday week, Scamander Club held a contest at Four Mile Creek beach and the fish showed a long overdue return to form. Over 12 blackback were landed, all weighing in excess of 31b. Lindsay Sutton made sure of first place by catching three at once with a total weight of over 10lbs. The heaviest was was 31b 15oz. Two ounces behind was Kevin Little john for second prize and Cyril "Champ" Turner was only another ounce behind Kevin. Mrs Showell caught two mullet but unfortunately they did not measure up to size. It has also been reported that a party at Hughes Beach landed 47 salmon on the same day. is alleged that to save time and energy, a chain saw was used to gut these very big fish.

St Helens Game Fishing Club held it's eighth annual meeting and dinner last Saturday. The following office bearers were re-elected unopposed:— President, N. Suter; V-President, J. Lidster; Secretary, A. Jackson; Committee, Mrs Tucker, Messrs. Richards, Stone, Luck and Turner. Mr. K. Reid was elected Treasurer to replace Mr. Paul Hume who resigned after five years in the job. Trophy winners were F. Titley, R. Green, A. Newman and W. Stone The raffle for the two watches was drawn by Tom Jenkins and won by Mrs. Miller of Scamander.

MENS VOLLEYBALL

Men's Volleyball resumes on the 3rd. of September with games in this roster being played on Monday and Thursday nights. There will be nine teams competing in the roster with the new teams being Pelicans from St. Helens and Supa-Valu from St. Marys. Alpine have dropped out from last year.

Players fees have been set at \$6.00 for the roster, thus eliminating the weekly fees. These subs must be paid by the second roster match or unfinancial players will be ineligible to compete.

The roster for the first week is....

Monday, 3 September:
Adidas v Spalding (Tapp)
Jetsetters v Roosters (Summers)
Supa-Valu v Adidas (Lohrey)

Thursday, 6 September:

C.B.A. v T.R.C. (Hardcastle Pelicans v FootieFranks (McGregor) C.B. v Supa-Valu (Midson)

Rosters available from Stan Hardcastle, IBS

BADMINTON

The semi-finals went as predicted, altho' the scores were different than most people expected.

Rossarden started badly against Fingal in the first semi-final but aught up to within 6 aces at the mixed doubles, but the Blues put on the pressure and ran out easy victors.

St. Marys, whose women were expected to make a winning difference, had to rely on the men more than thought, but had little trouble scoring a win over Pyengana in the second semi-final.

The preliminary final between Fingal and Pyengane had folk in dispute as to likely winners.

The wonderers soon had their answer. From the beginning Fingal were too good and as the games went by, the lead lengthened until it was impossible for Pyengana to bridge. Right at the end, the Pyengana mixed doubles staged a revival and reduced the deficit from 48 aces to 25 at the end of the match. Too little too late. Best for Fingal were I. Walker and Beth Johnson. For Pyengana no one excelled but perhaps Kathy Rattray was noticeable.

The Grand Final is between St, Marys and Fingal. A prediction is hard to make with any confidence as the St. Marys form has been a bit patchy over the last couple of weeks. Providing all players play in reasonable form, the match will be very close but should go to St. Marys by about 18 aces.

The St. Marys men will contain and edge out the Fingal men because St. Marys has more depth in it's combinations. The ladies will be almost even, perhaps a Fingal advantage by less than ten aces.

The mixed doubles will the match deciders. The St. Marys combinations should win these games well enough to take out the Flag.

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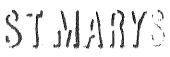
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FOCTBALL

Last Saturday, Fingal took the game right up to Swansea, taking a nine point lead in the last quarter. The Bulldogs fought back and their greater fitness helped them peg back the Fingal lead. At the last siren, Swansea was in front by a comfortable 23 points.

For Swansea Stirling, Grice, Pyke,
Medhurst and the evergreen Graham were
the best players. For Fingal, the
Association Best and Fairest winner,
Scott Marshall was outstanding. Clements
Anning, Parker and Sulzberger, with
little Red Hall were the best.

In the reserves, the Tigers showed more willingness to get the ball at all times. This made them too strong for Avoca by ten points. Although this is a small margin, it appears the Tiger reserves will be the match for all sides left in the finals. Drinkwater was outstanding in a great team effort.

In the Thirds, the Tiger boys came home quite easy winners. This team also appears to have a big chance to capture a flag for St. Marys. Viney and Wright were outstanding.

This week's clash is of the Big Two at Avoca and will give supporters an idea of which team is likely to be the premiers. I will have to go for Avoca who are back at full strength, appearing a Grand Final team. The game will not be an easy one and the Robins have the determination to win to keep up their fine Finals record.

In the reserves Compbelltown should be too strong for St. Helens. Thirds sides Campbelltown and Avoca meet and this should see a good tussle with an avoca win.

Congratulations to Compbelltown for having three teams in the second semi-finals. This is a good effort from one club.

LADIES VOLLEYBALL

SEMI-FINAL 14.8.79

Toby's Team v Trendsetta Trendsetta had to forfeit.

Game 2. It is always a close and interesting game when Rivis and Bankcard play. Kiwis won this semi final which entitles them to play in the Grand Final. Scores 16-14, 15-10, 23-15, and 15-14. J. Lynch was best for Kiwis and S. Blackman and R. Hardcastle for Bankcard.

PRELIMINARY FINAL 21.8.79

Bankcard won a very easy game against a ven rous Toby's Team. Scores 15-9.

15-2. S. Blackman and M. Richardson



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GRAUD FINAL 22.8.79

This was certainly a great match for a grand final. It was still anyones game until the last few minutes of the fifth set. Kiwis finally won. Scores: 6-15, 15-11, 1-15, 15-0 and 15-11. Best for Kiwis: J. Lynch, for Bankcard: S. Blackman, M. Richardson and R. Hardcastle.

Volleyball Ladies would like to thank all the men who have umpired during this season and a special thanks to Chris Macgregor and Linesmen who did a great job for the Grand Final.

WHAT'S ON....Organisation of next roster for Ladies Volleyball. 30 August 7.30pm Football Sheds. All Ladies welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS KIWIS - WELL PLAYED BANKCARD

HELP FOR PENSIONERS

Most Ago, Invalid, Widow and Service Pensioners are not aware of the full range of help, concessions and services that are available to them from Federal and State Government Departments, or from local voluntary organisations around the State.

To help pensioners know about these extra services, a booklet called "More Help For Pensioners" has been printed by the Department of Social Security. The booklet not only lists the extra help available to pensioners, but also lists which organisations should be approached in order to apply for them.

Some of the items covered in the booklet are Emergency Accommodation, Hear a Book service for ago, invalid and blind people, Car Registration discounts, Interstate Rail and Bus travel, Assistance with Glasses, Home Heating and Legal matters, Allowances for Handicapped Children and many other items.

A Departmental spokesman said that the booklet was the most popular of all the Departments eighteen information publications and urged pensioners, interested people and

community organisations to telephone or write to their local Social Security Office for copies. The spokesman said that plenty of copies of the leaflet, or bulk supplies, were available and could be obtained from Mr. Kirby, in the Hobart Office, free of charge.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals - on - Wheels Committee met recently and the following office bearers were elected.

Chairman: Bruce Saunders V- Chairman: Bob Yates Secretary: Jack Miller Treasurer: Les Rubenach

Committee: Joan Refshaw, Dot French and

Ru'th Saunders.

The roster supervisor is Mary Targett.

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The Auxiliary President, Mrs. A. Jarvis, presented a cheque for \$2000 to the chairman of the Hospital Board, Mr. D. Casboult, towards the cost of new furnishings for the renovated west wing of the Hospital.

This donation was made possible by the help of the Auxiliary members, and the generosity of the people of St. Marys and surrounding districts.

SCAMANDER GARDEN NEWS

The monthly meeting of the Scamander Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. Davis on Tuesday August14.

Competition for a shelf arrangement of wild flowers was won by Mrs. E. Sasche; 2nd: Mrs. A. Hovenden and 3rd: Mrs. K. Booth.

Flower of the month - spring bulb. Won by Mrs. A. Hovenden and and Mrs. E. Jamieson; 2nd: Mrs. Turner; 3rd: Mrs. J. Davis.

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The next meeting of the club will take place at the home of Mrs. E. Sasche on September 19.

HIGHWAY HAZARD

Fingal is a very important centre of Forestry activity and the road through the town reveals the extent of the operation. It has deteriorated quite dramatically since the establishment of the woodchip industry.

In a recent letter to the Minister for Main Roads, Mr. Field, the Member for Macquarie, Mr. George Shaw, drew attention to the eastern end of the town where there are several bridges and culverts and the road appears to be quite narrow because of the necessary build up and alignment followed. Mr. Shaw suggests that this area in particular is in urgent need of considerable upgrading to meet today's requirement and asks the Minister to reveal the Government's plan for this part of the highway and when that planis likely to be implemented.

Mr. Show requests the Minister to bear in mind the local traffic, school and tourist buses, etc., that a most uncomfortable and even hazardous situation occurs when such are confronted with meeting and passing log trucks in the area.

THUMBS DOWN

... to the careless activities which take place in the St. Marys Community Hall.

CASEYS COLUMN

The recent revaluations of the Fingal Municipality will no doubt please those interested in 'capital gain' but discourage the average Rate payor whose AAV amount has increased and who fears for the increase in rates it may cause.

Of course an increased ALV does not mean more rates are payable as the Local Authority reduces the rate-in-the-dollar to compensate for the increased valuations. But if the rate payer has improved his property since the last valuation, then any reduction in the rate in the dollar won't help as his AAV will increase a greater proportion than the rate decreases.

Also, if the Local Authority doesn't reduce it's rate exactly to match the increased valuations, the ratepayer ends up paying more. Again, some rates are fixed by law, such as the Library rate and any valuation increase means a tax increase.

Over all then, after a revaluation, the average ratepayer can expect an increased demand for local taxes. There will be exceptions, of course, where the demand will be less than last time, but I predict this will be uncommon for town dwellers in the municipality this time.

The emphasis on town dwellers in that last sentence has some significance. Rural revaluations did not increase at anywhere near the level that town ones did; AAV valuations, that is...the one we're rated upon.

I have in front of me a list of valuations selected at random for town and rural properties in the four wards of Fingal Municipality. The list does not claim to be indicative of all valuations but it is sufficient to show the overall trend of the recent valuations. If anyone can write in with a logical explanation for the variation in increases I should be pleased to receive it.

In St. Marys Ward the average AAV increase on my list is 88.7%!!! for town properties but only 43.8% for rural properties. This means that rural properties will, on average, pay less in \$ terms than they did last year! Despite inflation, despite increased Council costs for providing services. That means that the increases in costs and the loss of rates (against last years amount) from the rural sector will be picked up by the town ratepayers. The news is obvious...most town dwellers will have to pay more, it's an inescapable conclusion.

Town Ward properties (around Fingal) have received the same revaluation treatment and the same rating distribution will occur. The rural properties will pay less than last year so the townsfolk will have to pick up that loss and pay extra for the increased costs of Council's operations.

The Tower Hill Ward will experience the same, with the Mangana and Mathinna rate payer picking up the bill for increased costs. St. Pauls Ward does not show the same disparate valuations as the other three wards, but the larger increases will be demanded of Avoca town dwellers.

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My question is... "If the rural properties are to pay less this year, according to new AAV valuations, were they overcharged by the last valuation? Are they undercharged by this present valuation?"

The valuations now applicable last for five years. For the next five years, the burden of rates, unless adjusted internally by the Council, will be shifted significantly from one section to another; from rural to town.

In the next issue I hope to examine this years rates in detail so you can see why the rate is such- and such an amount, and where the money will be going to.

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