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AURORA

Australians and many New Zealanders may see one of nature's most spectacular light shows - the southern aurora - move north above their homes over the next two years. The southern aurora, or Aurora Australis, hangs like a curtain of light from the night sky.

It is usually restricted to sub-Antarctic latitudes, but if predictions about extraordinarily high sunspot activity hold true the phenomenon may be visible as far north as the Tropic of Capricorn and beyond.

Upper-atmosphere physicist Dr. Gary Burns, of the Australian Antarctic Division in Hobart, said that this year and 1991 offered Australasians their best chance of viewing the aurora for the next 10 years.

March and April this year have already offered especially bright auroras. City lights usually make the aurora invisible, but from a dark spot away from the city, with a clear view to the south, you may be able to see the show from as far north as Brisbane. The best time of the night is from 9pm on; the best time of the month, when the moon is new and skies are darkest. For the fullest enjoyment, give your eyes a short time to adjust to the darkness outdoors.

One night in late September last year, physicist John Phillips stood in his Hobart back yard looking up at the sky. Vast eerie curtains of greenish light hung shimmering in the darkness, interspersed here and there with glowing reddish patches.

The breathtaking aurora, which disrupted short-wave radio communications for hundreds of kilometres around, remained visible for six hours before fading into the morning light.

Six months earlier, on the night of March 13, 1989, thousands of people from the suburbs of London to the jungles of Honduras gazed at a similar ghostly moving curtain of light that danced in the night sky.

AUSTRALIS

Soon, there were massive disruptions of radar, satellite, navigation and radio communication systems.

Any visitor from polar regions who saw either of these awe-inspiring heavenly displays would have recognised the phantasmal glows.

Our planet earth wears two halos, the aurora australis, or southern lights, and the aurora borealis, or northern lights. These great ovals glow day and night around the earth's magnetic poles - located in the Great Southern Ocean about 1300 kilometres towards Australia from the true South Pole and near Etah in northwestern Greenland.

Roughly every 11 years, the face of the sun erupts with boiling magnetic energy. A single flare can unleash energy equivalent to that of ten million hydrogen bombs.

In an ordinary year, 20 to 25 major flares will erupt. Last year, between March 6 and March 19, however, the sun exploded with a solar storm of 59 major flares. The sunspot cycle that produced this storm may be the largest ever observed.

Although we are protected from the worst of such solar storms by our atmosphere, the protection can never be total. And, just as these invisible storms can disrupt our power lines, they can also influence some animal species, and scientists believe humans too.

While the aurora shines with immense electrical power, no-one has yet found a way to tap it for earth-bound energy needs.

For now, it is energizing enough to experience the sense of beauty, wonder and awe that the lights inspire.

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2. Dogs obey men better than they obey women.
3. A small dog is easier to train than a large one.
4. Dogs see everything in black and white.
5. Purebreds are smarter than mixed breeds.

ANSWERS: 1. True 2. True. Dogs respond to a deeper tone of voice. 3. False 4. True 5. False

SCOTT'S ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

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BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES... to Miss Linda King who was 87 on Thursday 12th April (maundy thursday) Holy Thursday.

THE SILVER-THREADS CLUB, ST. MARYS (senior citizens) wish to sincerely thank the Lions Club for their generous support in sponsoring our Bowls Tournament. We also wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the tournament so successful both socially and financially. Once again thank you all.

L. Mitchell
Hon. Sec.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mr. and Mrs Roy Singline who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on April 23rd.

ST. MARYS BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the club house on Sunday May 6th 1990. Time 2pm.
Election of Offices
Special Business re pennant
All members are requested to attend.
Signed. G. W. Oliver
Hon. Sec.

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JOKES

A mother of 13 children was asked, "How in the world do you have time to care for so many?"
"well," the mother replied, "when I had only one child it took all my time, so what more can 13 do?"

THANK YOU

Olga Targett would like to sincerely thank family and friends for their lovely flowers, cards, good wishes and help during my recent stays in St. Marys and St. Vincents Hospitals. Thank you to Dr. Naidoo and staff and also to St. Vincents Hospital for their care and attention and our wonderful domiciliary service.
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SPORT

ST. HELENS NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Results 8th April, 1990

Division 1

Jokers White d St. Marys 27-25.

Best: Lee Goss, Mary Beach,
Sharyn Hayes.Division 2

Breakaways A d St. Marys 30-20.

Best Natasha Lowe, Meghan Ambrus,
Mary Lee Griffiths.

Winner of grocery hamper:

Leah Rankin (Fingal).

Lee Goss,
Falmouth.ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES by Tee UpWell, how nice the Associates
had the Benevolent Day before all
the rain. About 74 players took
the field in beautiful golfing
weather.Clubs represented came from Long-
ford, Scottsdale, Orford, Campbell
Town, Malahide, Swansea and St.
Helens. Over \$500 was raised.
Proceeds go to the St. Marys
ambulance. Scores for the day
went around almost every Club.Gross - Visitors went to
Campbell Town. P. Hazel and B.
Jones 86 on C/B.

J. Coker and E. McCarthy 86.

N. Pin Visitors

B. Jones and P. Hazel.

Gross Home

V. Shaw and M. Cook 85

N. Pin S. Oliver and K. Wright.

Nett Visitors

B. Johnston and B. Newman (27) 59

Nett Home

K. Wright and S. Oliver (29½) 61½

Putting Visitors

N. Bennett and A. Brown

Putting Home

K. Blair and L. Burness

Longest Drive - B. Johnston

The visitors had high praise for
the condition of the course and
especially the greens. One lady
said she would like to pocket
them and take them home, so
congratulations Rodney. I believe
Rod Field and Steven Dawson had
a close game at Swansea Legacy
when Rod won by 1 stroke. Good
work boys.Some good scores were returned on
an Eclectic Competition recently.Div. 1 was won by one of our old
faithfuls.

S. Dawson	(3)	29
R. Sprilbury	(7½)	29½
W. Tilyard	(5½)	30½
J. Newman	(3½)	30½
R. McGiveron	(3½)	30½

Div. 2

I. Backhouse	(9)	28
T. Paine	(10½)	29½
O. Chartrain	(14½)	29½

Visitors

T. Paine	(10½)	29½
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N. Pin 4th - W. Tilyard

N. Pin 7th - R. McGiveron

Members Stroke

T. Cashion	(17)	61 nett
M. Kent	(11)	62 nett
I. Backhouse	(18)	62 nett
C. Patmore	(10)	62 nett
R. McGiveron	(7)	63 nett
T. Newman	(7)	64 nett

N. Pin 7th - I. Backhouse

Members Stableford

S. Wilmot	8	42pts
D. Murfett	8	41 pts
S. Davis	16	40 pts
S. Cooke	10	37pts

N.P. 2nd shot on 8th - D. Summers

N. Pin 7th - S. Cooke

The teams are disappointing for
the Peter Davern Fun Day. There is
room for at least 2 to 3 teams to
make the day successful, competition
wise. The Captain would like every
body present at 10.20 as it is a
shot gun start, so please see that
your team is up on the board and
join in the fun. After the present-
ation of trophies a Pennant meeting
is to be held to elect a captain
and vice captain for coming pennant
season -

SO PLEASE BE THERE.

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manufacturer's care instructions.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT COUNCIL WALKATHON

This year the St. Marys Student Representative Council has undertaken a most ambitious project which will require a large amount of money. For many years our students have suffered from the lack of suitable room for them to meet together during recess and lunchtime. Last year the Council tried to use a section of the Hall as a Student Common Room which, although it was very popular, was unsuccessful for a variety of reasons. The school simply does not have sufficient room to give one room over to the students.

To overcome these problems the Student Representative Council is conducting a feasibility study to determine the possibility of building a student common room for themselves.

The Parents and Friends have kindly passed over to the Student Representative Council one of their major fund-raising events - the Walkathon. Money raised will go towards the Student Common Room which will benefit all students at the school for many years to come. It will be held on Tuesday, 1st. May and will involve all students K - 10.

We realise constructing a Common Room is a very large project. However, with sufficient support we believe we can do it.

Joanne Crockett,
President, S.R.C.

TOY LIBRARY

The St. Marys Toy Library has moved. It is now located at the back of the School Hall.

The Toy Library offers a range of toys, games and puzzles for children aged 6 months to 5 years. All are welcome to use this facility. There is a joining fee of \$2.00 and hiring fees range from 50c. to \$1.50.

The Toy Library will open at the following times:

Tuesday 1.30 - 2.00

Wednesday 11.30 - 12.15, 1.30 - 3.00

Volunteers for the roster are urgently needed. If you can help, please contact Viv Wilson on phone 72 2275 or Anne Bennet at the Kindergarten, phone 72 2362.

HOW TO GET A TOOTH OUT OF A CROCODILE'S MOUTH

1. Tie the crocodile to the tree with rope.
2. Get a welder and make a shape out of metal to fit inside the crocodile's mouth to keep it open.
3. Put cotton wool on the teeth that are good with a spoon.
4. Get a pair of pliers and put it on his bad tooth.
5. Get a good grip
6. Start twisting it
7. Keep on twisting until it's wobbly.
8. Get a piece of string and tie it to his tooth.
9. Pull hard and it will come out.
10. Take the cotton wool out.
11. Put a piece of cotton wool where the tooth was pulled.
12. Take the device to hold his mouth open, out.
13. Untie him.

BY: Murray Louis,
Gr. 4/5 Miss Withrington

HOW TO WASH AN ELEPHANT

1. Get a scrubbing brush and a hot dish of soapy water and a hose.
2. While the Elephant is standing up tie a rope around his neck and tie him to a pole, get the brush and dip it in the water start from the legs and start going up.
3. When it starts getting too tall for you, get a ladder.
4. After you have washed it all, get a hose.
5. Hose the Elephant off.
6. Make the Elephant lay down.
7. To do this put peanuts on the ground.
8. Get a towel and dry him.
9. Untie the rope.
10. Then leave it in the sun to dry.
11. Then you have finished.

BY: Melanie Bennett,
Gr. 4/5 Miss Withrington

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I Have read that Dr. Bob Brown gave his pebbles away but that is no excuse for the A.C.F. to loose their marbles on Lake Pedder. How many more people are reaping the benefit of the Greater Lake Pedder? Bushwalking, Fisher Persons, Recreationall user and of course all those who have the use of clean electric power (add that against the few people who knew where Pedder was.)

Signed PEDDER NOW THE BEST VIEW.

Dear Sir,

Can anyone tell me who is responsible for the upkeep of the toilets at the football ground. I have been to two matches this year, a practice match and the first rostered match on Saturday. The day of the practice match I had to clean rubbish from the floor (including a sanitary Napkin) before I would allow my children into the toilets. Saturday was as bad. The toilets were filthy and there wasn't any paper or hand towels. I am happy to pay \$5.00 at the gate and also to buy raffle tickets each week to support the club but I think this should at least entitle me to toilet paper in the toilets. This is the Centenary Year. Do the toilets have to look like they haven't been attended to in all that time.

Signed Ruth Aulich
"Cullenswood"

MUNICIPAL NEWS.

At the meeting 10 April, Councillor Robert McKenzie was re-elected Warden of the Municipality for his 5th year as Warden. Councillor

Robert Burbury was elected as Deputy Warden and Councillor Ruth Saunders was re-elected to the position of Treasurer.

VISIT BY GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA

His Excellency and Lady Bennett will be paying a brief visit to our Municipality on 3rd May. It is proposed that His Excellency and Lady Bennett will lunch with the Councillors at Fingal then make a brief tour of the Cornwall Coal facilities at the Blackwood Colliery and the Fingal Washery and then visit the Old Tasmanian Hotel Community Centre.

FOUR MILE CREEK BRIDGE

The Department of Construction has confirmed, following a query from Council, that the Four Mile Creek Bridge will be retained in service for pedestrian traffic and stock movement and will continue to be maintained by the Dept until major repairs or renewal becomes necessary. At this stage the perceived ongoing usage will be reassessed by the Department.

SCAMANDER RIVER MOUTH *COASTAL RESERVE

A meeting has been called by th Dept. of Parks, Wildlife and Heritage of the various groups involved with the future development of the Scamander Coastal Reserve in the vicinity of the Scamander river mouth. A council rep will attend the meeting.

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APRIL

Sunday 29
Monday 30

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Miss Thorold

FINGAL

Aub Oliver
Carole Woods

MANGANA

Aub Oliver
Les Walters

MATHINNA

Kaye Turner
Tom Baker

MAY

Tuesday 1
Wednesday 2
Thursday 3
Sunday 6
Monday 7
Tuesday 8
Wednesday 9
Thursday 10

Mary Viney
Jenny Stewart
Heather Griffiths
Yvonne Saunders
Claire Bean
Helen Napier
Jean Lohrey
Yvonne Salter

Kath Francis
Kaye Cooke
Y. Johnson
L. Rankin
Ida Legro
June Hall
Joan Lowe
Pat Death

Kath Francis
-
Alan Barnes
Jack Miller
Les Walters
June Hall
-
Pat Death

Max Ellis
C. Webb
Ian Hardman
Kaye Turner
Tom Baker
Max Ellis
C. Webb
Ian Hardman

K.A.B.C.

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL COUNCIL

Judges' comments 1989 competition -
St. Marys.

This is the fourth year that St. Marys has participated in the annual Tasmanian Tidy Towns Competition.

The entry was submitted by the Municipality of Fingal which was represented at the judging by the Council Clerk, Mr A Crockett. Also present was the President of St. Marys Chamber of Commerce, Mr Geoff White.

We travelled to St. Marys from St. Helens via the Tasman Highway and the scenic St. Marys Pass. We noted that in common with a number of East Coast towns, advertising signs have appeared on the town approach which we feel is a retro-grade step and wonder if the approval of the Department of Roads and Transport has been forthcoming?

We joined Messrs Crockett and White at the St. Marys Post Office where we received a preliminary briefing and a copy of the brochure "St. Marys Heart of East Coast Tasmania" which has been produced through the generous sponsorship of ten local business people. We were most impressed with the brochure which has been professionally presented and contains all a visitor needs to know about the town and surrounding district.

We would suggest that consideration should be given to a centrally and strategically located Tourist Information Bay which virtually repeats the contents of the brochure in enlarged form and directs visitors to the distribution points from which the brochure may be obtained.

We toured St. Marys extensively with our hosts, and later independently, from which we submit the following observations:-

- the roads and streets are generally well maintained and many have colourful nature strips, particularly on the approach from the Elephant Pass;
- the Refuse Disposal Area was relatively litter free and well managed;
- the Gray cemetery is very neat;
- there are three churches: St. Marys of Assumption Catholic Church, Uniting Church and a recently dedicated Anglican Church. All three are well maintained;
- the public buildings such as the Library, Australia Post, Tasmania Police, Telecom and the Forestry

Commission are all well presented with the Post Office deserving special mention;

- St. Marys District Hospital is a credit to those responsible for its appearance and upkeep;
- St. Marys District High School and surrounding grounds are maintained in immaculate condition; and
- the Golf and Bowls Club, Recreation Ground and Racecourse are most impressive.

We would suggest that the following matters may be in need of attention-

- a collection of old car bodies was sighted on the right hand side of Tasman Highway approaching from St. Marys Pass;
- a fence was down near the bridge by the St. Marys Hotel;
- some litter bins need repainting and identification;
- the seat, opposite the Library, near the bridge, is in need of a coat of paint;
- the sign at Refuse Disposal Area is bent. Street signs in Newmans, Groom and Hugh Streets are also bent;
- the old Butter (cheese) factory appears to have reverted to an eyesore and was surrounded by long grass;
- the Hydro Electric Commission office is in need of beautification e.g. planters;
- gates at the Recreation Ground need painting;

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Keep Australia Beautiful Council

- new Anglican Church needs a sign; and

- Lions Park, beside and behind Library, has long grass and garden plots were overgrown with weeds and grass. A creeper on the Library wall appears to be dying.

We were particularly impressed by the transformation that has taken place in Main Street where most of the business houses seem to be making a concerted effort to lift the appearance of the commercial centre. Sam's Supermarket in particular has been painted and adorned with planter boxes. Just imagine the result if all the businesses in the town followed this example.

We noted with pleasure that the Lions' initiated project at the old St. Marys Railway Station has progressed a stage further with Maurice and Leisha Linfoot's craft shop and plant nursery operating under a sub-lease. We look forward to further developments in respect of the proposed mine and railway museum.

We were also pleased to find that the public toilets behind the Library which had been vandalised last year, have been repaired and were clean.

In all, our visit to St. Marys this year was a rewarding and encouraging experience. We detected a new spirit that has probably been there all along, but needs releasing. Just as signs on town boundaries can snowball and proliferate, so can the better things in a community when one or two business people set a good example.

Our visit concluded with afternoon tea in the residence of Mr and Mrs Geoff White which is a most interesting building that is being carefully restored. We thank them most sincerely for their hospitality and express our appreciation of the time and courtesy extended to us by Mr Crockett.

We returned to Hobart by the Tasman, Lake Leake and Midlands Highways.

We look forward to returning to St. Marys in 1990.

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Protection?

A course of three vaccinations is required for full protection against hepatitis-B (3 vaccinations given in an approved schedule provides full protection in most vaccinees). Your doctor will determine the best schedule of injections for you. Your continued protection will require booster vaccination - your doctor will advise.

For vaccinations phone either your local doctor or St. Marys District Hospital for appointment and costs of this service.

STARDUST

Week commencing April 26, 1990.

TAURUS April 21 - May 21

Your emotional life settles down to a more even level and there will be considerable happiness in the week ahead. You will attend outings, be more social and may improve your surroundings.

Best Days: 2, 9.

GEMINI May 22 - June 21

Your outspokenness may get you into hot water if you don't compromise. If you try to live up to the expectations of others, disappointment will result.

Best Days: 26, 6.

CANCER June 22 - July 22

Home, family and money will be your principal concern this week. Something unexpected may happen in the way of your finances.

Best Days: 3, 4.

LEO July 23 - August 23

Saying the right thing at the right time could come in handy this week, because of late you have had the tendency to say the wrong thing and find yourself in a spot of bother.

Best Days: 28, 8.

VIRGO August 24 - September 23

It may be necessary to proceed cautiously this week. The more thoroughly you perform any task the more chance you have of success. This is also a good time to start a new project.

Best Days: 30, 1.

LIBRA September 24 - October 23

Your refusal to attend social activities due to family or business concerns will make this a confusing week. So think hard before making decisions.

Best Days: 3, 7.

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SCORPIO October 24 - Nov. 22

Problems with relatives, in-laws neighbors or friends may try your patience in the coming week. Be prepared to withdraw if the pressure becomes too great.

Best Days: 28, 5.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - Dec. 21

Travel will be exciting and you may be introduced to new friends who can help you in some way in the future. Someone warm and affectionate may also enter your life in the coming week.

Best Days: 27, 9.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 20

This is an important week for you and you may be the centre of attention. You may plan to entertain at home, throw a party or live it up with a party.

Best Days: 26, 29

AQUARIUS January 21 * Feb. 19

A secret will affect your home or business life in ways you did not expect. There is need for discipline where drink and food are concerned. Travel will bring rewards.

Best Days: 27, 7.

PISCES February 20 * March 20

You'll keep your nose to the grindstone this week. Your responsibilities are increasing and a heavier workload will leave you less time to think about all the things that you would rather be doing.

Best Days: 29, 30.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

You will become bored with the people or issues you encounter in your daily routine. Seek out stimulating people and listen to them.

Best Days: 28, 1.

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