

# THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE

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## WHO WERE THEY?

The Syrian, The Chinaman and the lady who made clothes pegs. What did all these people have in common in relation to St Marys? The answer is that these people all traded their goods and wares in and around this township over seventy years ago.

Where did they come from, where did they go? Like so many stories and characters they have been almost lost in the mist of time, with nothing written down or recorded and only the fading memories of some of our older citizens to keep them alive.

But perhaps you can help! Documents, receipts, letters and photographs, anything that can piece together our history before it's lost forever.

Let us start with the Syrian. A tall man, presumably swarthy, his name was something like George La Touge but perhaps that was not his real name. He carried a large bundle on his back comprising of material and clothes. He also carried a small suitcase full of jewellery and knick-knacks.

This remarkable man had no transport other than his feet and he walked from town to town till all his wares were sold. The Arabic peddler lived in Hunter St, Launceston but it's not known if he walked home or he caught a train or coach. I do know that he received accommodation in the various towns that he visited. It is also known that he had a daughter who was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and sang at parties and theatres in Launceston.

Why and when he stopped selling I do not know, maybe he bought a shop in Launceston or maybe he went back to his homeland, or maybe he just got too old to walk the long roads.

Of the Chinaman I know even less. He was around about the same time as the Syrian and must have had a market garden somewhere in the district and traded in fresh vegetables which he sold off his horse and cart.

He must have caused some amusement among his customers with his cry of "Turn-i-ups and lettuce-seas" but he also traded in rabbit skins and from all accounts he must have made a reasonable living.

But where was his market garden, and did he have a large family or did he live alone? Was he related to the early Chinese gold and tin miners that came out to this country so long ago.

Mrs Brown, the lady who made and sold clothes pegs. This incredible woman must have been a real battler. She lived somewhere in the Midlands, possibly near Campbell Town and travelled along the river banks working her way up the Fingal Valley. The reason she followed the river was because of the willow trees which grew on the banks and provided her with the wood from which she made the pegs.

Her method was simple but effective, she would cut the willow sticks to the required size and then bind one end with a strip of tin secured with a tack. She would then split the stick down to the tin and then whittle the wood till she had the required shape. Once she had a bag full of pegs she would then sell them at the towns along the way.

Mrs Brown had a horse and cart and camped in a tent near the river. One of the places she camped was Margison Creek near the Irish Town turnoff and another place was on Mr Garth Napier's property, not far from Cameron St. Her only companion was her very young daughter who's name I believe to be Betty.

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Also on this day a Christmas stall will be held including our "Special Toy" sale - Proceeds from this will go to the Christmas Cheer Appeal.

No phone calls please on Sunday or after 5.00pm weekdays. (Calls to Envoy Mrs Betts on 722629).

**THE LIONS CLUB OF ST.MARYS ANNUAL ELDERLY CITIZENS TRIP** will be on Monday November 22nd. Bus will pick up passengers at Fingal at 9.30am then St.Marys 10.00am, before travelling down the Elephant Pass, along the Link Road to Upper Scamander. Any queries Phone Barry Wright 722314.

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Scamander	11am	9am	9am	9am	
	Kucn Club Monday 4.00pm				
Fingal	9am	9.30	9.30	9.30	
	Sunday School 9.30am				
St Helens	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm
Parish Youth Grouping 725 139 or 761 141					
All Welcome	725 139				

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL VALLEY

### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45am	MP
St Marys	10.30am	HC
Avoca	7.00pm	HC

### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45am	HC
Avoca	10.45am	FS
St Marys	10.30am	MP

### THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45am	FS
St Marys	10.30am	HC
Cornwall	3.00pm	HC
Avoca	7.00pm	HC

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat. Vigil Mass	6.00pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00am
Fingal	Sunday Mass	10.30am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00pm

### SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat. Vigil Mass	6.00pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00am
Mangana	Eucharistic Service	11.00am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00pm

### THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat. Vigil Mass	6.00pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00am
Fingal	Sunday Mass	10.30am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00pm

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat. Vigil Mas	6.00pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00pm
Swansea	Sunday Mass	6.00pm

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat. Vigil Mass	6.00pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00pm

### PRIEST: PAUL CONNOLLY

ST MARYS PHONE (003) 722 252

## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST HELENS

### ST PAULS CHURCH

8.00am)	Every Sunday
9.30am)	Every Sunday
7.00pm	1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

3.30pm	Mondays
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### PYENGANA

11.15am	2nd Sunday
7.30pm	4th Wednesday

### FALMOUTH

11.15am	3rd Sundays
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### SCAMANDER (Home for Tea)

9.30am	2nd Sunday
10.30am	4th Tuesday

## GOLF NOTES BY TEE UP

Well I had the pleasure of being a guest at the "Wind Up" luncheon of the Associates and I had an interesting time with the "Girls".

Mary King (the outgoing President) presented all the visitors with a corsage. I thank the outgoing President for this nice gesture. After we had eaten of a sumptuous lunch the Annual Meeting was held and the officers were elected for the forthcoming season.

President	Mrs Y. Davern
Vice President	Mrs M. Viney
Secretary	Mrs B. Haas
Treasurer	Mrs R. Harwood
Captain	Mrs M. Cook
Vice Captain	Mrs S. Oliver
Committee	Mrs L. Clayton

Summer Cup commence 10th November

Opening Day for next season opens on February 23rd and closes on November 9th 1994.

It has been a very profitable and interesting year for the Associates when 40 trophies were presented to the winners and these started with:

Champion of the Club	Mrs M. Cook
Runner Up	Mrs L. Burness
C Grade	Mrs M. Mitchell
Runner Up	Mrs L. Clayton
72 Hole Handicap	Mrs M. Mitchell
Runner Up	Mrs L. Burness
Foursomes Championship Gross	
M. Cook & K. Blair	
Runner Up	
B. Harwood & L. Burness	
Foursomes Championship Nett	
K. Wright & M. Nolan	
Runner Up	
K. Betts & Y. Davern	
Foursome Championship Draw Gross	
M. Mitchell & Y. Davern	
Runner Up	
M. Cook & J. Cumming	
Foursome Championship Draw Nett	
M. Mitchell & Y. Davern	

72 Hole Putting	M. Cook
Match Play Knock Out	Y. Davern
Runner Up	L. Burness
Limit Marker	K. Betts
Novice 72 Hole Nett	L. Clayton & K. Blair
Runner Up	M. Viney & J. Wines
Birdies	J. Wines
Gobblers	M. Cook
Eclectic Nett	C. Gunson
Eclectic Gross	M. Cook
Consistency	M. Cook
Monthly Brooch	Heather Hayes
Silver Spoon	M. Cook
T. L. Gill Bowl	W. Haas
Spaulding Team	Y. Davern & A. Hart
	B. Harwood & M. Mitchell

Handicap Reduction	B. Harwood & H. Hayes both reduced by 6.
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Mrs M. King and Mrs Beth Hayes were elected as conveners of catering.

A very successful day was had with His Excellency the Governor and he was very pleased with the condition of the course. In recognition of his day at the club the Governor presented the President with an inscribed plaque. The President gave a big "Thank You" to the caddies and ladies for the day. The caddies I believe were outstanding in their duties and behaviour. All players were presented with a trophy of the day of which I'm sure they will keep as the players reflect of the interesting day with the Governor.

## ST MARYS

### SCHNITZEL NIGHT

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6.00 - 8.00PM

\$7.00 per adult \$4.00 children

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COSY FIRE

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## GOLF NOTES by Tee Up

Sunday Competition seems to be very popular and on the 7th the Stableford Comp was won by:

C. Batchelor (26) 42 pts with

Barry Le Fevre (14) 40 pts

The Associates was won by:

Judy Blake (27) 40 pts

Beth Haas (34) 35 pts

9 Hidden holes was won by:

Brad Ennis (25) 27 1/2

Joyce Wines (38) 33

Mary Viney (36) 35

Nearest Pin Joyce Wines

The Golf calendar shows much interest

4th & 5th December Stroke Day with Ham or Turkey as trophy for the day.

12th December is a day and barbecue for Juniors, Parents and Members.

19th December Golf and Bowls Party for members and families.

CHICKEN RUN last week

Judy Blake 32 1/3

R. Brown 27

12/11/93

Joyce Wines 29 2/3

G. Twining 25 2/3



There is a vacancy on the Board for someone to be admitted to the General Committee. Come on members and associates, put your name on the notice board and show your interest to the rest of the club for the joy and happiness you have received over the years. It's a great club. I'll keep my interest and see if some of the girls will be willing to help out.

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## ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PRIMARY SINGING GROUP

During Term 1, a 27 - strong Primary Singing Group was formed, with group members coming from Grades 3-6. The Singing Group has been practising twice weekly for most of the year, with students sacrificing much of their spare time in recent weeks to perfect performance material.

The hard work and dedication of the children was witnessed with an excellent performance at the St. Marys Community Concert. The commitment of all children was recently rewarded with our selection by Southern Cross T.V. to perform two Christmas Carols on "Songs for Christmas". Again, all group members willingly gave of their time to travel to Southern Cross Studios on Saturday 13 November, for the recording session, and their performance was of a high standard. (Our 'TV' date has yet to be confirmed).

As co-ordinator of the Singing Group, I have been most impressed with the attitude, behaviour and professionalism of all Singing Group members. Rehearsals never contained a dull moment, and 'suspect' singers persevered until they hit the right note.

On our trip to Southern Cross Studios, all children were well-presented in uniform. Their professional attitude and behaviour far outweighed that expected of children of such a young age. All Singing Group members were a credit to themselves, and were great ambassadors of St. Marys District High School.

Finally, I wish to thank those people who have assisted us throughout the year, or accompanied us on our trip to Launceston.

Scott Targett - guitar  
Heath Green - guitar  
Vaughan Semmens - guitar  
Ros Smith  
Alison Whebell  
Keri Webb

Ken Martindale  
Lyn Piscitelli, and  
Primary teachers who allowed students time out of class to rehearse for the concert.

The efforts of all group members and those associated with the group have been tremendous. I look forward to working with the group again soon.

Jane Austin  
GRADE 4 TEACHER

## SINGING GROUP MEMBERS

Joshua Ambrus  
Jenny Brown  
Alexandra Burbury  
Jody Cannon  
Neysa Cannon  
Rachael Casboul  
Perri Chapman  
Shavaun Chapman  
Joanne Cohen  
Peter Cornelius  
Erika Fearman  
Elizabeth Field  
Katherine Field  
Sean Fletcher  
Alex Hortle  
Kai Linfoot  
Sonia Martindale  
Celeste Miller  
Jessica Mitchell  
Shecani Piscitelli  
Upasna Pratap  
Brett Semmens  
Adam Urmston  
Alesha Webb  
Krystal Williams  
Eva Witton  
Romany Witton

## **SOUTH OF THE MOUNTAIN ATHLETICS**

On Friday 12 November twenty of our primary students ventured to St Helens to compete for a place in the combined E.N.E. Athletics Team.

I am proud to announce that eight students made the team, an outstanding effort for a school with only approximately 200 primary students. Congratulations to:

Carlie Davies	Tristan Clement
Emma Johnson	Jarrod Peet
Luke Faulkner	Margaret Marsh
Upasna Pratap	Chantelle Peet

These eight students will now compete at the State Carnival in Launceston.

To all the other competitors who didn't make the final team, thank you for your wonderful efforts.

Barry LeFevre  
ACTING AST3 PRIMARY

## **COMMUNITY CONCERT**

Congratulations to everyone who helped make Friday's Concert a great success. The list of helpers is too great to publish and undoubtedly someone would be missed if I did so.

I believe the Concert was a wonderful advertisement for the young people of our Community. The pride in their performance was clearly evident.

A tremendous aspect of the Concert was to see the Community and School work so closely and successfully together.

The high degree of co-operation helped to ensure the event was a memorable one.

Thank you everyone who helped. A special thanks to Steve Plowright who marshalled the troops to produce the big event.

Rob Hart  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

## **JUNIOR GOLF**

The Junior Golf continues to be a success. Over 30 children are regularly attending, playing competitions and being coached by Bill Husband.

On Monday 8 November, 16 of the Junior Golfers caddied for the Governor, his team and opponents. They did a marvellous job, gaining considerable praise from the Governor and those playing. I congratulate all those children who had the opportunity to participate.

Mr Andrew Haas, the Vice President of the Golf Club has written a letter to our Principal thanking him for allowing the children to caddy. A copy of the letter is in this newsletter.

On Sunday 12 December there will be a special fun day at the Golf Club for the Junior Golfers and their parents. This is a date to look forward to. More information will be forthcoming.

Barry LeFevre  
ACTING AST 3 PRIMARY



## **PRIMARY SINGING GROUP**

On behalf of the school I thank Mrs Austin and the children for their wonderful efforts. The School and Community are extremely proud of the way you have performed.

Many hours of free time have been given up and we the public have benefited. Thankyou and we look forward to many more superb performances.

Barry LeFevre  
ACTING AST 3 PRIMARY



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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE DOUGLAS APSLEY?

You don't? Well now is your chance to experience  
this natural asset.

A walk has been organised for Saturday 20th  
November. This is a community walk to let our  
local population see what is on their doorstep.  
Ring Debbie or Geoff on 722632 or 722341 for  
details.

## WHO WERE THEY?

Cont. from P1

It was remarked that her pegs were very good as  
they would not come off the line, not even in the  
strongest wind.

What happened to that lady or her daughter, does  
anyone know?

In 1930 a fire at the Fingal Council Chambers  
destroyed almost all the council records which  
made the writing of the history of St Marys very  
difficult. It's like putting together a jigsaw puzzle  
with more than half the pieces missing. We cannot  
afford to employ a historian as that would prove  
to be very expensive so we rely on the general  
public.

Any official records of the early days of this  
district are held in Hobart or Launceston and to  
try to sift through masses of documents is  
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## Early Days In Our District

**School Life - As told by my aunties aged 57 and 59.**

Our life at St Helens was made up of many interesting events, as being born in 1932 and 1934 we experienced many things like-

We can remember the war years 1939-1945. This was an era when the family went to St Helens State School (as it was called back then).

The trenches were dug where the High School now stands. The siren blew - the children had to run into the trenches wearing ear muffs, when we had air raid shelter practice.

The children travelled by foot and some from Parkside by horse back, as there were no buses and there were school at Pyengana, Priory, Goulds Country, Lottah and Scamander. It was not until 1948 that children travelled from Scamander to St Marys.

In the old days at St Helens State School there were no biro's. Slates were used by infants for writing, later the ink wells were introduced when students used pens and ink. A monitor filled the ink wells every week, it sometimes spilt everywhere leaving a stain on the wooden desks. This was removed by consistent rubbing with sand paper and a lot of elbow grease.

Open fires were lit in the class rooms and these were washed using white wash( made out of clay) and the boys were delegated to do this job.

Teeth, fingers nails and hands were checked for cleanliness and shoes for the best shine. Hair was still checked for nits. When it came to school inspection every pupil and teacher helped spring clean the class room.

It was an annual event in all Tasmanian Schools for reports to be written for every class from 1-6.

A ritual in every school at the beginning of the week was the raising of the flag and saying the pledge

"I love my country,  
I honour the flag,  
And will cheerfully,  
Obey her laws"

This was then followed by the National Anthem-  
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**Kate Rawnsley 14 yrs Grade 9**

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## Early Days In Our District

### BACK IN 1920

In early January 1918, Miss Valerie Thomas, one of eleven in her family of St Marys, was going to St Marys State School for the first time at the age of seven. The classes were, the baby class, lower prep, upper prep then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th classes. The classes worked by depending on how smart each individual was. This school was where the St Marys Hall is now.

School as Valerie said was very strict, each morning they had to line up, girls together and boys together and they would be inspected by the principle Mr Barker. If your finger nails, shoes and hands were unclean you would get a nasty hit across the legs with the cane. After inspection a school band would play and every pupil would have to march. This went on every school day. But Valerie said it was a very good school.

Every morning Valerie had to walk to school one mile in thick frost. She would go home and back to school for dinner all in one hour. At the end on the school day Valerie had to walk back home once again.

Valerie left school after seven years. She was taught by a very good teacher named Mr A O Barker.

In Valerie's spare time she had to work very hard like pump water by hand up to the house from the creek which ran behind their house, and she had to collect wood, bark and sticks for the fire from the bush.

Valerie had her first job at the age of 14 years, it was waiting tables at Falmouth Boarding House, she got payed 10 shilling (bob) which was a good lot of money in those days. After that she worked at Scamander Hotel waitressing. Then Valerie decided to try her luck in Launceston. She didn't last long because she didn't like the crowds or the noise. She said she likes the open spaces.

Then coming back to the valley she worked at the Avoca Hotel. After a year at serving tables Valerie then went to Fingal to live. That's where she met Mervyn Bean, after going out with each other for a year. They then decided to get married in the Presbyterian Church of Fingal in 1932. Mr and Mrs Bean had a family of nine children, 25 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchildren.

**Andrew Turner, Fingal - 14 years**

THE ST.MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PRIMARY CHOIR went into Launceston on Saturday to Southern Cross Studio to have their carol singing recorded and will be shown on television near Christmas in a "Song for Christmas".

CERTAINLY have some great local talent. Geoff Westons group brought the house down as did Bruce Cornelius "Driving through St.Marys in my lorry".

After Friday night we now really know the meaning of "Full House" not even squeezing room left.

### THANK YOU

We would like to express our thanks on the event of the late, but speedy arrival of our daughter Kaitlyn Rose, with special thanks to Karen Saunders and family for baby sitting, Patsy, Cheryl and Ian - the delivery crew and staff at St.Marys Hospital and the many well wishers.

The Quinn Family

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B.Y.O. B.B.Q. to follow

Enquiries Phone Chris 722258, Alan 722414 or

Roxy 742104.

Grade 11 St.Marys District High School had a  
chance to try their skills at pistol shooting on the  
10th November.The following scores were all out of a possible 250  
points.

Andrew Claridge	33
Nathan Astbury	86
Tony Buchanan	72
Rob hart	13
Gavin Bosworth	118
Connie Tatnell	69
Colinda Smith	90
Kerry Coker-Williams	20
Ros Bain	36
Gavin Barnes	139

**FINGAL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB HELD  
THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AT THE  
FINGAL HOTEL ON SATURDAY 6TH  
NOVEMBER 93****TROPHIES WERE PRESENTED  
RIFLE**

A Grade Champion	James Gillies
B Grade Champion	Brian Izard
C Grade Champion	Michael Spilsbury

**Tullochgorum Trophy:** Viv Ward**P.J. Cowie Trophy:** Viv Ward

James Gillies	5 possibles
Brian Izard	5 possibles
Viv Ward	4 possibles
Michael Spilsbury	1 possible
Debbie Moore	1 possible and the first for the Fingal Rifle Club

**Trophy Winners - Pistol****Free Pistol**

Mens	A. Napier	(.22)
Ladies	G. Murfett	(.22)
Centrefire	B. Russell	(.22)
Junior	S. Sarich	(.22)

**METALLIC SILHOUETTE**

Men	C. Wright	(.22)
Ladies	A.M. Preece	(.22)
Centrefire	P. Connell	(.38)
Junior	S. Sarich	(.22)

**STANDARD PISTOL**

Men	C. Wright	(.22)
Ladies	G. Murfett	(.22)
Junior	S. Sarich	(.22)

**Most Consistent** R. Moody**Best Clubman** M. Herring

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**Early Days In Our District**

**Fingal Mine Blast, 1977**

February 7th 1977 was a morning when many miners and their families wished that they'd never got out of bed to go to work.

The location was the Duncan colliery situated at Fingal, where three miners were killed, and two were very badly burnt and scarred.

At around 8:40 on the tragic Monday morning, a build up of methane gas was some how disturbed and erupted into a huge ball of fire instantly killing one miner and injuring his other four workmates who were all placed in intensive care in the Launceston General Hospital.

Later on in the same week another of the miners lives were taken and yet another around a month later, but the recovery of the only two remaining miners was very slowly, but surely nearing.

The question on the lips of the whole Fingal Valley during this fatal time, was 'what was the cause of this disasterous incident?' Many possibilities were explored but none of them were to be concluded. It may have been caused by - rock to rock friction, an electrical fault, or a naked flame. Either one of these situations had started from methane gas built up above the ceiling of the mine to start a leak seeping through the cracks in the roof.

The deaths of three unlucky miners still may torture the minds of their friends and family. If only we could turn the clocks back and start all over again.

Kim Newman  
26 Main Rd. St.Marys  
14 years old

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**STANDARD PISTOL 14TH NOVEMBER 1993**

C. Wright	452	(.22)
A. Napier	375	(.22)
S. Gornik	364	(.22)
K. Cowie	333	(.220)
B. Glatte	300	(.22)
K. Robinson	251	(.22)
D. Moore	158	(.22)
A. M. Preece	125	(.22)
S. Gillies	98	(.22)
A. Napier	229	(.38)
D. Preece	161	(.38)

**WHAT'S ON**

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL FUNCTION COMING UP THAT NEEDS REPORTING? TELL US AT THE VALLEY VOICE IN OUR "WHAT'S ON "COLUMN.

**BILLY CART FUN DAY**

Don't forget the Lions Club Billy Cart Race Day on November 28th in St.Marys. Bring your "wagon" and join in the fun.  
Entries on the day  
Special "Soap Box Section"  
10am pits for 11am start

**ST.MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 1993 TO BE  
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COMPLEX 7.30PM.  
ALL MEMBERS AND INTENDING  
MEMBERS MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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### TENDER

Tenders are invited from interested persons to scrub down inside of St. Marys Sports Centre clubhouse walls.

For more information and viewing of tender please contact Sec. Jim Haas, Phone 722127.

Tenders will close with the Secretary on 10-12-93. Jim Haas (Sec).

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Could I draw your attention to the litter that is blown off trailers and utes going to the tip up Gray Rd.

All residents along that highway every day of the week and every week of the year, have plenty of practise reclaiming this rubbish and I believe this is an offence under law. What about it residents!!! Don't keep the old people on active service too many more years. We would appreciate your co-operation.

Gray Road resident (name supplied)

### ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Winners of Raffle.

Drawn Morning Tea November 16th.

1. Load of Wood      Debbie Squires  
                                 Cornwall
2. Dinner for 2      Mr J. McKimmie  
                                 Scamander
3. 1/2 Lamb      Heath Green  
                                 Scamander

Thanks to ticket sellers and to buyers.

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## FUEL CONSUMPTION GUIDE

### TOP PASSENGER VEHICLE PERFORMERS

Here are the most fuel-efficient performers (petrol) in the eight main classifications.

The classifications are those used by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries in its VFACTS retail reporting system. Descriptions of classifications follow this top performers list.

#### MICRO + LIGHT

	L/100km City Cycle	L/100km Highway Cycle	Fuel System	Engine Displacement (litres)
1. Daihatsu Mira Mon. sedan 5dr	6	4.6	I	0.66
1. Suzuki Swift 1.0 Mon. sedan 3dr	6	4.6	C	1.0
2. Daihatsu Charade G-202 Mon. sedan 4dr	6.2	4.8	C	1.0
3. Ford WA Festiva Mon. sedan & hatchback 3dr and 5dr	6.4	5.2	C	1.3
4. Suzuki Swift 1.0 Auto. sedan 3dr	6.6	5.6	C	1.0
5. Holden MH Barina GS Mon. hatchback 2dr	6.8	5	C	1.3
5. Holden MH Barina Mon hatchback 4dr	6.8	5	C	1.3



# Thank You

The "*St Marys Association For Community Development*" we would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all those who made our SMACD community concert become a reality, and a success.

Graham and Karen Saunders  
The Olde Country Kitchen. (Carol & Rosanne)  
Faulkner's Caltex Service Station  
St Marys Bakery  
St Marys Health and Beauty  
The Coach House Restaurant  
The Railway Nursery  
St Marys Post Office  
Tim Scott (St Marys Hotel)  
Zingers Hair Design  
Rob and Lyn Brown  
Cadbury Schweppes (Hobart)  
The Legge Family  
Pancake Barn  
St Marys Shoe Shop  
Scamander Beach Resort  
Westpac Bank  
St Marys Football Club  
Scamander Beach Surf Shop  
Mr & Mrs Jim Napier  
St Marys High School Staff and Students  
Toby and Betty Spilsbury

Denzil and Coral Casboul  
Dot White  
Brent and Dianne Johnson  
St Marys Newsagency  
Sams Supermarket  
Les and Heather Newman  
Stephen Bantick  
Mike Wicks  
Bruce and Judy Spilsbury  
Blunts Service Station  
D K and C M Barnes  
The Loane Family  
The Famous Mount Elephant  
Sizzlers Restaurant (Launceston)  
Designer Hair Studio  
John & Ruth McGiveron  
Trust Bank  
Darrel Smith  
Break O' Day Council  
H E C St Marys  
Janet Watson

## Special Thanks

Steve Plowright  
Christine and Sarah White  
Mary Targett  
Office Staff (SMDHS)  
Kevin Faulkner  
Back-stage helpers  
Performers  
Red Faces performers  
School Bands  
Photographer  
Ticket Box, Raffle Ladies & Programme Sellers

(Art dept) Gina, Peggy & Libby  
Audrey Wright  
Shannon Williams  
Bruce & Peter Cornelius  
Sound & Lighting Crew  
Refreshment sellers  
School Teachers  
Red Faces Judges  
Video Controller  
Patrons

To all those who performed and assisted on the night, thanks heaps. It's great to see so many people participating and working together on a community project.

It is impossible to name the many people who helped along the way and on the night, so to all those who made the effort to help and gave willingly of their time, a BIG thanks. The support was indeed appreciated. I would like to especially mention Rob Hart for allowing the school, teachers and pupils to be involved in such a huge community performance. The total profit was approximately \$1500.

We hope you had a great time, maybe we can do it next year!

## Time to Remember



Time to remember, time to be free.

Time to remember, St Marys is the place to be.

Drivin' down to the valley, the beauty opens your eyes.  
Stop and look around, the memory will never die.

Time to remember, time to be free.

Time to remember, St Marys is the place to be.

We've got St Patricks Head, Elephant Falls, Kringles' Cave,  
just to name a few.

Douglas Apsley, South Sister, come up admire the view.

Time to remember, time to be free.

Time to remember, St Marys is the place to be.

People that live here, treat you like a friend.

Though the times are hard and the dollar is tight, we'll  
manage to smile again.

Time to remember, time to be free.

Time to remember, St Marys is the place to be.

(Chorus)

The lyrics and music of Time to Remember were written by the  
father/son team of Bruce and Pete Cornelius, and have a distinct St  
Marys theme.



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## EARLY DAYS IN OUR DISTRICT

### 1929 Flood

It all happened in the year of 1929 in the small, ancient town of Fingal. 64 years ago the South Esk river rose seven metres. It reached the main street called Talbot Street. As it washed down the main street of Fingal, it washed everyones big vegetable gardens out, and when it finally reached the rail way station at the other end of town, it clean swept it away, and all the tons of wood that they had at the station to run the steam trains was washed away.

One of the houses just below Talbot Street, owned now by Mr Wayne Miller, was flooded, the water reached the spouting of the house.

Seen as the flood washed the bridge away at Fingal, they had to use a punt, it would carry anything from bicycles to horse and cart, the punt was wound across by a winch. The winch was worked by a man named Mr Kelly.

There was a hay stack just down the road on a farm approximately 10 minutes from Fingal called Rosstrevor, was washed for miles towards Avoca way, and when it finally came to a place to settle, it was still in the shape, it was still in the shape it was when it was picked up at Rosstrevor. The farm is now owned by Mr Scott Marshall, but in 1929 it was owned by Mr Davies.

The water eventually reached Avoca, it washed away their railway station (the only thing left standing was the solid built safe) and where the Esk River and St Pauls River meet, there is a bridge, this also washed away.

At Avoca there is a railway bridge that the water damaged, when the flood had past, this bridge was left on a very steep slope and was very dangerous to cross.

Sarah Johns  
Talbot Street Fingal  
14 Years

## EARLY DAY IN OUR DISTRICT

*In years gone by St.Marys had more businessess and Community services than today, such as 2 hotels, 2 butchers, cheese factory, swimming pool, bookmakers, 3 coal mines, 2 General Stores, Banks, Post Offices, dance hall and a picture theatre.*

*One of the hotels was situated opposite Casboults Takeaway where the new units are (there was also a dance hall there) and the other was where it is today.*

*There was even a swimming pool in St.Marys back then, it was near the creek at the park below the two garages.*

*There were two general stores, one at Brown's Garage and the other at Stan Graham's Electric Shop.*

*There was a bank at Newman's Takeaway and across the road from that was a Post Office.*

*There was a Butcher's and Bookmakers on the corner of Main and Storey Street, but that burnt down and the Bookmaker's was moved to next door to where the Newsagency is today. There was also another Butchers, where it still is today.*

*There used to be a picture theatre in Todds Hall and a school in the Community Hall.*

*There was a cheese factory opposite the Hospital.*

*There was three coal mines in St.Marys, Mt Nicholas, Jubilee and Dalmain. At the Old Jubilee Mine there was a rope that carried buckets of coal to where the B.P. Depot is.*

*Cornwall coal mine, when at it's peak, was the largest coal mine in Tasmania.*

*St.Marys was known for it's coal mines, timber and farming.*

*by Melanie Bennett.*



## STARDUST

### SCORPIO Oct 24 - Nov 22

Unexpected news puts a bright outlook on long-term plans. Make the most of a weekend invitation, it could lead to a firm friendship.

Lucky numbers 5,33,39.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 - Dec 22

This could be a hectic week with many interruptions but don't overdo it. Travel prospects look good for an overdue holiday.

Lucky numbers 18,24,25

### CAPRICORN Dec 23 - Jan 20

Maybe a surprise or two before the week is out probably arising from a social connection. You may need to make some tough decisions.

Lucky numbers 12,20,42

### AQUARIUS Jan 21 - Feb 19

You may be drawn to people outside your usual circle. Family opinion is divided on a particular matter. A change of scene would be good.

Lucky numbers 7,32,38.

### PISCES Feb 20 - Mar 20

Try to take a back seat for awhile and get a bit of rest and privacy. Be realistic about long-term prospects and concentrate on personal friendships.

Lucky numbers 23,39,34.

### ARIES Mar 21 - April 20

Family affairs may need a change sooner than expected and put pressure on you. Try to avoid taking on more than you can cope with. Relax over the weekend.

Lucky numbers 23,29,34.

### TAURUS Apr 21 - May 21

An ideal week to make headway and you will receive plenty of co-operation. New contact will be invaluable and there is lots to look forward to.

Lucky numbers 13,21,28.

### GEMINI May 22 - June 22

Exciting news is probably going to influence you into making a change of some kind.

Planetary aspects could not be better.

Lucky numbers 19,27,41.

### LEO July 24 - Aug 23

Don't waste time on trivial matters as there are fresh interests and pleasurable companions in abundance this week. Take the opportunity to widen your horizons.

Lucky numbers 14,31,36.

### VIRGO Aug 24 - Sept 23

Mixed trends suggest some emotional unrest. Try harder to relax. The company of younger people will brighten up your home. Accept any new social invitation.

Lucky numbers 11,31,37.

### LIBRA Sept 24 - Oct 23

A fortunate time to prepare the groundwork as an important change is in the offering. There could be help and good advice from an older person.

Lucky numbers 15,22,35.

### CANCER June 23 - July 23

You may be reluctant to share your ideas with others but it would be sensible to do so.

Decide which direction you intend to go.

Lucky numbers 16,30,40.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

### NOVEMBER

Monday 22  
Tuesday 23  
Wednesday 24  
Thursday 25  
Friday 26

### ST.MARYS

Lorainne Gill  
Sandra Cook  
George Oliver  
Rona Gatty  
Andrew Webb

### FINGAL

Carol Woods  
John Walker  
Roxie Cowie  
Julie Claridge  
Aub. Oliver

### MATHINNA

Mavis Brooks  
Max Ellis  
Cynthia Webb  
Christine Scott  
Kaye Turner

Monday 29  
Tuesday 30

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 1  
Thursday 2  
Friday 3

Frank Turner  
Ruth Aulich

Pauline Berwick  
Jean Schier  
Karon Brown

Shirley Parker  
Vicki Woods

Jack Miller  
Robyn Miller  
Kaye Cook

Mavis Brooks  
Max Ellis

Cynthia Webb  
Christine Scott  
Kaye Turner.