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Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

An \$80 million investment with a potential to create 1500 jobs was the call at the public meeting to discuss the teleTrak proposal at the Albert Hall, Launceston on Monday evening, 24 February.

A free bus, generously provided by the St Marys Chamber of Commerce departed St Marys at 5.30 pm and joined groups from St Helens, Bicheno as well as other parts of Tasmania to hear the Central Goldfields Shire Commissioner Gault, from Maryborough Victoria, invite the East Coast of Tasmania to join with Victoria and South Australian towns in setting up the teleTrak Racing complex at the Chain of Lagoons property.

Six speakers addressed the 400 or so audience to give teleTrak a go, to have a vision, be dynamic and make it bloody well happen! urged Michael Hodgman MHA for Denison.

Mr John Hodgman, marketing Director of teleTrak Tas Pty Ltd stated that \$60 billion a year will be bet on the Internet and it cannot be stopped by governments. The world is changing. We're entering a new era and with high-speed cameras, the best possible pictures can be shown around the world - the Global Village, without any borders.

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At the end of the evening two resolutions were unanimously passed calling on the Government to undertake a socio-economic impact study and to convene a meeting between teleTrak and the Thoroughbred Racing Council as soon as possible.

Thanks Kerry for getting us to and from safely and for allowing us to tank-up at the Golden Arches.

Purple Possums and Chameleons - What next?

Positive signs that there is business confidence returning to St Marys with the opening of two new ventures this week and two others in recent weeks.

A well stocked CRAFT SHOP has moved in to the Main Street and the PURPLE POSSUM - Wholefoods & Crafts in Storey Street. Also in that street you will find it hard to resist the beautiful things to be found in ISHTARS BAZAAR.

At the lower end of the Main Street, clothing and accessories can be bought at the CHAMELEON.

It's good news for the town to have these previously vacant sites trading again and with such interesting names too! We wish them all success.



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Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 2 March

Asking everyone to do a little to help - clean up your front yard, pick up rubbish in your street, your park or roadside.

St Marys Lions Club will be having their "Clean Up Australia" this Thursday 27. Meeting at BP Garage at 5 pm. If you have read this in time JOIN IN!!



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STARTING 10TH MARCH 1997**

This session is provided for those children who will turn 4 during 1997.

Parents must accompany their child and younger brothers and sisters are welcome.

A fee of \$1.50 per child or \$2.50 per family a session is required to cover the cost of art materials, plus 50c for a tea or coffee.

Please bring a drink and a piece of fruit (for your child or children).

FIRST SESSION 10TH MARCH - an informal session (get together) where we will become organised for the year.

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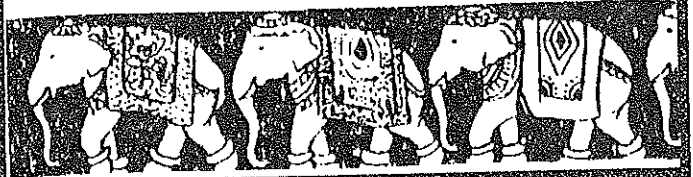
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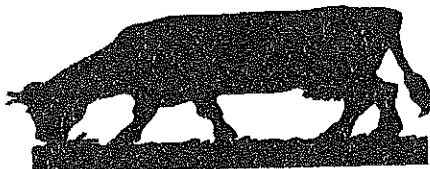
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FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	10.30 am	FS
Fingal	7.00 pm	EP

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	MP
Avoca	10.30 am	HC

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	FS
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	EP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Mathinna	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	HC

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	alternates with	
Fingal	6.00 pm	HC

Avoca reverts to 7.00 pm during
summer months

BREAK O'DAY UNITING CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	11.00 am
Fingal	9.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	7.00 pm
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ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST HELENS

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengana	11.00 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengna	11.00 am
Falmouth	4.00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	9.00 am & 10.30 am
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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Hodgman Street
Scamander

Sabbath School	10.00 am
Divine Service	11.00 am

FINGAL VALLEY CRUSADE CENTRE

A Christian Revival Crusade Church
meets at the Fingal Council
Chambers

Sundays at	10.30 am
Sunday School	11.00 am

ALL WELCOME
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SALVATION ARMY

Main Street
ST MARYS (RSL HALL)

SERVICES

Sunday

9.30 am	Sunday School
11.00 am	Family Worship

Wednesday

2.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship
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FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Mathinna	Eucharistic Ser	11.15 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

PRIEST: PAUL CONNOLLY
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Saturday	12-2	6-8
Sunday	12-2	--



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Characters of the District

Over the next couple of issues I would like to talk about the characters of the district.

Character, as the dictionary defines, is a distinguishing trait or quality.

I am not being derogatory when I speak of them, the unusual or different traits that they showed are what made them and us the so called "typical Australians" and for this I applaud them.

Above all I do not want to offend anyone or family and will not mention names now or in discussion. I would also point out that some of my relatives are included.

These are my own memories and tales I have been told and I ask readers to tell of characters they have known. Some of the older members of our community refer to these people as being 'cranky'. Now 'cranky' people are not bad tempered people as would imply, but someone who was probably eccentric was called 'cranky'.

Cranky is one of the many words that have slipped from our vocabulary along with words like 'rumun' or 'nointer' indicating people a bit hard to handle. 'shaking' is another word for stealing that was commonly used.

These words with lots of others may not be used much now but will always remain as part of our heritage.

THE FIRST CHARACTER I will mention was well before my time. He was nicknamed 'Dusty' and hung around the coaches and coachstops in St Marys and Falmouth. He was a little deformed man who rode stick horses and did things like press horse shoes into his flesh to leave an imprint, run and show people and say his stick horse had kicked him. He was completely harmless but an "Examiner" report of court sittings at St Marys 30 March 1892 states that J M alias 'Dusty', was sentenced to one months imprisonment for wandering about the township without any fixed abode, or means of obtaining a living.

THEN we had a lady who was a hard case who in the horse and buggy days raffled a horse and trap (traps were light carts) the raffle sold well as the prize was good, but the winner received an old clothes horse and a rat trap.

A clever character but not necessarily a dishonest one.

We have had people who lived often without furniture and with only dogs as blankets on their beds.

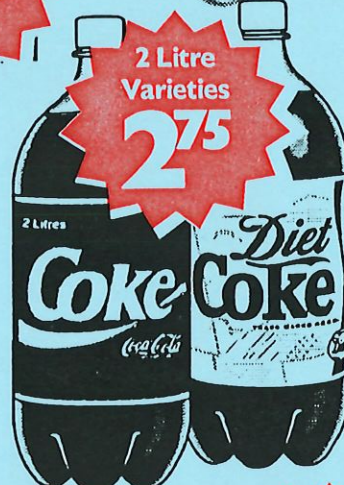
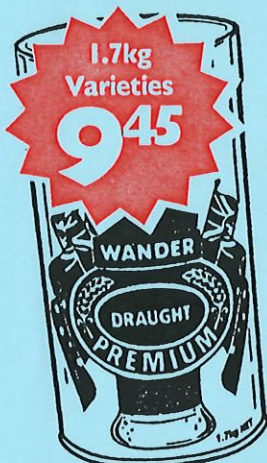
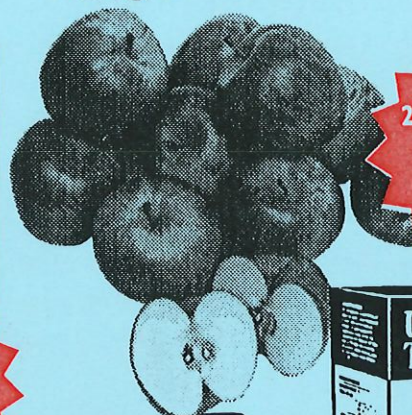
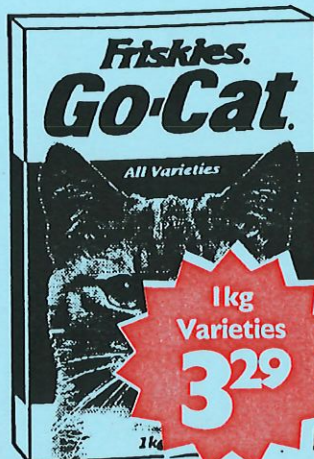
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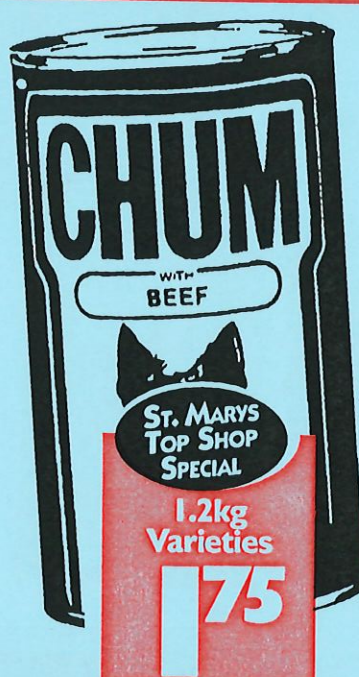
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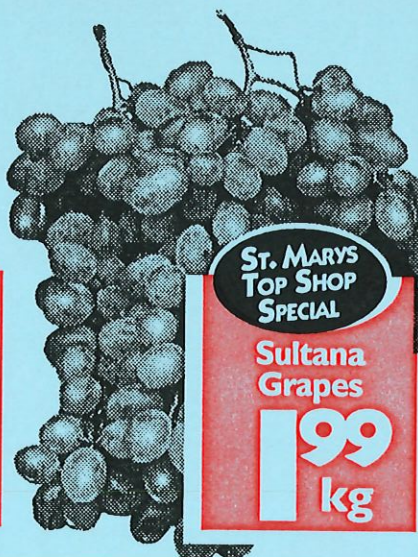
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PRESS RELEASE

Our annual Residential Camp was held at Fawley Towers campsite from the 12th January, 1997 to 18th January, 1997.

Fawley Towers Camp is undoubtedly the premier campsite in Tasmania as it offers a vast range of programme resources to our special children. However, our numbers far exceed the bed space available so tent accommodation and relevant infrastructure is required to house our total numbers of around one hundred and ten persons. This year our numbers increased dramatically and as a result we were forced to facilitate two camps at the one time - ten Senior Campers who could gain medical clearance spent five days walking, shovelling, canoeing etc. through Ben Lomond National Park while the other forty five children stayed at the campsite and enjoyed the traditional camp programme.

Both camps were extremely successful with the Seniors obviously enjoying the personal development aspects of their specialised camp while with the Juniors it was great watching them just being kids again, which is one of the fundamental aims of Camp Quality.

For many years now people from the local community generously have given their time to come into camp and help with food preparation and washing-up. In addition, many brought superb home-made cakes and biscuits totally destroy any thoughts of diets!

We are truly indebted to Roxy Cowie who organises the roster of these people and to all who helped out over the six days of camp - we just could not operate these camps as we do without your help so -

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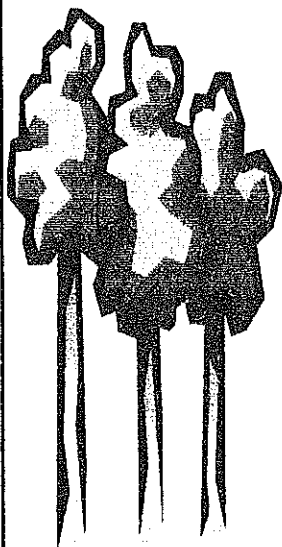
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LANDCARE NEWS

"Learning through Landscapes: the importance of school grounds" formed the basis of the key-note address presented by Bill Lucas at the Earthlinks Environment conference in Hobart on Friday 17 January 1997.

Bill Lucas is Director of "Learning through Landscapes", Winchester, a UK based Charity which addresses all aspects of school grounds and shows how they can be transformed for the benefits of children.

"School grounds are an outdoor class room. They offer huge scope for play and social interaction. How they are used and managed gives out strong messages to young people about ethos and values. In school grounds children can learn at first-hand about the natural world. Learning through landscapes is a philosophy and an approach to a process of development. This process is holistic, sustainable and requires the full participation of young people and the wide school community."



School grounds are a rich source of learning from sciences and technology to history, physical education and the arts, teaching skills in observation, communication, mapping, recording and design.

School grounds give access to the "natural curriculum" of plants, animals, soils, weather, seasons, growth and decay and of course play. Giving first-hand experience rather than information from textbooks or worksheets.

All very nice and interesting, but what has all this got to do with us, with St Marys, our school or Landcare? St Marys District High School grounds are great - lots of space, playing fields, swimming pool, nice gardens, well manicured lawns and the school farm is being used for teaching purposes once again. What more could one ask for? It is not so much what is done as how it is done which matters. Developing school grounds should be an on going process and this process needs to be:

- 1 **holistic** - involving the whole site, the whole community and all aspects of the curriculum.
- 2 **sustainable** - involving consideration of the use, design, management and maintenance as part of the school's development planning.
- 3 **participative** - involving children with adults in as many aspects as possible.

And this is where St Marys Landcare and all parents can be of assistance, developing an ethos of care and a stronger sense of ownership with a great deal of fun! Assistance is always required to help with gardening, growing plants for the school and the wider community, the school farm. So don't hesitate and join the fun.

For further information see Howard Jones at St Marys District High School or Jan Sparkes St Marys Landcare Group.

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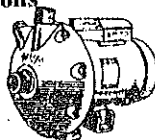
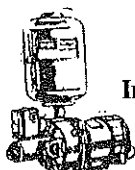
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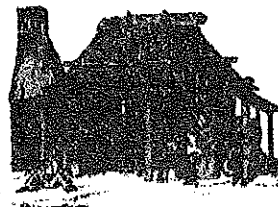
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Characters of the District

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Lots of people especially those from out of town would often sit at the front of their places and stare continually at the outside world, probably never leave the property or talk to outsiders.



People in our area have always had nicknames, not many people missed out, some described them well, some were insulting, some funny, and some obscure but most people had one.

We always seemed to have people who couldn't talk properly. It's a shame we didn't have the speech therapists of today. These people coped and in lots of cases held responsible jobs.

One elderly lady on an outlying farm set kangaroo snares as was the norm in those days both for the table and the skins were worth money.

Anyway one day she went round her snares and found quite a large roo which looked as though it was dead. Somehow, when she removed the snare from the neck the seemingly dead animal got a bit of air back in its lungs and suddenly became much alive and took off. The poor lady instinctively put her arms around it to hold it and was carted through the scrub like



Lance Sculthorpe, the champion buck jumper rider, unfortunately she didn't last the mandatory 10 seconds and ended up a very sore and bruised person.

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Footy News

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After a slow start to the pre-season, the numbers are starting to pick up at training, must have something to do with the nights starting to draw in and the chill in the air. The club has been lucky to secure the services of Ricky Lohrey and Wayne Chugg as part of the recruiting staff for the Tigers, along with Scott and Turbo are giving the club every opportunity to sign some new players and talk to our existing player base around the Launceston area. There have been two major signings so far and hopefully a few more in the following weeks. There will be a barbecue and drinks for the under age footballers on this Thursday night the 28 February, and we hope to see as many children and parents as possible, already there have been a good number of juniors train which is encouraging for Scott, Craig and the club in general. Training for the boys starts at 4.15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There will also be a barbecue tea for senior and reserves ranks on the same night. Although nearly 30 players have been on the track so far, there has not been a night yet where they have all been training on the same night, so it's time for intending players to CONSISTENTLY train on the



designated Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6.00 pm.

There will be a training at Scamander on Sunday 6 March which will include a beach run to take away the monotony of running on the hard oval, so we would hope that everyone who can will take advantage of the offer.

Valley and East Coast Junior Football Development

Just a short note about the continuation of the junior football development in the area. All supporters and players can be assured that there will be junior

levels of football again this season. The format is as yet to be finalised, but it is envisaged that games will be played on a weekly basis, divided between Saturdays and Sundays, depending on the outcome of a meeting with parents to be organised and advertised at a later date. At this stage

there will be U/10's 7 U/13's as well as an U/8's format depending on the number of players available. Mr LeFevre has already made a commitment toward Junior Footy, but requires the assistance, again from the parents, of

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the communities when the occasion arises. Coaching is available at present for all Junior ranks, at the St Marys oval on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 4.15 pm until the U/10's and U/13's age groups commence their games and specialist coaching will be made available. Look forward to seeing the Juniors playing again and hope it can be as successful as last year.

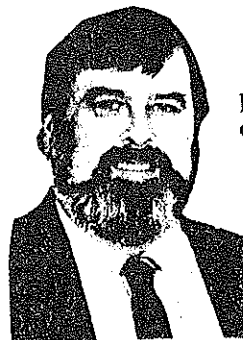
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CRICKET NEWS

In their final game of the 96/97 season St Marys travelled to Ringarooma to battle with Ringwood. The Tigers were severely depleted through injury and unavailability but were fortunate enough to have four non-regular players to fill in leaving the side only one short.

St Marys acting captain, Jeff Woods, won the toss and elected to bat. Jeff dominated St Marys innings and featured in excellent partnerships of 74 with Keith Gillies (19) and 74 again with Daniel Gillies (19 n o), before being dismissed for a magnificent 147 including 21 fours and two sixes. After their 50 overs St Marys had compiled a respectable 5/244.

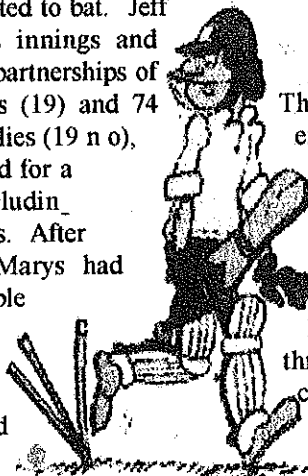
Ringwood began their run chase at break neck speed and were 0/57 off only six overs. The introduction of Roger Salter temporarily slowed the deluge of runs, Roger having figures of 2/1 off his first two overs. A partnership of 127 between Sowell and Barnett had the "Woods" breathing more easily. Ringwood eventually scored the

winning runs off the 49th over. Luke Faulkner had an outstanding debut for the Tigers taking 3/26 off eight overs. The other wicket takers were Roger Salter and Keith Gillies.

Scores: Ringwood 6/255. I Sowell 91, L Barnett 47, S Burr 44, L Faulkner 3/26, R Salter 2/59, K Gillies 1/14 defeated St Marys 5/244. J Woods 147, D Gillies 19 n o, K Gillies 19, G McDonald 15 n o.

The 96/96 season featured excellent performances from regular senior players and some very promising performances from younger players, some of them first year players. There was however a lack of consistency throughout the season. A contributing factor to this was that the side was never allowed to settle for one reason or another.

The Club would again like to thank the Ladies who supported the players throughout the year and provided afternoon tea and also sponsors Andrew and Jackie Wilson (Coach House Restaurant) and Murray and Keri Webb (Break O'Day Milk Bar).



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