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OUR HOSPITAL OPEN LETTER TO MR MCKAY

Having considered for some time, as requested, the impact of changes to the St Marys Hospital from in-patient services to a Community Health Centre, opened Monday to Friday from 9-5pm, the more I realise that the Minister, the Hon. Peter McKay MLC requires a new exciting agenda!

The Minister wishes to improve "the comparative poor health status of rural Tasmanians" but this requires more, not less, acute and respite care beds, doctors, nurses and health workers.

Now, Mr McKay, I know you are always looking for opportunities for greater efficiency and economic innovations and I'm sure you would be interested in economic growth. There is a group of shrewd people, who acknowledge that there is a need for fundamental change, to value knowledge, technology and be part of the Information Age.

Tasmanian health workers are amongst the best in the world, I know, I have been treated by them and observed them closely over the past twelve months. I have spent the time watching, listening and noting their care, knowledge and expertise in gynaecology departments, Holman Clinic (Cancer), Intensive and Coronary Care Units as well as general wards and hospitals in the Community.

We should be paying tribute to these people, honouring them and shouting about their achievements, not as gods, but as honest men and women carrying out their chosen professional tasks, some of which are decidedly mal-odorous.

I have no doubt that you will readily see that by increasing the numbers of health workers and 1st class hospitals Tasmania will stand out as a place of excellence, and ultimately self-supporting, because people will come here to be part of the system. They will be clamouring for your wonderful health services!

More people, more taxes to pay for this scheme. A self-perpetuating honour for all. Explaining the need to pay tax for Health and Education will make you better understood, better loved and admired and will inspire people to restore their own values. Make

Now, Mr McKay, I know you are always looking for opportunities for greater efficiency and economic innovations.

Health and Education, forever linked, our biggest industry. No adverse effect on the environment either.

You can well imagine how successfully this would fit into the corporate image and the competitive global economy - Tasmania at the fore front of Health, and Education and you with a real reform agenda! There is no doubt that unemployment is the primary cause of relative poverty. Poverty leads inevitably to poor health and higher health costs. A vicious circle. When it comes to solutions most parties take short-term views - downsize, sell off, close down. But, not you. You would train the work force and potential workforce for the rapid, exciting innovations in information technology, especially in Health and Education; and hey presto! increased investments and profits, capital accumulation and the markets would quickly right themselves.

Embrace this scheme and your name will be shouted from the rooftops by young and old, male and female, rich and poor, left and right.

A brave new step for a far-sighted man? A man with vision and moral values, honoured for generations to come!

So, Mr McKay, think again and play a little reverse psychology-**UPGRADE HEALTH and our HOSPITALS**

Jan Sparkes.

A very grateful patient!

NEW SUPPORT FOR CHAMBER of COMMERCE

It was a popular night for meetings with the St Marys Tennis Club, Cricket Club and Chamber of Commerce all meeting on the same night, two of them at the St Marys Hotel.

Two ladies thought they were at the Chamber of Commerce meeting until they heard the discussion of players and the condition of ground so they "snuck off" before they were recruited!

Good representation and support from St Marys business was a positive indication to proceed with the election of new office bearers at this meeting..

PRESIDENT: DAVID EVELYN

SECRETARY: JOHN BROWN

TREASURER: DEBRA MANSKY

ALSO ELECTED ON THE EXECUTIVE WERE:

KERIN GLATTE, DAVE GREEN AND GRANT FAULKNER.

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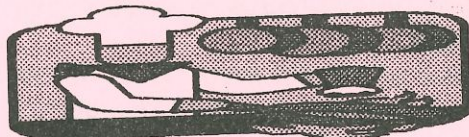
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16	Trish Pike	Carol Bates
17	Audrey Wright	B. Saunders
18	A. Greenwood	Jan Marshall
19	Clive Berwick	Vic Jones
22	Barbara Mitchell	Carole Woods
23	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
24	Glen Lodge	H. Cooper
25	Kaye Nailer	Maureen Hall
26	Frank Turner	Bob Yates



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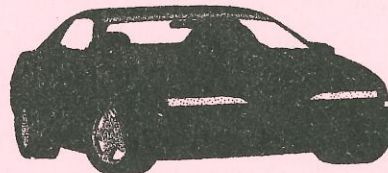
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ST MARYS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Thefts from motor vehicles are not restricted to a particular area or time of day, they occur daily around the state. Tasmania Police remind the public that they must take responsibility for their possessions in order to reduce this type of crime occurring.

Thefts from cars are mainly opportunistic, valuable items left on display in cars become a target for theft. In order to reduce the prospect of your car being broken into the following suggestions are made:

- Lock your car
- Don't leave valuables in your car ; or
- if you must leave items of value in your car place them in the boot or out of view

It is incredible that people leave computers, handbags, cameras and other valuable items lying about on the front and back seats of cars. It is an invitation for would be offenders. Remember, you can assist Police in reducing crime in your neighbourhood. If you see any suspicious activity, note descriptions of people or vehicles and pass it onto police - you may be assisting to solve crime in your area.

Information can be given anonymously by calling Crime

REVISED BRANCH TRADING HOURS

Effective from 6th October 1997.

Trust Bank's St Marys branch will open from 9.00am to 12.15pm and from 1.00pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

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As your attendance is vital to the establishment of this competition.

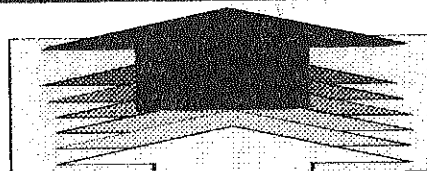
ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATION.

Our meeting for the 15th September is postponed because the Mayor has been requested to call a PUBLIC MEETING next week. This will most likely take place on Friday evening 19th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. You will be notified by posters and word of mouth. It is anticipated that political members and key people, who will be invited, will attend. This may be your last chance to vent your feelings on such an underhand manipulation of rural people. In many cases, people power does work!!!

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ANGLICAN PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS

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	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengana	11.00 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengana	11.00 am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Hodgman Street
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Sabbath School	10.00 am
Divine Service	11.00 am

VALLEY CHURCH OF THE ROCK

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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

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Break O'Day Council has with it now two Landcare and Water Facilitators, being Helen Morgan and Carol Williams. They share a full time position replacing Michael Baxter. Helen is working in the Upper South Esk Catchment from St Marys to Fingal and beyond and Carol works along the coast plus its numerous adjoining catchments. Both Facilitators will be assisting community groups with Waterwatch training using testing equipment donated by the Break O'Day Council. Other activities include weed mapping and weed monitoring, native and introduced plant collecting and the setting up of a community based Resource Centre.

Important long term objectives are Waterwatch Strategies for local catchments and for the Municipality as a whole, plus a Weed Management Strategy developed with local Landcare and Coastcare groups.

Organisations and individuals who would like to participate in Landcare and Waterwatch activities can be assisted in obtaining Natural Heritage Funding grants by the new Facilitators. These could be for new and relevant projects such as monitoring sites, stream bank erosion and the looking after the biodiversity in local reserves.

Both Helen and Carol can be contacted through either the Fingal or St Helens Council office.

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

The Council is compiling a database on all community organisations, groups and clubs as requests for information are continually sought from other organisations, visitors and new residents to the area.

Council requests information from community organisations, groups and clubs located in the Break O'Day Municipality only. Could your club or organisation please provide the following information by **26 SEPTEMBER 1997**.

- a) Name of club or group.....
- b) Incorporated body? Yes..... No.....
- c) President.....
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"LIGHT UP AUSTRALIA"

Information sheet

On Friday 26 September 1997 at 8.00-8.15pm at your local time, Australia will be introduced to "Light up Australia". The general concept is that we intend to ask every household in Australia to turn on their outside lights for this 15 minute period. The thought behind this, is to show the participation of all Australians acknowledging their awareness of transplantation through family discussion on organ/tissue donation. A picture will be taken via the Australian Defence Force from satellite cameras, this photo will be reproduced as a full size poster to commemorate the event. The poster will then be available for purchase after the event.

This is one of the most exciting projects ever contemplated in Australia. It will be a World first and the potential for transplantation promotion is enormous.

The opportunities for this type of project have never been seen before, and probably never will be again. It is intended that Light Up Australia will be a prelude to the World Transplant Games, which are to be held at the Olympic site in Sydney from Monday 29 September to 5 October 1997. This is a \$3 million event with 2,000 athletes coming from 45 countries, it is one fifth the size of the 2000 Olympic Games.

Separate promotion for Light Up Australia include:

- ♦ A television commercial will be running through September to advertise the event.
- ♦ 10,000 advertising posters are being distributed through prominent organisations across Australia.
- ♦ Dairy Farmers will advertise the advent on one side of 2.5 million milk cartons every day, from September 15 to October 9.
- ♦ A large number of electricity utilities across Australia are displaying the message on the back of their account billing envelopes.
- ♦ There is a range of other avenues being used to promote the event.

The community is encouraged to show their support for transplantation by purchasing a full size poster (91x61) of this world first event.

To purchase a poster from anywhere in Australia phone 1902 269 144 and follow instructions. The cost is \$30 which includes postage and handling and is charged to their phone account, thus giving them up to 3 months to pay for the poster. Money raised from this event will go towards organ/tissue donation and transplantation related issues.

For further information contact: Australian Transplant Awareness Association.

This project is a World first concept, possible through new age technology which has never been seen before Nationally or Internationally.

FINGAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th September, 1997

TERM THREE

Third term resumes on Monday, 22nd September. A reminder that the School times will be the same as for term 2, that is, 9-15am to 3-00pm.

LOTE

LOTE concluded on Thursday due to our funding running out. Prue Wardlaw has achieved some marvellous results with the Grade 2/3 students and we sincerely thank her for the professional manner in which she has tackled her work.

Thanks Prue.



ENE CROSS COUNTRY

This will now be definitely held on Tuesday, 7th October. Our students will resume training in term 3. The progress made since our Carnival has been excellent. Some outstanding times were run at Mathinna when we went there for a practise. A special thanks to Debbie Speers and Carolyn Sweet for the transport.



WINTER SPORTS

These have mostly concluded now second term has finished, although a special footy match will be played against Avoca on the first Wednesday of 3rd Term. This match is at Avoca's request as they have been completing a footy theme. The match will be played at Avoca and we will travel there by bus. I guess we will all be revved up ready for the St. Kilda v Geelong final on Saturday 27th.

We also have to still organise a new date for the Bicheno excursion. I personally, and on behalf of the school, thank Louise, Sonia and Janine for their work with the sports teams. You did a tremendous job and the students benefited greatly from your coaching. A big thankyou to all the other parents who helped with transport, washing uniforms, goal umpiring, etc.

I can assure you our efforts were worth while. On Tuesday, Martyn Smith (the Footy Junior Development Officer) said our students were better than all of the other schools he had visited and that the game he umpired on Tuesday was the best he had viewed. No other team had been harder at the ball than our students.

CERTIFICATES - FRIDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER

GRADE K/P/1

Nicklas Hall (Speech)
Timothy Lowe (Speech)
William Rowlands (Speech)
Allen Caulfield (Speech)

GRADE 2/3

Lenard Johnson (Spelling)
Melissa Bosworth (Spelling)
Sam Oates (Spelling)
Hannah Rowlands (Mathematics)
Ben Miller (Mathematics)
Jenelle Speers (Steady Work)

GRADE 4/5/6

Laura Woods (Conscientious effort)
Adrian Speers (Greatly improved attitude)
Jodie Cole (Great improvement)
Ben Oates (Being a great bloke)

TERM 2

This term has been highlighted, in my mind, by the Walkathon. We raised over \$3,000-00 for the Library which was tremendous.

Other major achievements include:

- 1 The academic achievement of students
- 2 Maturity of students in regard to behaviour and looking forward to going to High School.
- 3 The tremendous social improvement, especially during break times.
- 4 Improving our computer skills.
- 5 The success of LOTE.
- 6 Five students making the ENE Miners.
- 7 The Cross Country.
- 8 The support and professionalism of the staff and P & F Assoc.
- 9 The success of the Graham Harrington visit, ensuring the well being of the school.
- 10 Our increased exposure and co-operation with the community.
- 11 The participation of two students at the Science Camp at Port Sorrell.

I'm certain I have missed many important items. Thank you everyone for your support.

TERM 3

Term 3 is historically the busiest, unfortunately. We have to do all the normal third term things as well as the ENE Cross Country and our own school Athletics Carnival. Grade 2/3 are going on an excursion to Launceston in late October and some staff are doing extra computing courses.

Mrs. Lowe has nominated for additional Summer School courses to upgrade her qualifications. Joan is one of the most motivated teachers I have seen and a pleasure to work with, well done Joan.

On the first Thursday of next term, the 25th of September, Kym Lardner will visit us. Kym is a very well known performer who has delighted audiences for many years. In fact he goes way, way back, having performed to a class Miss Joscelyne was in.

Photos will be taken on Monday, October 6th. This is always a big day and the staff photo is always the most difficult to organise, as we are only big kids.

The first P & F meeting of the term will be on the first Monday, 22nd September at 7-00pm. All parents are most welcome. At the last P & F meeting we discussed the musical soiree that has been held at the end of the year.

The staff concerned will not be organising one this year in the past format.

They will however be including several musical items in the end of year, day time break up.

The Life Education and Dental Vans will be here in Term 3.

Well done everyone, we have achieved some terrific results this term and a much needed break can now be enjoyed!!!!

BREAK IN

On Wednesday evening, 3rd September or early Thursday morning, 4th September, the school was broken into.

A very small amount of change was stolen. As we don't have a safe at school we never keep any large sums of money.

The Principal's and Main Office were entered and damage done to cupboards and filing cabinets, while gaining entry to them.

The cleaner/groundsman's shed was also forcibly entered and some screw drivers stolen.

We estimate the damage to be approximately \$450-00. This is money we can ill afford to spend and will mean that other items, e.g. library books, excursions, etc. will suffer.

Please keep an ear out for any information and ring Leigh Casbault on 63 741-099 if anything relevant is noted.

OVER THE YEARS

Over the years, the world in different phases of life has relied on Women - minister of religion, football and cricket clubs. In fact if any money needs to be raised, it is usually the women who have the task of raising the amount needed. Several years ago, the four churches had very thriving Ladies organisations. The Catholic Women's League, the Anglican Guild and Mothers Union, the Uniting Church with W.W.O.M. (I hope I have the initial right) and the Salvation Army with Ladies Home League.

Some of these groups have fallen by the wayside. Isn't it a pity that people cannot be bothered. Our times were not always having to raise money, we often met for social gatherings, where items were given and competitions won, short plays or skits acted. These things are missing in our lives. Now it seems all we have our clubs for is raising money. (Just my thought).

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Ingredients

- 1 packet Chocolate cake mix
- (e.g a large Devils Food cake)
- 1 Large container of cream
- 1 Can black cherries

Method

Bake cake in 2 round pans, as directed. Can be microwaved. while the cake is cooling, drain the cherries.

Beat the cream, vanilla and sugar to taste.

when the cake is cold, slice both to make 4 layers.

Sandwich the layers together with both cream and cherries.

Finish the top with a generous layer of cream and cherries.

For a special occasion, a little sweet sherry or port can be sprinkled on the cake, before adding cream and cherries.

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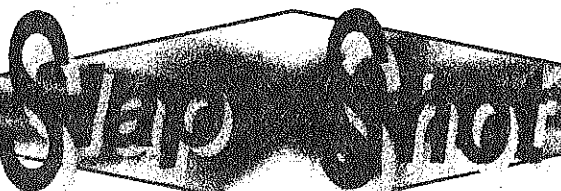
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ST MARYS INDOOR HOCKEY NEWS



Well another roster is over for the year and congratulations must go to the SHADOWS taking the big one last Tuesday night. There were some surprises in the way of teams finishing a lot better this year than last, such as Avoca and the Meanies. This is great to see as it made this years competition one of the most competitive and tight in years. The winners of the various trophies last week after the final must be congratulated.

Mark Tate (Mens Best & Fairest) well no one could deny that, Tony Gee (equal Mens Best & Fairest) well deserved and what a year Tony had.

Teena McGiveron (Womens Best & Fairest) consistently a very good performance, Nathan Saunders (Best Junior Boy) always puts in a good game. Emma Bleaney (Best Junior Girl). Emma's unfortunately first and last year and a valuable contribution to the Panthers.

SHELL SHOCKED AVOCA OVERSHADOWED IN FINAL

Well what can you say about the Shadows game in the finals except brilliant. They took control of the match from the outset with the first goal coming very early on. Full on goal attacks seemed to be the order of the day with every one of their field players getting in on the act, Matt Aulich with the fastest push in the league and Mary Targett (Avoca goalkeeper) scrambling several times in the first half, and the persistence and tenacity of Narelle Betts and Clinton Lawler in defence kept Avoca well and truly at bay. It is not that Avoca played badly, on the contrary, they played very well, but the Shadows on the night played the most outstanding game of any team this season.

Half time could not come quick enough for Avoca with the score at 7-2 they looked shellshocked. Shadows on the other hand were full of confidence and raring to go, and that they did.

In the second half the goals just kept coming with Clinton Lawler scoring two brilliant goals from what seemed impossible angles. I've said it before, Clinton is going to be one of the best players in the league next year.

Good performances from Avoca's Mark Tate as usual and Mary Targett in goals could not slow the scoring with the final score being 11 - 3.

The Wooden Spooners for 1997 were Mathinna who had a good year with some excellent gameplay, not reflected in their scores, next year you can leave the spoon for someone else.

Thankyou every one who kept up with SLAPSHOT in 1997. I hope you enjoyed it. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

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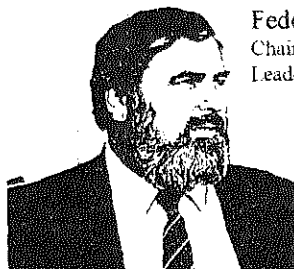
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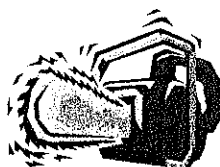
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CRICKET



The cricket season is now approaching fast and once again the call has gone out in the community for people to dedicate themselves to our summer game. Our largest turn up at an Annual General Meeting last Friday, promised an improvement in our on and off field performances to again get a better community involvement in the game. The facilities at the ground are at present being looked at and a new pitch may be laid in a matter of weeks, replacing the old tired one, around 24 years old. This pitch has caused some concern over recent seasons with variable bounce. The club would also like to see if there is any interest on the town in fielding an U/16 side in a local competition based at Scamander, St Helens (two sides), St Marys and possibly Bicheno to be played on either Friday evenings or Sundays. We are sure that if this competition goes ahead, then at least we can guarantee the viability of the club for future seasons as player numbers have been a concern in recent years.

So far there has been a training run organised for **Sunday the 21st of September at 10am** on the town oval and a fund raising match with local sides for **Saturday the 4th of October** to generate some interest.

Whilst going through the old minute book of the club the other night, I came across a very interesting Presidents report from 1965. Seems as though things don't change much as 32 years down the track we are still going but still struggling.

The Presidents report St Marys Cricket Assoc. September 1965

The 1964/65 season was an unspectacular but successful one for the SMDCA. The following features of the season are worthy of report:

1: The adoption by the Association of a constitution. This was presented to and thoroughly deliberated at the last annual meeting. It is noteworthy that the tribunal provided for in this constitution to hear protests and disputes was at no stage called on to meet.
2: The presentation at the end of the season, for the first time, of association trophies. In addition to one for the premier team, trophies were presented to the player with the best batting average, bowling average and holding the most catches.

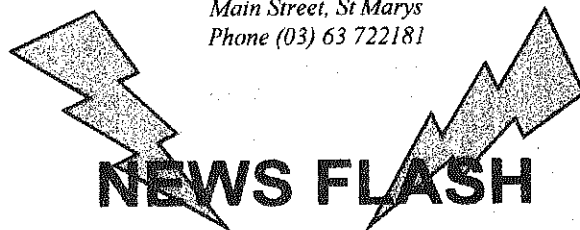
3: The winning of the premiership, after an interesting match, by Fingal Colts. Congratulations are extended to this team and to St Helens and St Marys for the calibre of the opposition provided to Fingal Colts.

I feel too, that the Mangana team should be commended for the manner in which, despite the fact that they were generally outclassed, they played out the season.

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Junior Footy

The last round of matches for 1997 was played under lights at St Marys on Friday 29 August. Not only was it a great thrill for the players but it was also very much a social occasion with a large crowd attending.

The first match was again a spirited affair with the Baby Blues sneaking home against the Green Machine.

SCORES : BABY BLUES 7.8 -50 def. GREEN MACHINE: 7.5-47

GOALS: Green Machine: Luke Webb 5, James Appleford 2. Baby Blues: Craig Smith 2, Joe McGee 2, Levi Casbault 1, Aaron Midson 1, Blake Greaves 1.

2/3's was also a most exciting match with Blues just holding off the Greenies

SCORES: BLUES 8.7-55 def. GREENIES 7.6 -48

GOALS: Blues: Billy Singline 5, Case Miller 2, Blake Faulkner 1.

Greenies: Richard Howe 4, Brock Leedham 2, S. Pike 1.

The 4,5,6 match was a fitting finale with Foresters winning by one goal over the Miners.

SCORES: FORESTERS 7.5 - 47 def. Miners 6.5 - 41

GOALS: Foresters: Not available.

Miners: Jason Mitchell 3, Josh Cooke 1, David Claridge 1, Ryan Stuart 1.

It was fantastic to see the improvement of the players since the start of the season. The Junior Football Committee will be able to purchase new sets of jumpers for next season. Many thanks to the ladies who ran the kiosk, washed the jumpers and organised the men. Thank you also to the coaches, umpires, scorers, gatekeepers and raffle sellers. The support from the St Marys Football Club and the Fingal Valley Football Club was very much appreciated as was financial assistance from businesses in Scamander, St Marys, Fingal and Bicheno, also St Marys F. C. Ladies Committee.

We look forward to bigger and better things in 1998

Kid Eager.

Tennis News

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Saturday September 13th will see 27 holes commencing at 9am with original draw. The first 18 holes will be followed with the front 9 again, then on **Sunday September 14th** play will commence again at 9am with the back 9 first. A brief break will then follow before the final 18 holes (in reverse order) will be played as is usually the case.

After day 1 we saw a tight battle in all three grades and of course some hard luck stories. No doubt there will be more of the same next weekend.

A very pleasing feature is a field in excess of 30 which is more than most other years. This is including about 14 A Grades which is a very high proportion indeed.

The previous week was also very good with about 20 or so players in the Pedro's Takeaway Day. Many thanks to Ian Crothers for providing an excellent day.

Of special note was the vast array of trophies, thanks Ian.

Now to bowls and the green is looking a picture thanks to some fine work by the blokes involved. The recent rains have also helped and a working bee is being organised for 20th September to finish off the job. Special thanks to Tony Blake for co-ordinating the work.

I must apologise to the ladies in that I haven't been able lately to get in contact with the publicity person, however if there is any information wished to be included in the report, could they please leave it in an envelope behind the

bar by at least the Monday before Valley Voice day.

Annual General Meeting on Friday September 19th at 7.30pm.

We have had several nominations for the vacant positions but will require one to come forward on the night. Would any interested persons please give this due consideration. It is a very important meeting and we urge all possible members to come along and offer input towards the direction of the club in these tough times.

JUNIORS

A big congratulations must go to Adam Fletcher, Scott Wilson, Sean Fletcher and Tristan Clement who combined a couple of weeks back to qualify St Marys District High School for the State Student Teams Final. Leighton White was also a part of the team but was injured early in the event. The final will be at Ulverstone around November 30th and it is a brilliant effort by our boys to reach such a level in the Northern Regional Final.

It was terrific news that Sean Fletcher won the Northern Under 15 title with a great 79 off the stick, in fact he was only 3 shots away from the outright title. Well done Sean.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling.

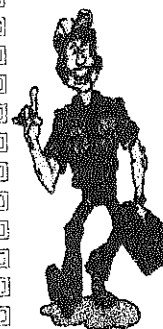
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TIGER TIME - Football News

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The season is about to wind down with the last of the formalities, our Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation this Saturday night, so a big weekend of organising and preparing is in front of us. The club was lucky to secure the kiosk at the Esk Grand Final at Longford and although there was a lot of gear to be shifted early in the morning, some had a 8am start, the day went really smoothly. There was a theory that we would try and make the best run and stocked kiosk in the finals and I am sure that this was achieved with twentytwo hard working volunteers keeping a production line going all day. A fantastic effort from mainly the Ladies Committee and the men who ably assisted but mostly worked in the background for fear of getting in the way!

The Club also supplied a Central umpire for the U/16's and a Match manager and Interchange steward for the day. We well and truly fulfilled our obligations to the Association. The Longford committee that were present could not believe how well the army of workers pulled together, as they were usually left with four or five workers at their home games. A fantastic effort from everyone and a profitable day for the club, great to see. A great thanks whilst we are on the subject to Murray and Kerri Webb for the offer of their home made chicken pies, tasty and professionally done and a great addition to our kiosk lines, most of the home made products sold very well.

The club at present is working hard, along with other community groups to make the community hall more user friendly. The

council at present is looking at a few suggestions to improve on the catering facilities at the hall. Light and easily managed trestles, crockery and cutlery sets for 200, more seating and heating are on the short list. Let's hope that these go ahead as the facility would be used more often by our community if adequately stocked. Thanks to Annette Wines and Tony Walker for their assistance.

Just to wind up, the club in general wish to thank everyone on the community effort in getting the football up and going again, even though things looked a little shaky in the early stage. We hope that in any form, football meant something to everyone on the town. With the negatives concerning our services disappearing, our town at least can use the football club as a shining example of what can be achieved with a little forward thinking and a lot of hard work.

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