

The Valley and East Coast Voice

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CLOSED! IN A COLD BLOODED MANNER

Twenty odd residents of the Fingal Valley travelled to Hobart last Wednesday night to hear the final reading concerning St Marys District Hospital. Members of the House, who wished to speak were allotted ten minutes each. David Llewellyn presented a very good in-depth report which covered all facets of why the hospital should be retained including the Consultant-Council report. He also delivered an option of his own which had the full support of Angli-Care. He spent many hours in research, as did the Council to put forward plans, options and figures which were infallible. Both parties need to be congratulated on their untiring efforts. A special thanks to David for the continued effort over the years and the promise for continued support. Throughout David's address, Rene Hidding (Liberal member for Lyons) interjected constantly in an undertone which was just audible. Michael Polly re-iterated David's comments and demanded to know why Rosebery and Longford Hospitals could be given government assistance and St Marys should be denied any money, he also pointed out that there is one respite bed available from Hobart up the East Coast, to Scottsdale.

Because Health Minister, Peter McKay is unable to speak in the Lower House, John Cleary (Liberal) read his report. (In other words, did the dirty work for him). As expected, Peter McKay's report rejected every option and reason for a hospital.

Kim Boyer (Director of Rural Health) was present. A satisfied look emerged from her when ever government members spoke. Accompanying her was Peter McKay's secretary who responded similarly.

Bob Mainwaring (Liberal member for Lyons) told the House we didn't need a hospital. He maintained St Helens hospital would be upgraded to cater for the influx of 10,000 visitors at Christmas. He stated that one hospital met the requirements of the municipality and Bicheno. He also related that Bicheno residents always use St Helens Hospital

(false) and its only 30 minutes drive from Bicheno to St Helens and the same from St Marys to St Helens. His statement that the Fingal Valley and surrounds plus Bicheno was only a small area, was revoked by David Llewellyn.

Carol Carins (Liberal) spoke along the same lines as her counterparts while Denise Swan (Liberal member for Lyons) who had previously supported our cause in writing, appeared in the House only in time to cast her vote (against us).

Tension rose amongst us when Christine Milne (Green member for Lyons) rose to deliver her speech. This lady, 18 months ago, supported us (in writing) for a Multi Purpose Service Centre. She stated all options proposed by Labor and Council in no uncertain terms. In her book, everything and anything was unviable, although she tried to camouflage it by congratulating Rona, Cheryl and Doris for their efforts to retain the hospital.

The bell rang. All members who had not even been present during the debate, trooped in. Members crossed the floor to vote. The result:

AGAINST	13 Liberals and 4 GREENS
FOR	13 LABOR

A GOOD HOSPITAL LOST THROUGH GREED.

Everyone knew, by the gross amount of money wasted by the Liberals in their endeavour to close the hospital, that never at any time did we have their support. The Greens have been playing a cat and mouse game with their stalling tactics for months. One wonders what benefits they received from the Liberals that would outweigh the retention of such a vital facility to 4000 rural people. Money and power speak all languages!

Our Association, together with David Llewellyn will fight on. There will be another election. We ask you to think about who closed this hospital before casting your vote.

From
ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Valley Voice

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MEALS ON WHEELS

DEC	ST MARYS	FINGAL
22	P & Y Davern	Shirley Parker
23	Kath Read	Robyn Holder
24	Glen Lodge	Mirri Woods
25	NO DELIVERY	NO DELIVERY
26	Ralph Jones	Jack Miller
29	June Grantham	Sharon Hall
30	Barbara Mitchell	Robyn Miller
31	Trish Pike	Harold Cooper
JAN		
1	Gail Gamble	Vic Jones
2	Tracey Bean	Jack Miller



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HEALTH ISSUES



Drs Christmas/ New Year Roster

Dr Geniola Sat 20th & Sun 21st

Dr Geniola & Dr De Jonge Mon 22nd, Tue 23rd
Wed 24th.

Dr DeJonge Thur 25th, 26th, 27th, Sun 28th

Both Drs on the Mon 29th, Tue 30th, Wed 31st until 6pm

Then Dr Geniola is on call until Thur 1st until 6pm

Then Dr De Jonge is on call up to & including Fri 2nd Jan



ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

will

commence on Wednesday 17th after 5pm.

All services previously available at the Hospital will still be available during the open hours.

NB From the 17th Dec. until Jan. 31st. the
Health Centre will be open each day
(except Christmas Day)

* Week days 8am - 5pm

* Weekends & Public 8am - 3pm.



For Medical Assistance!



* In Working hours - St Marys
Community Health Centre ph. 63722111

* After hours either 63 722111 or 63761222 Will give
you St Helens Hospital - they will tell you what Doctor is on
call in your area, or give advice for Medical Problem.

NB. After hours a Registered Nurse will be on call at the
discretion of your Doctor.

For Emergencies dial 000 (Ambulance Service will
send out local volunteer unit.)

DAY CENTRE

Will resume Wednesday 21st Jan 1998. The Podiatrist (feet)
will be here on 28th Jan for the Day Centre Clients.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Service will be

received as usual.



ST MARYS HOSPITAL
PHONE 63722111

Greetings from the St. Marys Police Station.



Well it's that time of the year again when
there is a lot on, everyone has their end of
year Christmas Parties on and there seems
to be a lot more happening than normal. People hustling
and bustling with the Christmas Shopping and a lot of
crazy drivers.

We'd just like to remind everyone to take a little
extra care on the roads over the Christmas, New Year
period, when there seems to be an extra influx of people
into the area, and especially if you are travelling to and
from Launceston with Christmas Shopping or travelling
away for Christmas Day.

Just a little reminder that there will be more police
presence felt over the months of December and January,
and if you are attending that Christmas Dinner or having
a few drinks after work, accept a lift with someone, it's
not worth losing your drivers licence..

We have a few changes at the St. Marys Police
Station. We now have Avoca back into our Sub-Division
and as from the 15th of December we will have a new
officer, Constable BELLIS covering Avoca.

Because of this change, we now have a Sergeant
stationed at St. Marys full-time, and we would like to
take this opportunity to welcome Sergeant Graham GAL-
LOWAY to our station. A few people may already know
him because he has transferred up from St. Helens Police
Station and is well known in the district.

At St. Marys we have Constable ADAMS and
Constable WADDINGHAM, and also from Fingal Police
Station Constable CASBOULT.

The Police Station will be open right up to Christ-
mas Eve and will close for office hours from the 25th of
December until the 2nd of January 1998. The police
Officers will be working normally.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish
everyone a safe and happy Christmas and if anyone has
any problems don't hesitate to contact the St. Marys
Police Station on 63 721010.

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Total Home Maintenance

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Church News

PARISH OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS (ANGLICAN)

SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

8.00am	Ross
9.30am	Campbell Town
11.30am	Avoca
2.00pm	Fingal

TUESDAYS

2.00pm	Mathinna
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DAILY OFFICE Read

10.00am	Avoca	Tuesdays
12noon	Fingal	Tuesdays
10.00am	Ross	Wednesdays

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

8.00pm	Campbell Town
11.30pm	Fingal

Christmas Day

8.00am	Ross
10.00am	Avoca

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

Scamander

Sabbath School	10.00 am
Divine Service	11.00 am

VALLEY CHURCH OF THE ROCK

(CRC Church Fingal)

Sunday School	9.30am
Church Service	10.30am

For further information contact
Leigh Casboul (Pastor)
63741099



SALVATION ARMY

Main Street

ST MARYS (RSL HALL)

SERVICES

Sunday	Sunday School
9.30 am	Family Worship
11.00 am	
Wednesday	Ladies Fellowship
2.00 pm	

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Aux Captain & Mrs Tolputt
Phone (003) 722 352

THRIFT SHOP

Wed-Fri 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Pickups phone (003) 722 352

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARYS

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
ST MARYS

ST MARYS HEALTH & BEAUTY CENTRE

42 Main Rd St Marys, Tasmania
Phone (03) 63722172

SUPER CHRISTMAS SALE
STOCK MUST BE CLEARED

Thursday Dec 18th	20% off Fragrances
Friday Dec 19th	20% off Cosmetics and Sunglasses.
Monday Dec 22nd	20% off Toys
Tuesday Dec 23rd	20% off Jewellery and Watches.
Wednesday Dec 24th	20% off Giftware.

4-PM onwards Christmas Eve - 20% off
All Fragrances, Cosmetics, Toys,
Jewellery, Watches and Giftware.

Christmas Trading Hours

Christmas Eve Dec 24th	9am-6.30pm.
Christmas Day Dec 25th	CLOSED
Boxing Day Dec 26th	CLOSED
Saturday Dec 27th	9.30am-11.00am.
Monday Dec 29th	Normal Trading Hours.
New Years Day	CLOSED

We wish you a Safe and Joyous
Christmas and please make your
New Years Resolution.

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Kerry & Jill Taylor
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Jill, Kerry
and Staff
Wish you a
very Merry

and Safe Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year.

We Thank you for your
patronage over the last 12
months and look
forward to serving
you for the next
12 months.



WHAT'S ON

PODIATRIST

(FOR FEET)

Due to the good response from the community, you will be pleased to know that Christine White, the podiatrist, will be returning to St Marys early in February. She has yet to confirm the date, when she does, you will all be notified. If you have not already given your name to Rona Gatty or Kathryn at Health & Beauty, please do so to avoid disappointment. After all our feet are very important.

ST MARYS CATHOLIC PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - St Helens 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00pm (party follows)

Christmas Day - Bicheno 10.00am

Chimney Sweep



BE PREPARED AND HAVE YOUR
FIRE SAFE FOR NEXT
SEASON.....
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(03) 63722435

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sincere thanks to all who helped with the organisation, those who helped in other ways and of course, those who attended Christmas Carols last Sunday. Unfortunately because of windy conditions the hall was used therefore candles were not permitted - better luck next year.

A special "Thank You" to the children who participated.

W. Aulich

Sec. Hospital Aux



Centrelink

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT
CENTRELINK?

The Community Service Officer from Launceston will be at the
ACIS Office, Community Hall, Main Rd, St Marys.
For further information, or to make an appointment, please
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I visit the St Marys area every month.

St Marys Variety

42 Main Street
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being of service to you in 1998.

Presentation Day - Prize List 1997

Merit Awards

- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5/6
- Grade 5/6

Jamie Burns
Stuart Harwood
Henry Burbury
Kaylee Nash

Amella Mason
Micala Witton

Academic Achievement Awards

- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5/6

Lauren Quinn
Frances Taylor
Chris Gentola

Tobias Brucksch Domanski
Kayla Brown

Citizenship Award

- Grade 6

Alex Cronan

Aussie Sports Award

- Grade 5/6

Alex Hortle

Sally Davies

Physical Education and Sportsperson of The Year

- Grade 6

Ilya Brucksch-Domanski

Alex Hortle

Merit Awards

Grade 7

Jacqui Haas
Paul Falcone
Paula Armson
Sammy Mullins
Natasha Stewart
Louise Brown

Grade 8

Darne Brown
Shavaun Chapman
Alesha Webb
Sean Fletcher
Clinton Woods
Mitchell Pettigrew

Grade 9

Kate Baldini
Neysa Cannon
Tristan Clement
Lisa Eyles
Luke Faulkner
Emma Tamtaans
Scott Wilson

Academic Achievement Awards

Grade 7

Brett Davey
Lauren Bennett
Cassie Harwood
Bong Bong Louis
Katie Miller

Grade 8

Racheal Casbault
Courtina Howard
Joanne Cohen
Nekia Denholm
Celeste Miller
Romany Witton

Grade 9

Blair Adamczewski
Jess Baldini
Jenny Brown
Rebecca Cooke
Upasna Pratap
Chonnitpha Smart
Matthew Viney
Eva Witton

Grade 10 Subject Prizes

Foods
Health
Physical Education & Recreation
Music
Speech & Drama
Art Craft & Design
Design in Graphics
Information Technology
Social Science
Design & Technology
Science
English
Business Studies
Mathematics
Keyboarding

Theresa Cord
Jackie Gentola
Jackie Gentola
Erica Adamczewski
Jackie Gentola
Margaret Marsh
Sheean Piscitelli
Tanya Parsons
Carlie Davies, Theresa Cord, Jackie Gentola
David Eastley
Nadia Fraser, Jackie Gentola
Theresa Cord, Margaret Marsh
Theresa Cord
Jackie Gentola, Ben Lewis
Tanya Parsons
Advanced Mathematics Jackie Gentola

Grade 9 ASL Prizes

Rebecca Cooke
Chonnitpha Smart

Grade 11/12 Awards

MERIT
SPORT

Nicole Pitt
Scott Mason

Michelle McCulloch
Nicole Pitt

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Adrian Beckett
Rachael Reid

Grade 10 Merit Awards

Rebecca Squires
Tim Hall

David Eastley
Adam Sutton

Sport & Sportsperson

Adam Fletcher

Music Achievement Award

Carlie Davies

Award for Attitude

Tanya Parsons

M.D.T. Enterprise Awards 1997

Service to The School

Peter Barnes *Ivan Grose*

Emma Johnson

Special Achievement Award

Sally Lehner

Award for Perseverance

Matthew Harris

Citizenship

Nadia Fraser

Ampol All Rounder

Chris Green

Nashuatec Students of The Year

Erica Adamczewski
Nadia Frazer

Principal's Award

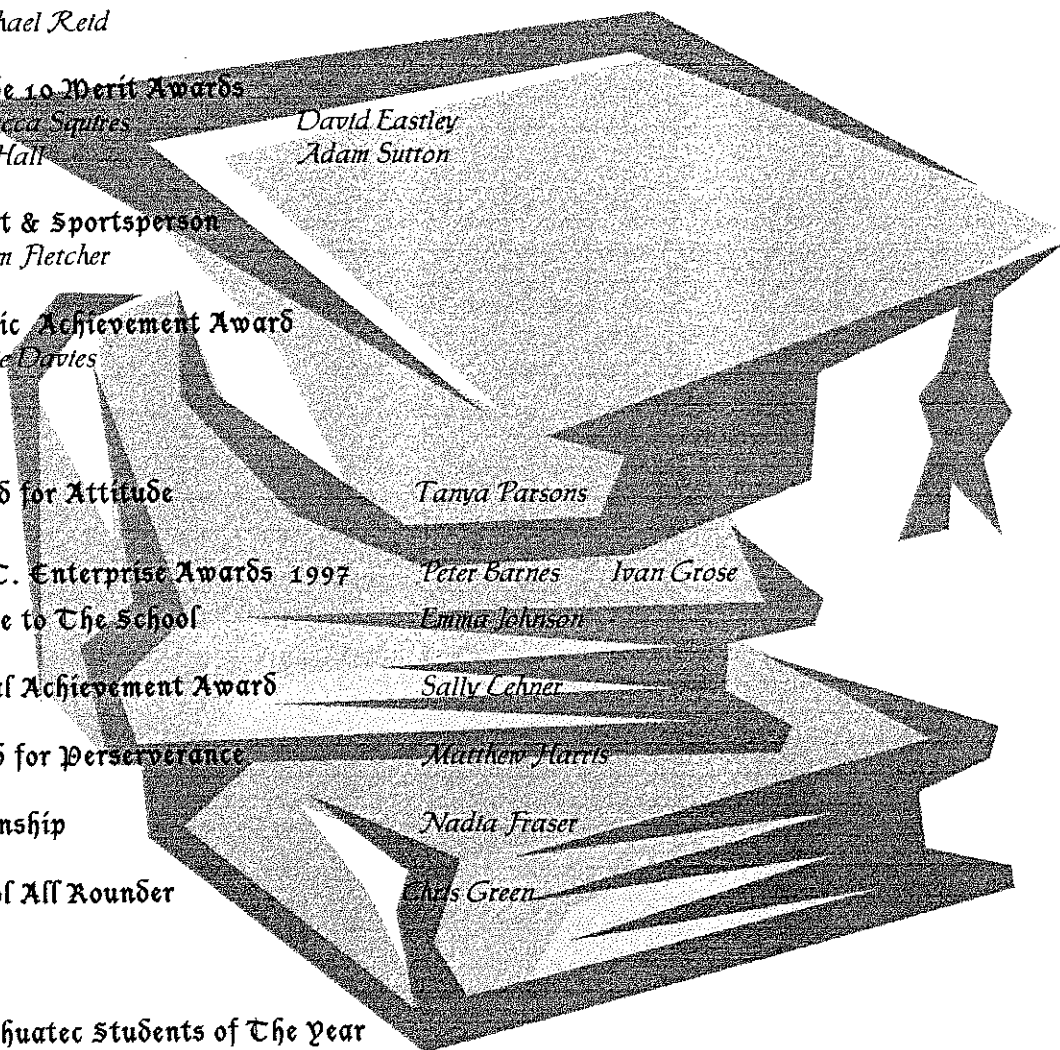
Ben Lewis
Theresa Cord

Year 11 Encouragement Award

Russell Smith

Dux of The School

Jackie Gentola



FINGAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR SALE CHILDRENS POOL TABLE

The pool table is no longer required by the school, so is being offered for sale to the parents of the school in the first instance

Asking price is \$450-00.

Comes complete with balls, cues and rack.

LAST DAY

On Thursday, the Parents & Friends will cook a barbecue lunch for students.

The money previously paid for the trip to Bicheno that never happened (rain) will pay for this bbq. Children do not need to bring any money along. They will still get a lunch order on Monday, but remember, no money please.

Reports will be handed out and all work taken home. Please send a large bag along with your children for them to carry their books in.

The staff believes that you, the parents, should receive a comprehensive and totally honest account of your childrens progress, or lack of. I hope you find these reports to be very informative.

12th December, 1997

SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you everyone for your support this year. I believe 1997 has been a very rewarding period in the life of the school. We can all be proud of our achievements. I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great holiday.

School will conclude for students at 3-00pm on Thursday, 18th December.

The proud winners of our Presentation Day Awards were.

Prep	Kirsty Ward
Grade 1	Nicklas Hall
Grade 2	Jenelle Speers
Grade 3	Andrew Lowe
Grade 4	Christopher Lowe
Grade 5	Cameron Bean
Grade 6	David Claridge
Lara Giddings Award - Music	Hannah Rowlands
Collin Rattray Award - Improvement	Allen Caulfield
George Shaw Award - Willing Student	Alicia Pauls
Michael Polley Award - Sport	Adrian Speers
Marilyn Geniola Computing Award	Gregory Barnes
Forestry Fingal Award - Environment	Carl Wagner
Principals Award	Josh Woods
Studentship Award	Rebecca Miller



TASMANIAN MARINERS

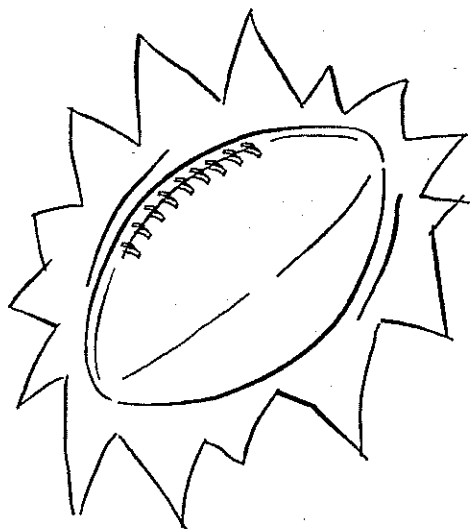
We have pulled off a major coup for the Valley! The Tasmanian Mariners Football Team will visit us for the weekend 6-8th February. On Saturday 7th, which is the Saturday before school begins, the Mariners will arrive at the St. Marys town oval at 12-00noon.

From approximately 12-30 till 1-30 they will conduct a footy clinic for any interested juniors. this will be followed by a game of junior footy, which I will organise. At 3-00 the Mariners will begin playing for 3 hours (3-00 till 6-00pm).

They will have 3 teams and will be in full scale match mode as the squad of 70 is cut to 50 at the end of February.

This is a once in a life time occasion for you to see top footy in the Valley. I expect a crowd of 1500-2000 to be present. All facilities will be available. The days proceeds will go to the Juniors.

Please come along, support the juniors and see some great footy. The cost is \$5 for adults and children are free. Students are encouraged to bring their gear and join in the Junior Clinic.



RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to those who donated a prize.

We raised approximately \$312-00

- 1 Louise Joscelyn
- 2 Berriman Family
- 3 Joan Lowe
- 4 A. Saunders
- 5 J. Bates
- 6 M. Hall
- 7 Berriman family
- 8 S. Hoskinson
- 9 John Lowe
- 10 Berriman family
- 11 Faye Hall
- 12 Berriman family
- 13 Sam Oates
- 14 K. Turner
- 15 S. Bates
- 16 Jye Baldwin
- 17 P. Burt
- 18 C. Bean
- 19 Barry LeFevre
- 20 C. Hall
- 21 C. Lohrey
- 22 P. Burt
- 23 Berriman family
- 24 Ruth Aulich
- 25 L. Squires
- 26 N. Lohrey
- 27 J. Burt
- 28 F. Hall
- 29 N. Lohrey
- 30 E. Bean
- 31 Jeff Woods
- 32 H. Walker
- 33 Barry LeFevre
- 34 B. Miller
- 35 T. Squires
- 36 K. Lohrey
- 37 L. Woods
- 38 B. Francis
- 39 A. Cole
- 40 S. Bates
- 41 A. Lowe
- 42 J. Turner
- 43 G. Gamble



St. Mary's Top Shop

Supermarket/Hardware

56 Main Road St. Mary's 7215

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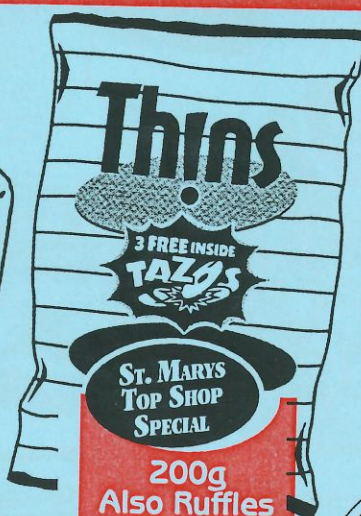
**Santa will be visiting St Marys Top Shop on
Thursday the 18th December 3.30pm to 4.00pm.**



St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

500g
Butter

1⁸⁵



St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

200g
Also Ruffles

2³⁹



St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

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Varieties

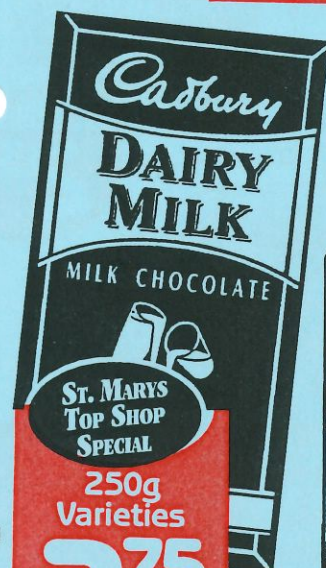
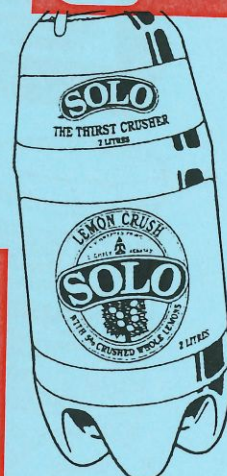
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St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

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St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

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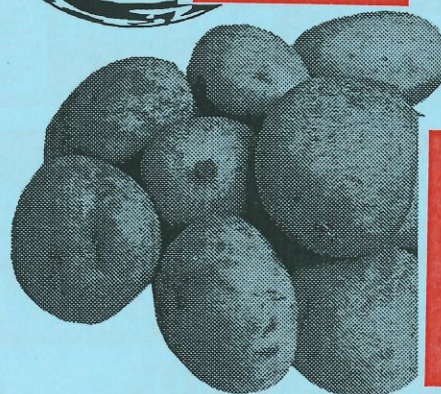
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St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

4 Pack
Toilet Tissues

2⁹⁹



St. MARYS
TOP SHOP
SPECIAL

2kg
Binji Potatoes

2⁷⁹
bag

Free
Local
Home
Delivery

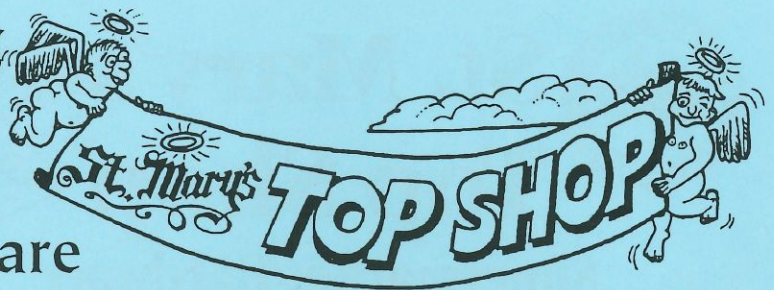
Graham, Karen & Staff invite you to call in and check the lower shelf prices and the friendly personalised service. Specials available from 18/12/97 until 24/12/97. While Stocks Last.

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BLOW TO ST MARYS HOPES OF KEEPING HOSPITAL

The people of St Marys in Tasmania's Fingal Valley have suffered a crushing blow in the long and drawn out battle to save their local hospital.

The Tasmanian Greens voted with the Government against legislation to keep the hospital open on a 24 hour basis.

Labour Member for Lyons, David Llewellyn said he felt deflated after Wednesday night's (10th) vote in the House of Assembly.

"It is depressing that a small community like St Marys is no longer considered worthy of having a hospital with 24 hour beds.

"Wednesday night's debate had been all about putting dollars ahead of people. Carol Cains, a Liberal Member for Braddon had the audacity to suggest that the 000 emergency phone link was adequate to service the Fingal Valley.

"But perhaps the worst contribution to the debate came from the Greens Leader, Christine Milne who rubbished the report by the Break O' Day Council into the viability of the community taking the hospital over.

"This should have been a heartland issue for the Greens. They have long championed the provision of health care services but when it came to the crunch, they have again failed the test.

"It seems that no matter what the issue, the Greens will support the Government. They have sold out the people of St Marys in order to appease the Government

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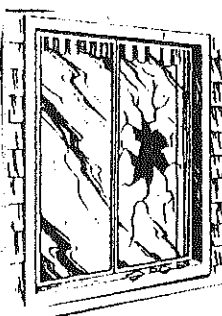
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CHANGES TO SPEED CAMERA GUIDELINES

Recent changes to speed camera operating guidelines should help to alleviate many of the concerns expressed by motorists since the controversial devices were introduced to the state in 1993.

There has been considerable disquiet about several aspects of speed camera operations, especially their placement in areas such as bottoms of hills and at roadwork sites. Under the new guidelines the cameras will no longer be set up at the bottom of steep declines except where there has been public complaints, high accident statistics or a high degree of potential danger as a result of speeding vehicles in the area. Furthermore, there would likely be a higher "tolerance level" at such locations.

The changes to so-called tolerance levels are significant. When speed cameras were introduced motorists were generally allowed to go up to 15 km/h over the posted limit. Police now say this tolerance level has "since been deemed inappropriate, and (therefore) reduced."

Tolerances will now be determined by the senior traffic police officer for the police division in which the cameras are operating and will depend on a number of factors such as location, traffic density, topography, road condition, accident and excessive speeding histories and the level of public complaints. The cameras will continue to be operated at roadworks but only after other "conventional" methods such as overt police presence or other speed measuring devices have failed or are impractical to use. The same philosophy applies to school zones, however when cameras are used in these locations it will only be where the new 40 km/h speed restriction signs are in place. The new signs - a red circle with the numerals 40 in the middle - also display times when the 40 km/h limit is in effect.

Cameras must no longer operate on sharp bends or in 80 km/h "buffer" zones where the zone is less than 500 metres in length. Buffer, or deceleration zones are mostly 80 km/h areas on the approaches to 60 km/h limits in urban areas. The Club has been particularly critical of speed camera activity in these areas. Speed camera use in rural areas will be increased from 33% to 50% of all speed camera deployments. This follows the Club's often-expressed concern about the high incidence of serious smashes in rural areas compared to urban areas. From now on, two speed cameras or a speed camera and another speed detection device shall not be set up within one kilometre of each other operating in the same direction.

Traffic Police invite the public to make suggestions about potential sites for speed camera or speed detection activities based on excessive speeding or unusually high number of traffic smashes. Contact your nearest police station or the Tasmania Police Traffic Liaison Unit, telephone (03) 62302111.

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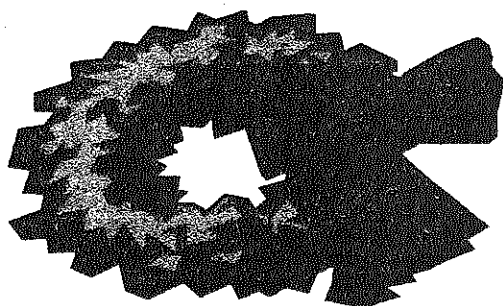
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RATING SYSTEM

***** Must Hear/See
**** Excellent
*** Good
** Just OK
* Don't Bother

Welcome to our last Sound and Vision before Christmas. This is one of the best times of the year to grab those CD bargains. Christmas is notorious for a glut of Best Off's and Greatest Hits CD's. You'll notice our new feature "Desert Island Discs" in which I ask locals for their 10 (can't live without) songs and their favourite Video. I hope to make this segment a regular feature. **KEN**

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Name: Jan Chapman
(St Marys resident and Manager of the SMDHS canteen)



SONG	ARTIST
Roxanne	The Police
Running on Empty	Jackson Browne
Try a little Tenderness	Otis Redding
What a fool believes	Doobie Bros.
Bohemian Rhapsody	Queen
Time in a Bottle	Jim Croce
Tubthumping	Chumbawamba
Everybody	Back Street Boys
How Do I Live	Trisha Yearwood
Even when I'm sleeping	Leonardo's Bride

FAVOURITE VIDEO - "SPEED"

VIDEO REVIEW - "SCREAM" - Starring Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox, David Arquette, Skeet Ulrich, Matthew Lillard and Drew Barrymore.

Wes Craven acclaimed director has done it again, the King of hack and slash movies has come up with another nail biting thriller. Set in rural America, a series of murders baffles local police and students of the near-by highschool. Courtney Cox plays a zealous reporter who is determined to solve the murders for the sake of a good scoop. Without giving any of the story away "Scream" has you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end. Fine performances by all cast members and especially Skeet, Matthew (two new actors) and Courtney who proves that she can cut it on the big screen. This movie is rated M and fully deserves this rating as it contains a lot of violence and gore,

Horror at its best with a few brilliant twists. *****

CD REVIEWS

BLUES TRAVELLER -

"Straight On Till Morning".
New York quartet, supposed blues band but doesn't come very close. Sounds more pop based and disappointing. A couple of tracks that save it from a total write-off are "Carolina Blues", "Make My Way" and the excellent ballad "Yours".

Very Average **

LEONARDO'S BRIDE - "Angel Blood"

Aussie four piece band, everybody's heard the single "Even when I'm sleeping" this album is full of similar tracks with acoustic feel. Vocalist Abbey Dobson is excellent with a unique voice and delivery.

A solid debut *** 1/2

MARILYN MANSON - "Antichrist Superstar"

This is one sick puppy. Makes Alice Cooper look tame. Twisted tunes linked with weird sampling, definitely not for everyone. "Beautiful People" got limited air play but this is not a singles album.

Twisted excellence ****

St Helens Gun Club

Results of shoot held 16 September 1997

Event 1. 25 Targets Ball Trap

"A" S. Glover 24/25

"B" G. Dance 25/25

"C" B. Schield 23/25

Event 2. 20 Point Score Eyeopener

"AA" D. Hill 77/81

"A" D. Barr 60/60

"B" T. Kirkland 55/60

"C" L. Gall 50/60

Event 3. Mixed Target Commonwealth Championships

"A" G. Ellis 62/70

"A" D. Barr 63/70

"B" T. Aulich 61/70

"C" G. Barnes 48/74

Event 4. 20 pr Deauville Doubles.

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St Helens Gun Club would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Event 2. Laurie Viney Memorial Shoot
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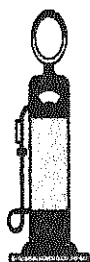
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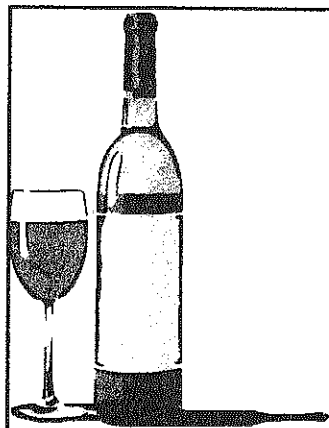
Christmas Revival Fruitcake

1 cup butter	1 tspn salt
1 cup sugar	1 cup brown sugar
4 large eggs	lemon juice
1 cup dried fruit	nuts
1 tspn baking soda	1 large bottle whisky

Sample the whisky to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of sugar in a large fluffy bowl. Add one spoonful of sugar and beat again. Sample to make sure whisky is still OK. Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drowscriver.

Sample the whisky again to check for consistency. next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Who cares? Check the whisky again. Add one babble spoon of brown sugar, or whatever colour you can find. Wix mel. Grease the oven. Turn the cake pan to 350 gredees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and bo to ged.



Christmas Greetings



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The Valley & East Coast Voice

FOOTBALL NEWS

Just a few lines about the Football Club before we go to the Christmas break. Whilst some of us take a break before the start of a New Year and season, there has still been plenty of work behind the scenes on a few fronts. The very effective and hard working Ladies Committee have been active over the past weeks with four recent functions. The Singing Dog Festival, The Mines Rescue, The Golf Club Dinner and a Wedding. The Club, despite some predictions, had a successful year financially and would be one of few clubs in this competition to finish in the black. A fantastic effort considering the Club's on field performances and the large "one off" outlays in getting the club going again. The efforts of everyone in the Club can only be applauded and it will be a great relief to go into another season knowing the hassles of reformation are now behind us.

The old saying "you must learn to walk before you run" could not be more accurate in summing up last season, now we must work hard at improving our on field performances in 1998. This process has already begun with coaching applications closing and interviews being conducted over the past week leading to all positions being filled at Friday's meeting. Whilst on the subject of coaches, whilst other clubs more successful than ours in the EDFA have not had any applications for their coaching positions, we were lucky to have three Senior, three Reserves and a Junior application at the closing date.

We are proud to announce that Roger Salter has been appointed Senior coach and as anyone who has played with or against him will attest to, he will make a great leader simply by example. Roger as always has been maintaining his fitness level over the Summer and wishes to make a real effort on all players pre season fitness. The Reserves coach will be Jamie Viney, last year's Senior Best and Fairest winner who will be looking to gain some valuable coaching experience this season. Jamie has also stated a commitment to the Club's fitness levels. Both coaches looking to early February to begin pre-season, but will conduct some distance work for anyone interested after the Christmas break. The U/16's again went to Scott Bean, his invaluable contribution in '97 cannot be understated, with the loss of only five boys, he is looking forward to another successful season.

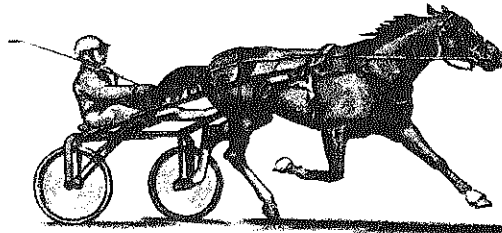
There are already several players on the Club's short list for '98, also many rumours of who will be in the Tiger strip, but I love the old saying "the silly season" which appropriately sums up this time of year. Still, we have resigned several key players from last season and will be flat out recruiting straight after the Christmas break, so some of the stories could already be true!! One thing will be sure for '98, the Tigers will be a much fitter and competitive combination.

OLD TIGE

St Marys Pacing Club News

At the present time we are getting ready for our annual pacing meet on New Years Day. With a lot of time and plenty of voluntary work we have removed the old running rail and installed marker poles which are the trend nowadays. This has been done at considerable cost and effort and we believe will make for safe racing and won't be a nuisance for the golfers. Still some work to do but will be finished off in January. We have again framed seven races with stakemoney being \$27,400, not bad for a small community. Main races will be the Cup of

\$6000, Country Guineas \$5000 and McKillop Statewide heat of \$4000. Two of \$3200 and two of \$3000. We can only carry on with the support and voluntary work of the people in our Valley



and also from many other places. There will also be a lucky programme prize of \$100 and a losing TAB ticket of \$100. A very good raffle is being run and will

be drawn on race day. We also like to say this is the 112th year that racing has been run at St Marys in some form or other; gallops, hacks, ponies and pacing. We would like as many people as possible to turn up to help keep this meeting going as many small clubs have gone in the past. This race day no beer bottles or cans will be allowed in the bar or bookmakers area. This we must do to protect our being granted a liquor licence and it will be strictly adhered to. Light beer will be on sale also. Finally thanks to the mongrel who pinched our hose fittings. Hope they serve you well.

Hope to see plenty in attendance.

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Secretary.

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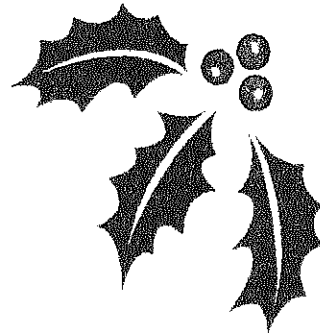
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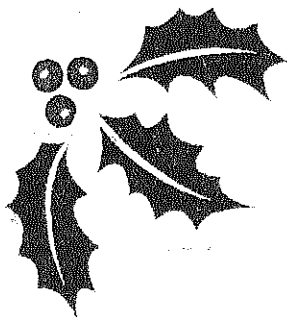
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JUNIOR CRICKET NEWS

The Valley & East Coast Voice

UNDER 16/s

ST MARYS met Scamander at St Marys on 5 December. Scamander batted first and were dismissed for 123. Unfortunately no Scamander scores were available other than J Brinkhuizen 25 ret.

St Marys Bowling:

Luke Faulkner 3/6, Josh Cooke 1/4, Ulash Pratap 1/6, Tristan Clement 1/8, Daniel Smith 1/8 and Kyle Bean 1/26.

In reply St Marys were 4/128.

Best scores:

Damon Nehls 28 ret, Luke Faulkner 25 ret, Tristan Clement 22 no, Drew Wilson 14.

Scamander Bowling:

Sam Laycock 2/18, Josh Stingle 1/14, D Ross 1/17.

IT WAS a different story last Friday night against Georges Bay. St Marys at one stage 3/66 were all out for 85. The best partnership was the opening stand of 47 between Adam Fletcher and Damon

Nehls.

The Bay had no trouble scoring the required runs on the 13th over with the loss of three wickets.

Wicket takers for St Marys were Damon Nehls 2/28 and Luke Faulkner 1/24.

The young Tiges meet St Helens this Friday at the St Marys Recreation oval.

Under 13's had a good hit out last Sunday with 14 boys participating. It is hoped to have further matches throughout the Summer.

SURFING NEWS

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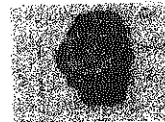


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CRICKET NEWS

ST MARYS travelled to Ringwood on Saturday 6 December to meet Ringwood. Due to a travel arrangement mix up, Jeff Woods did not play. St Marys won the toss and sent Ringwood in. After a solid opening Ringwood cut loose with the help of St Marys fieldsmen who missed many chances. At one stage the "Woods" were 2/243 so the Tigers did well to restrict them to 9/291 off their 50 overs. Opening bowlers Wayne Gillies and Mike Kringle again bowled well however Dave McCullagh was outstanding taking 5/26 off his ten overs. Without their "gun" bat the Tigers were never in the hunt for such a large total and were dismissed for 149. Keith Gillies and Mark Rowlands shared the best partnership of 64 while Dave "Cat" Arnol batted well in the tail.

Scores:

Ringwood 9/291
D McCullagh 5/26, A Johnson 1/17, W Gillies 1/33 and T Triffitt 1/42 defeated

St Marys 149
K Gillies 40, M Rowlands 32, D Arnol 15 and R Salter 13 no.

LAST SATURDAY St Marys met Scottsdale at home unfortunately again without Jeff Woods. Scottsdale batted first and were in trouble against the Tigers pace attack at one stage being 5/67.

They recovered well to score 214 off only 35 overs. Dave McCullagh again returned the best figures ably assisted by Mike Kringle, Wayne Gillies and spinners Roger Salter and "Nifty" Triffitt. The Tigers lost two early wickets but a fine partnership between Keith Gillies and Dave McCul-

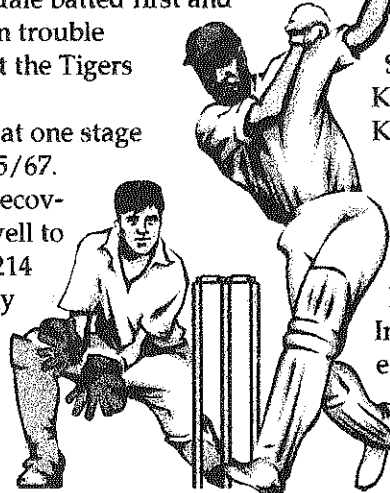
agh put St Marys back on target. McCullagh was unfortunately run out and Gillies fell with the loss of Keith shortly after, wickets steadily until Mike Kringle hit lustily for 35 no.

Scores:

Scottsdale 214
D McCullagh 3/33, W Gillies 2/7, M Kringle 2/34, R Salter 2/45 and T Triffitt 1/41 defeated
St Marys 8/171
K Gillies 55, D McCullagh 38, M Kringle 35 no.

In the last game before Christmas St Marys travel to Wintonaleah. The Tigers are still winless but a victory is not far away. In the absence of Jeff Woods, several batsmen have stood up to be counted. The Tigers bowling attack is well balanced and if supported well in the field, will trouble any team in the competition.

Wayne Gillies has been appointed coach of St Marys which can only be a very positive move.



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St Marys Sports Centre News

By Kackhander

All who attended the Saturday 11th Annual Dinner Night had a really good night and after a couple of years absence it's great to have this windup event again. Firstly a huge thanks to the Football Ladies Catering Committee. The meal was fantastic and you will be highly recommended to any other group who wish to avail themselves of your services. Everyone agreed.

To the various championship trophy winners congratulations for a fine effort. To Liz and Barbara for running the bar so well on the night. Thanks.

Thanks also to Trevor Viney who organised much of the night and collected the dinner money. Well done Trev. Finally to our inimitable Club President Rod Spilsbury for the speeches and welcomes that only Rod can do. As usual he carried it off very well. Thanks Rod.

In the past two weeks there has been a transfiguration in the looks and performance of the Bowls Pennant team. The club probably for the first time in many years have strung two 14-0 wins together to secure a spot in the four with one full round to go after the Christmas recess. The new shirts look brilliant and there is a great feeling within the club that maybe that elusive pennant might not be quite that far away.

There is now a spell until January 10th for pennant, to allow everyone to recharge their batteries.

Over the next few weeks it gives the bowlers a chance also to keep up with the singles and pairs as well as the E.C.B.A. events scheduled.

GOLF

Sadly golf numbers are still down a little on Saturdays however Friday chicken runs and Sunday comps are quite good.

Let's hope that the bowls spell will allow a few golfers to play again. It is important that we keep the turnstiles ticking over.

This week coming up we have the Golfer Bowler Fun Day. It is hoped that several teams will compete and make it a day to remember. Barbecue tea will follow the days sport.

Any enquiries to the club during this week will be welcome.

As of this coming fortnight there will be reminder notices starting to be sent about overdue subs. It is hoped that all competing members who have yet to forward their subs can do so as soon as possible. Any bowlers **MUST** be paid up before they can be selected for pennant or any other E.C.B.A. teams as the club would risk losing points if they weren't.

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Dawson and Kath Blair in their recent family loss. We are all thinking of you.

Until next time in 1998 we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Good hitting and rolling.

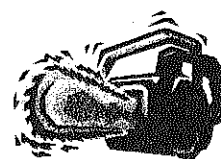
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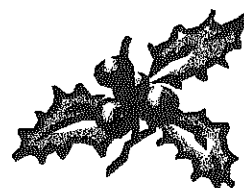


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