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Changes at St Marys District High School. ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Anyone driving up to the school during the holidays would no doubt have noticed builders and painters working long hours in order to get work finished before the beginning of the term.

The outside of the oldest block in the school has been repainted. This follows the re-roofing of the building at the beginning of last year. To add to the schools appearance, the old garden beds in front of this block are being renewed and hopefully by the end of term one we will have the beginnings of a cottage garden along the front of our main entrance block.

Over the Christmas break two of our oldest classrooms have been refurbished at a cost of approximately \$40,000. These two rooms have been extended into the corridor, new ceilings, lighting, heating and carpet have added to their new look apppearance. They will undoubtedly be very pleasant to work in.

The Education Department has also spent approximately \$68,000 on our infant and primary toilet blocks. This work was definitely well overdue and it is fantastic to see our facilities being upgraded at a time when it is very difficult to have any money spent. On top of this work, re-roofing of the primary block should commence next week.

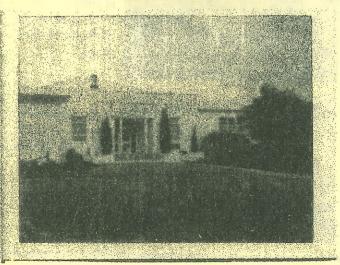
This might seem a strange time to begin work on a school roof, but we're certainly not going to complain. The roof leaks dreadfully during wet days and it will be wonderful to have this work completed before winter.

".....one of the most beautiful settings of any school in Tasmania."

We have further plans for improving the appearance of our lovely school and delightful school grounds, but you'll just have to wait and see the changes as they take place.

The St Marys school has one of the most beautiful settings of any school in Tasmania and we must work to improve our setting rather than allow it to deteriorate.

We have a few staff changes this year. Miss Kaelene Dancer and Miss Catherine Bryan will be joining our infant staff and Ms Robyn Hickey will be replacing Mr Steve Plowright as our Speech and



Drama teacher. Mr Phil Walker returns as Assistant Principal from a well earned long service leave. It will be great to have him back.

Student numbers appear to be stable, with very few students leaving or new students beginning the year. This stability is pleasing to see as it helps to make planning easier and school stability for students helps staff maintain an excellent individual learning program for each child.

We're looking forward to a great year. You have a wonderful school with outstanding staff and students.

Lets keep it that way. John Marshall, Principal.

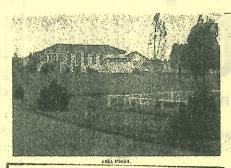
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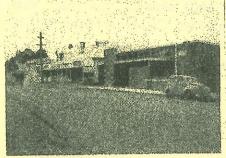
What has happened to these buildings in StManys since they appeared on a postcard in 19..?



ST MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH before it burned down and was replaced with a brick building in 1975.



ST MARYS
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D I S T R I C T
HIGH SCHOOL
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make an excellent school.



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design.

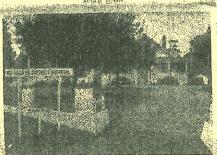


RAILWAY STATION ST MARYS Almost demolished, but saved by the St Marys Lions Club. Now an attractive craft shop and plant nursery. ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL before the addition of the G.H. Napier Wing in 1976. Now a

Health Centre



Sadly this beautiful timber ANGLI-CAN CHURCH at St Marys was replaced by the present brick church.



Doctors on Weekend Roster

Doctors GENIOLA, de JONGE and STABILE are working a rotating roster for weekend call. The Health and Beauty Shop in St Marys, advertises which Doctor is on call or you can ring St Helens on 63722111 where the staff will be able to offer medical advice or direct you to the Doctor.

Any changes to these arrangements will be published through this column on a regular basis.

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St Marys Community Health Centre update

It is seven weeks since our hospital was converted to a Community Health Centre and just two since we went to a five day week establishment. The process has been traumatic for both residents and staff alike. We are pleased to report that only a limited number of staff lost their employment and the present staff are well occupied. One of the big concerns raised within the community was the effect staff cuts would have on the economy of the region, local businesses must be pleased that those fears were unfounded.

The conversion to a Community Health Centre has seen a few hiccups, particularly in regards to the uncertainty of what action to take between 5pm and 8am when the Centre is closed and medical advice is required. We are pleased to report that there is still a doctor on call 24 hous a day, with the added bonus of a nurse also being on call.

To receive medical advice you can still ring the Centre on 63722111. This call will be diverted to St Helens after hours where you will be given the advice required. A direct line to St Helens Hospital is provided at the entrance to the Centre, please do not hesitate to use it.

For a life threatening emergency dial 000. While some may find it difficult to accept St Helens Hospital as our district hospital, this however is the case and for non threatening cases this is our first port of call and is where you will be well received.

The Doctors appointment system is working well. We obviously cannot control the timing of emergencies which, should they happen, will result in a longer waiting time. The process will however result in a more satisfactory service for us all.

Some of you will have been fortunate enough to have met our visiting **Dr Steve Stabile** who hails from Chicago. Steve will be with us until the 25th of February. "We are enjoying your company Steve and trust you will take back to the USA, fond memories of our fair isle."

We will welcome another locum on the 26th February.

Dr Geniola has relocated to the Napier Wing, where the presence of a locum and the appointment system is easing his workload considerably.

Community Health Nursing is now under control, all nurses making home visits are based locally and all were previously employed at the hospital. This is an improvement on past arrangements. Obviously there will still be teething problems but we are sure everyone will benefit in the long run.

The HACC bus is there for you to use, call the Centre if you require transport at any time. This community transport is for the frail, aged and younger disabled people for most needs. Social outings are encouraged. Volunteer drivers are an essential part of this valuable service.

Should anyone have ideas for other services we could offer at the Centre, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

The more activity we can generate, the better serviced our community will be.

We at the Centre are very aware of the perceived short comings of the new arrangements and are looking at every possible way in which we can provide a quality community service.

Any complaints or problems, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

The General Practitioner's surgery is to become an accredited operation, ensuring the public a quality service at all times. The upgraded services should also assist in attracting a permanent replacement for Dr Naidoo.

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ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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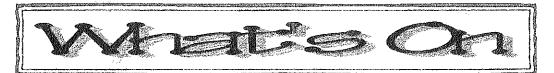
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St. Harys District Hespital Support Association Inc.

Our on going endeavour to regain adequate health care and the reinstatement of necessary beds at St. Marys Hospital, to ensure proper health coverage for the people of the Fingal Valley and surrounds, is still our major issue.

Progressive consultation has been in operation since our last meeting in November. To allow due process to proceed, the February meeting has been postponed. It will now be held on MONDAY 2nd of MARCH at 7.30PM in the Salvation Army Hall. The delay has been necessary in order for David Llewellyn to be present, so that he is able to update the public on the latest developments.

Because of the uncertainty prevailing at the moment, due to problems which are currently being reported to our Association, your attendance is of paramount importance

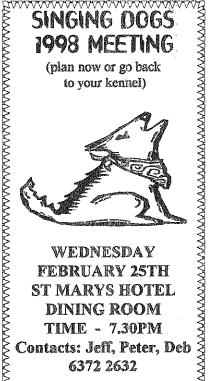
> C. Hendley. Secretary

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SINGING DOGS 1998 MEETING

(plan now or go back to your kennel)



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH ST MARYS HOTEL **DINING ROOM** TIME - 7.30PM Contacts: Jeff, Peter, Deb 6372 2632

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(Formally the Action Group) Definition - Valley Action Group & Supporters

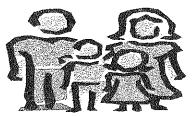
We would like to express our thanks to all of you who supported our recent trade table. Our community trade table will be an ongoing weekly event, each Thursday outside Fiona's Shop. Dona-1 tions of saleable goods welcome, cooks and volunteers also reauired.

Have you bought your raffle ticket [in our load of wood yet? Drawn close of stall 26/2/98. More community information available at We are holding trade table. 'Open Meetings" 6pm each Sunday at the Coach House. Everyone welcome.

Community involvement and \emptyset ideas needed.

Phone Andrew 63722529 Jenny 63722212 Fiona 63722353 Wendy 63722492.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING



WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 7.30PM FIRE SHEDS

New members welcome

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Christine White, the Podiatrist from Hobart will once more be visiting St Marys on Thursday and 🛭 Friday the 19th & 20th February. Already her days are heavily

booked with only a couple of vacancies. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact \$ Kathryn at Health & Beauty 63722172 or Rona 63722235.

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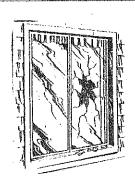
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I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the good wishes received and to everyone who visited, sent flowers or cards or made phone calls or helped the family in any way, while I was a patient in St Vincents Hospital and the Launceston General.

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Due to the terrific response from the public for a Community Radio Station in St Marys, a meeting will be held at the St Marys Hotel on Wednesday 18th February at 8.00pm to form a steering committee. It is expected to be a slow process because of government red tape, so we need a group of dedicated people to get the ball rolling.

Could all interested people PLEASE come along, your support will be greatly appreciated.

MANY HANDS ON THE JOB

St Andrews Uniting Church, Fingal can now proudly show a new coat of paint, thanks to the time and toil given my many willing

Much work was put into the preparation of the building and then the final painting was done by the volunteers who turned up to the working bee on Sunday 1st February. Materials were bought thanks to generous donations being made.

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE "CRAFT AND CARD CLUB" (alias Day Centre)

Where When At the Centre Wednesday

Activities have resumed

21st Jan - a BBQ was held to celebrate Australia Day 28th Jan Happy Hour (held every month)

4th Feb. - A film was shown

*Bingo is played for those who enjoy this game.

The card players would like a cuchre tournament - how about coming along?

No need to spend the whole day - you can be with us for just the morning or afternoon the time is flexible.

New craft people are most welcome

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P.S. Public podiatrist visits regularly for all "Day Centre" i.e. craft, cards club attendants. This service is free Next visit March



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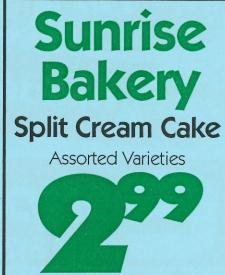
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Lands has been made available on the south side of the Esk Highway just before the sewerage lagoons. Due to its untended state some work will have to be done to eradicate the weeds such as the broom. blackberries and pine trees amongst other. A main objective is to provide for the passive viewing of the many different birds that visit close by. It is also intended to enhance the local habitats within the wetlands so that more birds begin to nest and feed within the small reserve itself. It is envisaged that a management plan be first put together.

Some work will have to be done to make it amenable to both birds and birdwatchers, so if you are interested in helping with this small project please contact Carol Williams, Break O' Day Landcare and Waterwatch Facilitator.



Sound Fallsion

RATING SYSTEM

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

Welcome to our first Sound and Vision for 1998. With the new year beginning I'll be reviewing a couple of the Christmas Best Of's. Didn't have time to catch many new videos on the holidays but managed to see a couple of oldies, two of which I will review in this issue.

KEN

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Name: Steve Buchanan

(Senior St Marys football player)



SONG

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FAVOURITE VIDEO - "PULP FICTION"

VIDEO REVIEWS- "SEVEN" Starring Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Spacey. The story of a new detective (Pitt) joining forces with a veteran detective (Freeman) who is one week away from retirement. They have the unenviable task of solving a gruesome series of murders based on the seven deadly sins. Strong story and screen play with Morgan Freeman's fine performance.

"GLENGARY GLEN ROSS" Starring Al Pacino, Jack Lemmon, Alan Arkin, Alec Baldwin and Kevin Spacey. The pressure of selling real estate is escalated to boiling point when company announces bonuses for first and second best salesman and the sack for the rest. This is an excellent drama based on the play of the same name with a first rate cast and brilliant dialogue. *****

EXPERIENCE THE DIVINE -

Bette Midler's Greatest Hits. With a career spanning as far back as the 70's this could have easily been a double album. Instead we are left with 18 excellent tracks ranging from her earlier classics like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Do You Wanna Dance" to her newest single "To Deserve You".

Enjoyable listening ****

THE VERY BEST OF STING AND THE POLICE - Some

great Sunday afternoon listening hear with the Sting tracks such as "Englishman in New York", "Fields of Gold" and the haunting ballad "Fragile". As well as a select number of The Police's greatest hits including "Every Breath You Take" and "Roxanne". Excellent production ****

THE NO.1 90'S ALBUM -

Various Artists. As seen on TV this double CD is like a time capsule of 90's pop, in that it has a broad cross section of the most popular hits of the era. Ranges from earlier hits such as Jon Bon Jovi's "Blaze of Glory to Spice Girls "Wannabe". Surprisingly good sound quality.

KEN MARTINDALE

POLICE UPDATE

Police have been busy over the last couple of months with policing the influx of visitors and additional traffic which frequents our Valley during holiday periods, but all seems to be back to to normal except for long weekends.

Now that school has resumed this is a very opportune time to consider several items.

- School Zones are strictly 40km/h and Police will give high priority to inforcing these restrictions.
- Drivers need to be aware of the increased numbers of children both on foot and on bicycles in the area and drive accordingly.
- Police will be very observant of children not wearing seat belts and vehicles with more children than the vehicle should carry.

Our children are 'our' responsibility and we need to be vigilant in our observations of them on the roads, especially during school periods. So let's all be careful and protect our next generation.

L.C.CASBOULT Acting Sergeant.

Keeping the community informed.

The following works are planned for the next fortnight.

St Marys

- Laying of pipeline from bore.
- Waste transfer station construction

Bridges

 Preparing logs for two span bridge on Mathinna Road.

The Future of Esk Highway
How you can have your say.
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Fingal Council Offices

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> Break O'Day Council Cecilia Street St Helens PHONE 6376 1281

Forgotten Tracks

Meandering down the valley on a horse with reins a slack down the river splendid, along the earthen track far out in the open, where the white gums grow underneath Ben Lomond, with its battlements in snow. The valley gives off whispers, while the river flows like silk as the horse responds in silence in this land of sweetened milk so fimeless in its making, so fragile in its ways. Along the valley winding, once used by horse and drays the bullock teams that travelled past, along the valley floor came and went with cargo, of timber, grain and stores and horses with their coaches, passengers and mail finally lost their value, for lorries, cars and rail. But the horses in the valley and the riders from the same ride around in silence, just out there for the day down the "Old Mill Ridge Road", down to Four Mile Creek or out past Cringles caves, where the giant blackwoods sleep-The coaches would have travelled, from those forgetton days of old past giant timbers that are long cut up and sold daily in their passing, a common sight to see bringing news, and casting their spirits back to me But the forest track that's winding, around the valley floor still goes on forever, like all those years before.

By Col Smart

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St Marys hit Cricket the winners list with a comprehensive victory over Winnaleah in the

last game before Christmas.

Batting first Winnaleah managed only 92 with wickets being evenly spread amongst the bowlers. St Marys were untroubled in making the required runs without the loss of a wicket. Scores; St Marys 0/102, J Woods 63no, M Rowlands 27 no, defeated Winnaleah 92. W Gillies 2/5, T Triffitt 2/11, R Salter 2/24, D McCulloch 1/7, M Kringle 1/19.

The first game after Christmas, St Marys travelled to Bridport to meet the reining premiers. The Tigers were weakened by the loss of star all rounder Dave McCulloch for the rest of the season and included Under 16 player Adam Fletcher for his first game.

St Marys batted first and after a reasonable start by Jeff Woods and Simon Lynch, soon fell into trouble in the middle order with only Wayne Gillies(27) showing resistance.At one stage the Tigers were 7/88 when Andrew Pyke came to the wicket. "Pecker" decided to hit his way out of trouble and was assisted by Troy Triffitt in a partnership of 28 for the eighth wicket and 34 with Adam Fletcher for the tenth wicket. Pyke finished 58no including 3 sixes, 6 fours and 1 five to give the Tigers a respectable total of 161. Although Port seemed to always be in control they had lost eight wickets before scoring the winning

runs. Scores: Bridport 8/163. Triffitt 1/5, J Woods 2/28, R Salter 2/58, W Gillies 1/49 defeated St Marys 161. A Pyke 58no, W Gillies 27, J Woods 16, S Lynch 13, T Triffitt 11.

St Marys next match was versus last vears runners up Central at Scottsdale. Again the Tigers had a good start from Lynch and Woods. Several top order players got starts but no one could go on for a big score. The Tigers were 5/164 at one stage but disappointingly were all out for 170 chasing quick runs.

The key to beating Central was to dismiss star batsmen Tony Saunders and Nick Shearer early. Despite trying seven bowlers St Marys were unable to get a breakthrough and Central cruised to victory in 30 overs.

Scores: Central 1/172. M Kringle 1/28 defeated St Marys 170. W Gillies 34, S Lynch31, K Gillies 25, J Woods 25, M Kringle 18, A Scott 16. Despite a tough run home St Marys still had a chance of making the four if they could beat top team St Helens at St Marys. However prior to this important game seven players were unavailable because of work and other committments.

St Marys scrapped together a team and incredibly had St Helens 6/102 at one stage. Despite many chances, an unbroken partnership of 115 between McDonald and Pyke gave the Bay a respectable 6/217. Acting captain Wayne Gillies continually changed the attack with some success.

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Cricket continued.

The run chase against St Helens attack was never a possibility for St Marys depleted batting lineup. The Tigers showed true grit by lasting 47 overs before being dismissed for 96.

Scores: St Helens 6/217.

W Gillies2/17, D Arnol 1/9, M Kringle 1/29, M Rowlands 1/17, S Lynch 1/38

Defeated St Marys 96.

M Kringle 31, R Salter 25no, D Phillips 16.

This weeks game will be on Sunday at St Marys versus Ringwood. The Tigers will be looking to finish the season with a win.

Under 16's

19/12/97 V's St Helens 54

D Nehls 3/0, L Faulkner 2/16, S Fletcher 2/20, M Viney 1/4 drew with St Marys 0/1. Game washed out.

9/1/98 Versus Scamander

St Marys 193

M Viney 28 ret., L Faulkner 28 ret., S Fletcher 27 ret., D Nehls 25 ret., T Clement 25 ret., S Wilson 14, Kirk Bean 13. Defeated Scamander 80. D Nehls 4/5, D Smith 2/1, Kyle Bean 2/3, L Faulkner 1/15.

16/1/98 Georges Bay 5/105

Kyle Bean 1/11, D Nehls 1/12, M Viney 1/15 defeated St Marys 92

M Viney 27 ret., T Clement 16.

23/1/98 St Marys 103

S Fletcher 18, L Faulkner 17, and D Smith 12

tied with St Helens 103

Josh Cooke 3/14, L Faulkner 2/14, S Fletcher 1/14, M Viney1/20.



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Tassie Mariners visit.

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The Mariners were delighted with the weekend.
All their aims were fulfilled.

Later this year I will approach them to see if they will return. If they do, we, the Juniors, will have to perhaps look at other ways of enticing a decent sized crowd to the oval where they are playing.

We often hear negative comments about our council. I inform you that they could not have been any more helpful with this venture. Nothing was too much trouble to them. The St Marys Football Club were most co-operative, even to the extent of conducting a working bee to clean the clubrooms. Thank you.

To the businesses and the many individuals who helped us, thank you for your efforts, they are greatly appreciated.

To you, the public, thank you if you attended and if you didn't I hope you seriously consider supporting the local Juniors and Tasmanian Football if the Mariners return.

Barry LeFevre Co-ordinator

Tennis News:

Junior Championships:

Any boy or girl who is interested in competing in the Junior Championships, please leave your name with Mrs Bushing at the school or telephone Louise Williams on 6372 2158.

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Tassie Mariners Visit

A weekend of mixed emotions is the best way to sum up my feelings about the Tassie Mariners visit.

The only negatives were the abysmally small sized crowd and the several people who didn't turn up to do their job on the Saturday. I am really wondering what one has to do to gain the interest of locals. Hundreds of hours of voluntary work were put in by the Committee to organise the event. A crowd of 1500-2000 was expected and there would have been 500 or less present.

The Mariners arrived on Friday evening, staying at Cray Drop In with Marj and Barry. It became obvious from the moment the boys stepped off their buses that they were not only outstanding athletes, but wonderful individuals. During the weekend their manners, extremely well developed communication skills and team oriented approach, really came to the fore. Their appetites were amazing and the Fingal P & F did a top job feeding them.

On Saturday, apart from the lack of spectators, every thing was great. The 50 boys who participated in the Junior clinic, taken by the Mariners, are apparently still talking about the experience. In many cases the Mariners took indivual juniors aside and developed skills.

The U.12 game, consisting of players from last years competion was a close affair, with the Valley & East Coast Juniors getting home by 15 points: 8-8-56 to St Helens 6-5-41.

In the U.16 game St Marys and Fingal combined were a little too strong for St Helens, running out winners by 31 points: 11-12=78 to 7.5=47. St Helens did well to get as close as they did, given that Dale Dwyer and Paul Kelly were in the Mariners team, Sean Richards(who has been cut from the Mariners) was at cricket and Marcus Smylie was asked to leave the ground early by Robert Shaw, to rest so he could play a quarter for the Mariners.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who played, helped coach, unpired, carried drinks etc.

The Mariners games exposed tremendous skills. As this was their first proper hit out for the year I thought they played some outstanding football. Their size amazed me, with one boy being over 205cm or 6 feet 4 inch mark. Speaking to their coaches on Sunday they informed me that when the leading 20 players are on the field, in full train, they would beat the majority of the senior TFL teams.

As mentioned earlier their professionalism is extraordinary. On several occasions I heard what I thought was an excellent coach speaking about tactics only to look up and note it was one of the players themselves. Their knowledge of the game is superb and they have obviously been well coached and tutored.

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