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# Mining Week 18 - 24 May 1997

The theme for Mining Week this year is 'OUR MINERALS AT WORK". in 1995-96 the Tasmanian Mining Industry generated 40% of the total value of the Tasmanian export and contributed \$6m to the State Government in royalties and a further \$19m in other taxes and charges. Over 4000 people are directly employed in the Tasmanian Mining Industry with three times that number being indirectly employed in service industries associated with mining. Cornwall Coal Company NL has been operating successfully for 111 years in the Fingal Valley and

still going strong. Cornwall sup-

plies more than 60% of the Tasmanian Coal market and employs 62 men and women, as well as numerous local contractors and some from elsewhere in the State. Cornwall still operates its underground mine at the Blackwood Colliery with three shifts a day, has a care and maintenance programme at Duncan Colliery, operates a state of the art washery and processing plant at Fingal and also an open cut mine at Huntsman. Extensive regeneration programmes are carried out on all sites as Cornwall Coal Co are very aware of the impact on flora and fauna that mining has. Cornwall Coal conducted an open day as part of Mining Week on **CONTINUED PAGE 12** 

# Aboriginal man finds aboriginal tool

An old aboriginal tool
was recently found in
the St Marys area and
as recognition of this
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flag by his friends.
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Avoca	6.00 pm	HC		
FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH				
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### S.R.C.

This year the SRC has been expanded to include nine primary members. Congratulations to the following students for being elected by their classmates as the 1997 Primary SRC.

Frances Taylor, Ryan Stuart, Grace Keath, Micala Witton, Sally Davies, Jasmane Baddock, Ulash Pratap, Jacqui Evelyn, Clementine Kanagaratnam. These students meet regularly and are taking on their responsibilities enthusiastically. At the moment the primary SRC is working with the SRC executive to organise a primary social.

#### SRC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The St Marys District High School SRC was invited to attend the 1997 Leadership Conference hosted by Brooks High School. Lectures were held at the Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre at the University of Tasmania. These lectures contained useful information about Adolescent Health, Stress Management but basically revolved around drugs, alcohol and sexuality.

A variety of lecturers educated us throughout the two days including spokespersons such as Ricky Ponting, Mr Michael House (coach of the Launceston Tornadoes) and his wife, Roxanne, who gave us a very worthwhile lecture about time and stress management. Another very memorable speaker was Mr David McCoy whom many found as the highlight guest throughout the conference. He spoke to us about drugs and alcohol. We found him a lot of fun because he presented his information in a way which was beneficial to teenagers and was understandable.

That night, the Brooks High School put on a BBQ for tea and hosted a social which was very enjoyable for most. After the social, pizza and other desserts were provided for supper.

/e were accommodated at Brooks High in one of the classrooms for the night and awoken for breakfast in the morning for a brand new day of lectures. Overall the conference was very worthwhile and we returned well knowledged with useful information to help us as leaders in the future.



### SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE Last Week of Term

Due to alterations being carried out on our office area, the office will be CLOSED during the last week of the term.

- We will be unable to sell any articles or carry out normal business.
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The evening was spent dancing (we always had a band on hand - such was the musical talent on Cornwall), items, competitions and very often short sketches.

The bride to be was always presented with a posy and the many items given really set up the happy couples kitchen. I still have some of the items given to me. Still in use after 61 years (no plastic those days).

Unfortunately when the school was removed and the mine closed down this custom died. Una Camplin

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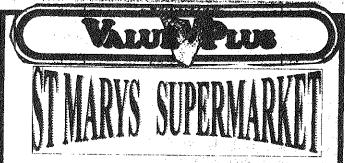
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# 159th Campbell Town Show

by Steven French

Tradition and modern agriculture will come together at this years Campbell Town Show to be held on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June. At 159 years it is the oldest Agricultural Show in the British Commonwealth and despite its ripe old age has lost none of it's vigour or importance to the wool industry.

The announcement of the winner of the Ermenegildo Zegna Perpetual Trophy for the best superfine wool fleece will again be a focal point of the show. This competition recognises what is arguably the best superfine fleece in the world and winning it attracts the recognition that such an achievement deserves.

With an entrance fee of only \$5.00 for adults and free admittance for children the Campbell Town Show offers good old-fashioned value with something to interest every member of the family.

The President of The Midlands Agricultural Association, James Walsh, said that he is expecting this years Campbell Town Show to meet the high standard that people have come to expect. The ground looks a picture and a lot of effort has gone into its preparation, according to Mr Walsh. "The Campbell Town Show now offers something for everyone, from the stud stock breeder to the small flock owner, from school child to experienced seamstress, there will be something for everyone at this year's show" Mr Walsh said.

#### INTERNATIONAL WOOL MARKETING EXPERT TO OPEN SHOW

Barry White, the Group Manager of International Wool Corporations for the Australian Wool Corporation will officially open this year's Campbell Town Show.

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Mr White, who has over 30 years experience in the wool textile industry is an internationally regarded authority on wool marketing who has been responsible for project development in China. USSR. India and South East Asia.

With professional qualifications in textile engineering and economics, Mr White is currently an executive member of the Australia-China and Australia-Russia Business Council. His comments on the current state and future of the Australian Wool industry should be of considerable interest to all woolgrowers.

#### DAVID FOSTER

One of Tasmania's larger than life celebrities. David Foster, who was born in the Campbell Town area, will give chopping and sawing displays on Wednesday of the Show. The winner of 164 World chopping and sawing titles David was the 1995 Tasmanian of the Year and those who know him say that his mammoth stature is only surpassed by his great outlook on life.

David will commandeer various individuals for his double handed sawing displays and just to show his versatility will also judge the Pet Parade and the Smithfield Competition.

#### EMPHASIS ON COMMERCIAL ASPECTS

Woolgrowers who support the Campbell Town Show realise that commercial attributes and selection go hand in hand with the traditional showing of stud livestock.

This is why commercial sheep and wool classes are well supported and continue to grow in scope and importance.

This year the first year results of the Midland Agricultural Association Wether Trials will be announced. Sponsored by Roberts Ltd this competition has attracted 20 entries representing most of the states major bloodlines. Continued on

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#### 159th Campbell Town Show continued...

Wether teams, which were first exhibited at last years show will be shorn prior to this years show and will be displayed along with a selection of their fleeces. For the last 12 months these groups of ten wethers per entry have been run as one mob at "Home View". Tunbridge. This class promises to be a highlight of the show.

A good example of this contemporary approach to sheep showing is the ewe under 11/2 class which continues to grow in popularity. Entries are judged not only along traditional lines but also objectively through fleece weighing and valuation. This class is an easy competition for commercial wool flocks to enter and will attract considerable attention again this year.

#### FLOCK OF THE DECADE

Ten years ago, with the aid of sponsorship from Websters Ltd. The Midland Agricultural Association initiated a Tasmanian Flock of the Year Competition. This year the competition will cumulate with the judging of the Flock of the Decade in which all previous winners will be competing. The result of the competition will be announced at the show to be followed by a field day at the winning property.

#### HOME INDUSTRIES

In common with most country shows around Tasmania the Home Industry section is always impressive and gives a good insight into the home-making and craft skills that country people are famous for. The Committee in charge of the home Industries section give a lot of thought to giving people of all ages and with a wide variety of skills the opportunity to show their work. Traditionally locals have been strong supporters of this section and to many it is a highlight of the show.

#### YARD DOGS

Some of the states best working dogs will be put through their paces in the Yard Dog Competition at the Campbell Town Show. This competition always creates a great deal of interest and it is a good opportunity for farmers to discuss dog training and breeding methods.

#### HORSE EVENTS

A new award will be presented at this years Campbell Town Show to recognise the Supreme Champion Exhibit of the show to be selected from the Pony, Hack or Galloway classes.

The dressage section of the show is expected to be of it's usual high standard due to it being a qualifying round of the S.E.I. International Competition giving riders the opportunity to acquire points towards inclusion in the Australian Dressage Team.

Internationally regarded judges, Mrs Wanda Nelson and Mrs Merilyn Greaves, both of Victoria will officiate.

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# DOG CONTROL

#### DOGS ATTACKING PERSONS OR ANIMALS

If a dog attacks, harasses or chases any person, or any farm animal or domestic animal owned by or in the charge of some other person, the owner of the day is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding 5 penalty units.

A person who sets on or urges a dog to attack, harass, or chase any person, any farm animal or domestic animal owned by or in the charge of some other person is guilty of an offence an is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding 7.5 penalty units

It is a defence to a charge under this section if it is proved -

- a) the dog was at the material time being bona fide used in the reasonable defence of any person or property, or for the droving or removal of any animal found trespassing; or
- b) the owner or person in charge of the farm animal or domestic animal had consented to the dog being used for the droving of the animal.

It shall not be necessary for the purpose of any charge under this section to prove that any actual injury was caused to any person or animal.

#### **DANGEROUS DOGS**

The owner of a dog known to be dangerous within the meaning of this Act shall not -

- a) permit the dog to be at large
- b) Fail to ensure that the dog, when in a public place, is muzzled so as to prevent it biting any person or other animal: or
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### Mining Week

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cont. from Page 1 Wednesday 21 May with tours of its surface operations with around 60 people taking the opportunity to see how successfuly the company operates.

Coal produced in Tasmania is used in the production of high grade cement, newsprint, beer, reflex paper, chocolate, vegetables etc and is a vital part of the Tasmanian economy. A selection of posters with photos can be seen at the St. Marys Post Office. Can you imagine the Fingal



Valley without coal mining?

### LANDCARE NEWS - Jan Sparkes

Late last year I received a most delightful book - "Creating a Native Garden for Birds" by Frances Hutchison, and now, that is my aim for our garden. Having spent some time watching the birds, insects and lizards take up residence in our garden it is becoming a compelling pleasure to plant more shrubs and flowers which will provide a habitat for as many species as possible.

Birds require blossoms, berries, fruits, seeds and insects for their diet so it is important to have a reliable supply from plants in your garden to attract them as regular visitors. Although it is not necessary to have just native plants to attract birds and insects it makes for a varied supply if you grow some natives.

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It is important to plan a year-round food supply for the feathered friends. Wattles are very useful plants to grow as there are so many and can provide colour all year. They are also good 'nurse' plants for slower growing plants, grow quickly, provide shelter, boost nitrogen levels to the soil and wattle seeds are favourite with parrots. Wattles also support many insects in their branches for the insect feeders such as wrens, robins and silvereyes.

Native grasses are most attractive especially grown in drifts with patches of flax, Dianella and lilies. The rich blue berries of Dianella attract parrots. Sedges and rushes are excellent protection plants for wildlife and supply seeds for birds. There are six shrub types birds love - banksias, wattles, bottlebrushes, grevilleas, hakeas and the paperbarks because they are rich in nectar, insects and supplying seeds as well as habitat.

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORY!

Jan Sparkes PART 2

We drive home in silence - too much to think about. Home to St Marys now, in Hobart 9.15 am tomorrow - well, "beggars can't be choosers", I hear my mother's voice and "problems are meant for solving", says my other half. How long is all this going to take, I think.

Home. A fish and chip take-away meal. One should be more health conscious, carrots, broccoli, beetroot juice, 'they' say. Feet up, try to relax, early to bed. Should I ring the girls, our grown-up daughters all living inter-state? Feel the need to talk, to discuss "IT" with someone, but whom?

My thoughts are interrupted by the ringing of the phone. Someone from Landcare, no doubt. A number of things need tidying up. Not tonight. Please not tonight.

A pleasant voice introduces himself. Am I hearing right.....is this really the professor I have to see tomorrow morning? Doctors don't ring their patients. All my experiences have been face to face, even with complete strangers, and that is probably how it should be. But this, this is different somehow, I won't need to go into Hobart in the morning! Some information and personal details are exchanged and plans for my medical future. He assures me he doesn't "bull-shit" and will always tell the truth about my prognosis, which appears very promising. Sounds good. Things are looking up; but I won't hold my breath!

He also adds that he enjoys jokes. Good jokes, risque jokes, even dirty jokes. I'm quite taken aback! I like jokes as well. Probably prefer funny situations. Try to remember one joke but my mind goes a total

blank. This phone call really deserved a joke but.....I have had lots of funny experiences, been in lots of hilarious situations. Real-life, funny, rib tickling, bell-laughing happenings, I think. "My secretary will be in touch to make appointments and I'll instruct your GP tomorrow and we'll meet in a month's time". What can I say? Everything falls into place.

Four weeks later there I am again, same time, same place, same mini dramas being acted out on this real-life stage - fear, loneliness worry, excitement. That amazing Red Cross volunteer offers one and all drinks and bikkies. She's barely able to reach across the trolley to pick up that giant teapot, let alone straddle all the toys strewn across the floor of the waiting room - see her regularly over the forthcoming months, always cheerfully offering another cuppa. What would life be like without that nice cuppa.

I look about wondering who the Professor could be? Is it the man with the bow-tie, the

beard....my name is called. One eye on the clock shows we're nearly on time! A warm welcoming smile, a handshake, a joke against himself, some laughter, another joke and into business.

I actually know three jokes, two really, one is just a maxim for women. I feel self-conscious and keep them to myself. I'll tell them later I promise.

More next week.

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# St Marys' early days

Early settlement of St Marys and Fingal Valley
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as early as 1642 when Abel Tasman was captivated by the
volcano like St Patricks Head, he landed near the site of present
day Falmouth and climbed the mountain.

It wasn't until 1831 that St Marys area was fully explored and mapped from Mt Nicholas to the Break O'Day River. The township of St Marys had one hut and one house. These were less than one acre. The hut owned by Mr Groom of Harefield, was ocupied by William Greenwood and Robert Leech owned and lived in the house. In 1858 Cullenswood was more established than St Marys. It had a variety of stores, hotel and many houses. It looked like a small town.

By 1890 St Marys was a growing town which had a blacksmith, forge and a few shops. In early days St Marys became a convict station. It housed three hundred convicts who were being used to build St Marys Pass which was forged through virgin forest and solid stone. The road was a much needed link with the whaling station and shipping port at Falmouth and easy access to Scamander, St Helens and Scottsdale.

Falmouth whaling station was around 1825 and quite small. By 1900 Falmouth had a population of 760. When whaling stopped agriculture started. 1866 saw the start of the railway link to other towns. St Marys, Cullenswood, Fingal, Avoca, Mt Nicholas, Cornwall Coal, Jubilee and Dalmain coal. The dairy farms, cheese factory. First cheese factory was in front of the railway station and Mr McHarq was the manager.

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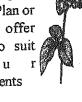
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The same gent on return to his old stamping grounds in the Dandenong Ranges booked into a new Chinese Restaurant for dinner. During the evening he asked the Chinese manageress "how long have you been here?" and she replied quite innocently, "ever since we opened".

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### Junior Footy Report

Matches for rounds 2 and 3 were played at St Marys Football ground providing great entertainment for spectators. It is very pleasing each week to see new players trying out and also to see the improvement in the skill level.

Scores for rounds 2 & 3 Prep/Grade 1's - Round 2 Green Machine 2.4 16 - Goals Joe McGee 2 Baby Blues 1.28 - Goals Marcus Taylor 1

Round 3 **Baby Blues** 7.3 45 - Goals Craig Smith 3, Joe McGee 3 and Luke Webb 1 Green Machine 3.3 21 - Goals Marcus Taylor 3

Grades 2/3 Round 2 no scores available Round 3 Green 6.11 47 Blue 7.3 45

Grade 4's to 6 - Round 2 Foresters 8.5 53 - Goals Rowan Brown 3, T Singline 2, Josh Cooke 3 Miners 1.28 - Goals Bryce Mullans Round 3 Miners 7.4 46 - Goals I Pyke 4, S Laycock 2, D McCulloch 1 Foresters 6.3 39 - Goals Matthew Midson 2, Josh Rice, Henry Burbury, Jason Baddock & Alex Hortle 1 each

This week's matches will be held at the Fingal Football Oval as it is a home game for Fingal Valley Football Club. Players must be ready to start the first game at 8.45 am. There will be a bye the following week with matches recommencing on Saturday June 14. Many thanks to St Marys Football Club Ladies committee for their tremendous support of Junior Football. Kid Eager

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# ST MARYS SPORT CENTRE NEWS by Kackhander

We will get to the bad news first and unfortunately only eight bowlers could turn out for the Annual General meeting which was less than a quorum. This was a little disappointing to say the least and it's been decided to try again in late July or early August just prior to the commencement of the new season. I believe all had a great time at the East Coast Dinner though and the good news is that already there is a fair degree of interest in the ladies getting enough to form a pennant team again. Now to golf and since the last Valley Voice there has been no Pennant golf due to Mothers Day and the second and final St Marys bye but it was great to see nearly all the pennant team turn up last Saturday to the club competition. This week the team plays host to Bicheno and with another win the side will clinch the A Grade Pennant so the boys are determined to try their best. In A reserve the task is much tougher and the team takes on Bicheno in a must win situation. If they can beat the so-far undefeated Bicheno team they then can keep their chances alive. So "Coach" "Alca" Sparks, "Clemo" and "Big" will give their all I'm sure. In club golf Adam Fletcher is gone to six handicap after a brilliant 67 off the stick. He is improving very quickly now and is set for many great years. Also hot on his heels is brother Sean and Scott "Hendrix" Wilson, Scott shot a terrific 70 off the stick last week too. The club's future is in great hands with a host of juniors still coming through things are looking pretty good. Last week also saw the club champ Chris Davern given a bit of a touch up in a friendly skins game. I believe, although they played pretty well. "Tubby" Ridgers and "Narrow" Mitchell

got the better of him which isn't easy to do. Unfortunately at the moment there aren't the same numbers using the club facilities as before for a variety of reasons but all members are asked to let the committee know if they think they might have a great idea on how to boost membership and usage of the clubhouse and bar facilities. You never know there might be some terrific ways to encourage increased involvement.

Back to bowls and a big thank you must go to Tony "Tracker" Blake, Col Dawson, Peter Davern, Mike Strochnetter and Glen Hazelwood and anyone else who contributed to the top-dressing, fertilizing and levelling of the bowls green. A great effort to all those who worked and it looks a treat already.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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## Tennis News

FUN DAY - A most successful fun day sponsored by the Trust Bank was held on Anzac Day. Prizes donated by Trust Bank were awarded to winners, runners up, wooden spooners and lucky drawn players.

The club sincerely thanks the Trust Bank for this sponsorship for the second year.

Another fun day will be held on Sunday June 1 at 9.30 am if there is sufficient interest. Please register your names at the clubrooms.

NEXT MEETING - There will not be a May meeting, so the next meeting will be held on Thursday June 26 at 7.30 pm.

PICNIC TABLES - Two picnic settings supplied by the Council have now been installed which adds to the club's facilities. Thanks to those concerned.





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Footy

With Bracknell playing us at home, the U/16's were expected to have a close battle, and it was that way until half time, but the overall height and strength of the Bracknell side a telling factor toward their win. The Tigers falling away slightly at the end, with some of our smaller players contributing throughout, it was left to too few to battle a strong opponent. The Reserves took the field expecting to do well, as their opposition had won just the one game as well. Once again late cancellation left the side depleted however and several players had to again be called on to fill positions at late stages. This must be frustrating for the Club as once again a game we were very capable of winning was thrown away. Let's hope the side does not rue these losses towards the end of the season. The Seniors were again under the hammer from the first bounce and were facing another huge quarter time deficit. Bracknell kicking eleven unanswered goals to tear the Tigers apart in just thirty minutes of footy. Again we could only manage two goals for the game, but the side is much better than that. Bad ball skills pulling undone what were our few opportunities up forward. Good second and third quarters from the

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Tigers, but not enough against a very complete opponent, a very fast side, with good big men through the middle.

The Robins at Campbell Town was expected to see a turn around for all sides, improvement the aim of all sides. The U/16's looked to be travelling comfortably early, but the Robins kept fighting back. Not an overall tall side, but the few Campbell Town had were very capable. Again the lads fell away in the last quarter under pressure, and a game they were expected to do well in, slipped away. Once again the smaller members of the team doing well - Brad Halton, Adam Viney and Kirk Bean hard triers. The Reserves played a seesawing

game, although Campbell Town led on few occasions, just when the Tigers looked like drawing away, the Robins kept fighting back. The last quarter a tense struggle with the Tigers hanging on by eight ;points and back in the hunt for a position in the five. Andrew Webb making his debut played a strong game as did veterans Cooke, Lohrey and McDonald. A very even performance but fitness looked a concern at the end. Let's hope that this problem does not cost us matches when they are close. The Seniors opened their game well keeping pace early to take a one goal lead at quarter time. A big turn around on previous weeks where we were staring at big deficits at the first break. Although we made many unforced errors in the second quarter, the Robins kicked poorly to keep us in the game, the half time break 16 points in their favour. Although our third quarter had been among our best all year, the Tigers were blasted nine goals to nil and faced a sixty eight point deficit at the three quarter time. The Tigers again rallied in the last quarter to outscore the Robins, but the damage had been done. An even four quarters would have seen us very competitive on the

scoreboard at the end of the day.
Daniel Morris, Shane Collier and new
boy Steve Buchannan amongst our
best. The latter a late but very
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