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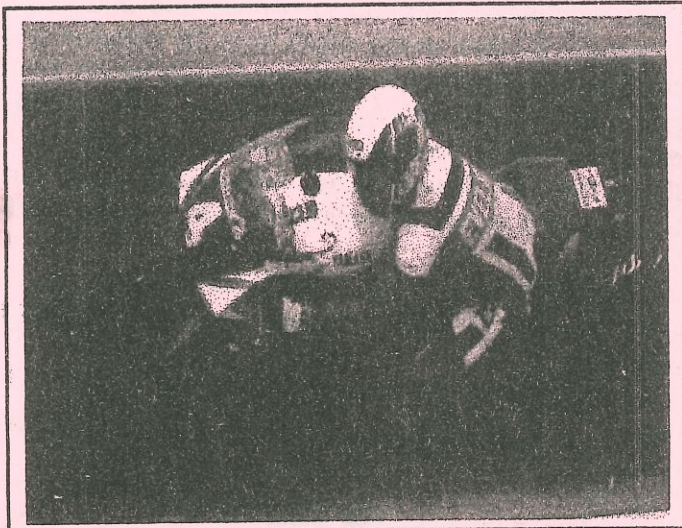
## A weekend at the races

*Motor cycle road racing is definately addictive, says David Evelyn*

I remember the first time I ever raced, it was at Calder Park around 1986. It was raining and I fell off twice, smashing both sides of the bike and later on in the day blew the engine up from over revving. I arrived home that night with my crashed and blown up bike in the back of my ute, but I had a smile from ear to ear and knew I had to have another go.

Over the next few years with a lot of persistence, luck and money, I got to a stage where I was fairly competitive with the class I chose to ride in which was 250cc Grand Prix Class.

Here is a typical weekend at the races.



The weekend would really start the Monday before as the bike would have to be stripped down during the week, rebuilt with new engine parts and the frame set up from previous information kept from last time we were at that track. This included suspension settings, tyres, tyre pressures, gears in the gearbox (they were interchangeable) and gear ratio's to the back wheel.

We had combinations from about 8 different rear sprockets and 3 front. This was all in aid of having the bike best suited to the track to gain even a

*"..... they would call my class out onto the track, the heart rate would instantly double."*

tenth of a second per lap. Also during the week we would have to organise race fuel, new tyres, motel accomodation, confirm entry acceptance, etc.

Friday afternoon would come around and we (meaning the family, which consisted of my wife Terry and the kids and always my father as team manager) would hit the road in the van which was already loaded with bike, tyres, spare wheels, parts, fuel, tools and hopefully nothing forgotten, oh and also the kids !.

If the meeting was interstate it was nothing to drive all night to get from Melbourne to Sydney. We'd arrive at the track early hours of the morning and we'd sleep in the van amongst the bike and other bits just to get a couple of hours of shut eye. As soon as the track opened, usually about 7.30am, the work would begin. We would set up the annexe on the side of the van as our pitshed, position everything where we wanted it and then have breakfast. When the kids were young we also had to set up a playpen in the back of the van.

We even had a fold up work bench which we sat the bike on top of to work on. Before the bike goes on the track it has to pass through scrutineering which means it gets checked by officials to meet all safety and technical requirements, then its off to riders briefing which is all riders gathered to listen to officials describe the days program, etc. Finally they would call my class out to the track. The heart rate would instantly double, and this is only practice or qualifying. I would warm the bike up then go onto the track. Dad would go to pit wall with his time clock and lap board which he would hold up for me to see my lap times as I went.

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**Don't forget to put your clock back.**



### What's inside:

- St Marys pool awash with carnivals.
- Roster for Doctors and emergencies.
- Chamber of Commerce looks at new initiatives for St Marys.
- Football practice games.
- Junior football.
- Umpires & Trainers wanted.



## The Valley & East Coast Voice

### A Weekend at the Races: *continued.*

My wife Terry would push the pram with the kids to a spot in the spectator area to watch.

The session would end typically after about 20 minutes and there might be about 3 sessions allocated for the day. When I returned to the pits we would analyse and discuss how things were going. Dad might say 'Well you're going pretty good but you need to go a second a lap faster'.

These particular bikes are so fussy as to how they run that a slight change in weather required a carburettor jet change to make it run leaner or richer. The colder the weather the richer on fuel it had to run. Too rich and it wouldn't perform 100% and too lean the engine would seize up requiring rebuilding. We had about 50 different jets and settings to choose from so by the end of the day you had the bike tuned and set as best you could, usually going faster each session.

Typically we might have ended up third overall qualifying which isn't bad, still in front row, this ends Saturdays session, phew, pressures off till tomorrow. We'd pack up, head back to the motel and go out for a meal and maybe a couple of beers, (never too much) and head back for an early night.

**Sunday morning:** As soon as I awoke butterflies would set in as I could only think about the outcome of the day. What would it bring? We'd get to the track early and have everything set up as soon as possible.

Sometimes we'd be in a panic to be ready in time if we had to change tyres or wheels due to weather etc.

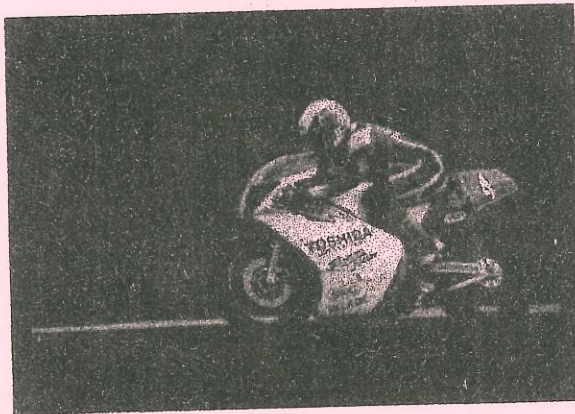
(we'd use different tyres in the rain as we would in the dry) we also had electric tyre warmers which covered around the tyres to warm them up before going onto the track. Cold tyres are slippery and work better as the temperature goes up.

Finally race time. In the warm up area I'd feel sick with butterflies as we lined up on the grid. As soon as the green light went on all the butterflies would turn to aggression. You had to concentrate and try hard for typically 20 laps which might take 30 minutes or so.

After the race if you rode well you would be on such a high, which would last all night as we drove back to Melbourne. While travelling you would analyse your result, sometimes it was lousy, sometimes it was good finishing top 3 or so, sometimes it was excellent with a win.

"At least I'm in one piece, I didn't fall off this time", I'd think to myself. (I'm sure my wife Terry would think the same thing).

Come Monday morning as I'm getting to work I'd be



*"At least I'm in one piece, I didn't fall off this time".*

thinking about the next race meeting in 2 weeks time."

oh well, I'll go for a practice at the local track during the week in between".

The Bike I rode in 1990 was a Yamaha TZ 250, the engine was 250cc capacity which had 6 gears and put out about 80 horsepower. It had a very strong and light aluminium frame with lightweight wheels and special suspension.

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*"As soon as I awoke the butterflies would set in."*

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10 Frank Turner

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Debbie Speers

Lucinda Stewart

Aub. Oliver

Carol Woods

Robyn Miller

Mirri Woods

Patsy Death

Bob Yates



A Weekend at the Races. *continued*

The protective gear worn included a helmet made of fibreglass and kevlar. Full length leather suit which had added protection built into the lining and plastic or leather blocks that would velcro to the knees for scraping on the road when cornering. Full leather boots with plastic scrapers, leather gloves which were fairly thin to feel the handlebars and controls, and a back protector to put inside the leather suit which consisted of high impact plastic pieces which locked together but could move with body movement (like a lobster back!).

David Evelyn

*Just a few of the races we found out that David won.*

1992 CLASS S.O.S. (Sounds of Singles)

**Round 2 Vic Championships,**

Phillip Is: Leg 1, 1st place

**Round 3 Vic Championships**

Winton: Leg 1 & 2, 1st place.

New lap record (Winton)

**Round 3 NSW Championships**

Husky Imports S.O.S.

Amaroo Park: Leg 1&2 1st place

New lap record (Amaroo Park)

**Round 2 NSW Championships**

Husky Imports S.O.S.

Oran Park: G.P. circuit

D.N.F. (mechanical failure)

New lap record (Oran Park G.P. Circuit)

1989 '90 '93 Club Champion

1993 Phillip Island lap record (for Supermono)

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**Gratefully received.**

Thankyou to the people and clubs who have given donations to the Valley Voice and also their best wishes that the paper continues.

Ed.



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### **Arrangements for Easter**

- The Centre will be closed Good Friday through to Easter Monday and Tuesday afternoon.
- Dr Luke McGuinn will be on call for the Centre Friday through to Tuesday and will hold a clinic at the Centre Saturday and Monday.
- St Helens Hospital 63722111 or 63761222 will inform you of the times that Dr McGuinn is at the Centre as well as offering medical advice over the phone.
- Dr Geniola will hold his usual Tuesday surgery at St Marys and Fingal

### **Social Worker**

The Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Social Worker Shan Williams. Shan will be working out of the Centre three days a week and will focus on youth issues.

### **Heart Health**

Sister Chris Field will be visiting Fingal on Thursday 2nd April from 8.30am till 11.30am outside Holder Brothers Store. Please feel free to come along and have your blood pressure checked and talk to Chris about having a healthy heart.

### **St Marys donates to Cancer Research**

Last Thursday Graeme Milbourne of Devonport stopped at St Marys on his fund raising ride around Tasmania. He was pleased to accept a \$100 donation from the Lions Club of St Marys as well as \$110 generously given by people in the town on that day. St Marys has become a regular stopover for Graeme as this is his 17th year that he has been on his cycling trip to raise money for Cancer Research.

# What's On

## S.M.A.C.D.

At the last meeting of SMACD it was decided to fold the Association because of a lack of focus that has occurred since the closure of the Contact Centre.

Due to the possibility of funding to operate a similar centre again and because I originally put forward the motion to fold the association I now rescind that motion and call a **SPECIAL MEETING OF SMACD ON MONDAY 30TH MARCH AT 7.30PM AT THE ST MARYS HOTEL.**

Anyone wishing to know more is invited to attend.

Mark Bonnitcha  
Jnr. Vice President

## WHAT 'S ON AT CORNWALL

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At Cornwall we have no age limit. We meet every Monday & Thursday at 1pm. Cost \$1.00 an afternoon - \$5 if you wish to join.

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### St Helens

Every Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm

### Mangana

2nd Sunday Eurcharistic Service 11am

### Mathinna

5th Sunday Eurcharistic Service 11.15am

## Valley Church of the Rock

(CRC Church Fingal)

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Sunday School 9.30am

Church Service 10.30am

## Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

### Services each Sunday

Ross 8am

Campbell Town 9.30am

Avoca 11.30am

Fingal 2.00pm

### Tuesdays

Mathinna 2.00pm

### Daily Office Reading

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Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

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Divine Service 11am

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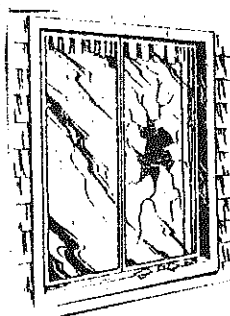
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The school house is an old fashioned building, divided into two fairly large rooms, and the teachers residence is a detached four-roomed cottage standing in it's own grounds. The number of scholars on the roll is ninety-five and the average daily attendance is about eighty. When Mr Smith took charge of the school, about seven years ago, the number of pupils on the roll was only about sixty, so that good progress has been made, and it is evident that Mr Smith's abilities as a teacher are recognised, and that confidence is felt in the general management of the school.

Mr Smith was born at Kingston, Brown's River, in 1864, and was educated at the Battery Point (Model) State School, where he gained the distinction of being the first student nominated to the Model School, which carried with it the means of obtaining a thorough equipment for his future profession. His first appointment was to the State School at Mangana, and from there he was promoted to his present charge. Mr Smith is W.M. of the Lord Carrington Lodge, Fingal, Lieutenant in command of the Cornwall Company, 2nd Battalion Tasmanian Regiment of Infantry, and takes an interest in most local matters. He was married in 1896 to Miss Harriet Viney, daughter of Mr Robert Viney of Fingal.





# School Fair!

Preparations are now in full swing for the biggest, brightest, craziest, most spectacular Gala Fair ever to be held in the entire history of the St Marys District High School.

**THE FAIR WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY APRIL 24 1998**

So far the response to our calls for assistance from the school community have been tremendous. A big thank you to all those wonderful people who have offered their help.

- ♦ We are still on the look out for people to man (or woman) a stall for a couple of hours on the big day.
- ♦ Donations of produce, white elephants, preserves, crafts, displays, cakes, in fact anything saleable would be greatly appreciated.
- ♦ Brilliant ideas (any ideas!) you may have are also most welcome.

Remember that all monies raised at the fair will be channelled back into our school for the benefit of our children.

So why not do yourself a favour and come along to the **NEXT FAIR MEETING ON FRIDAY MARCH 27** in the school staff room at 2.00pm and experience the exhilaration of working with a highly motivated team of workers.

Regards,  
**KATRINA LAYCOCK**

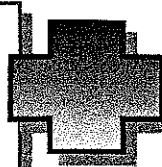
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# Sound



# Vision

## RATING SYSTEM

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



## MUSIC BUFFS BRAIN TEASERS

*Last weeks answer:- 1. "Space Oddity" David Bowie 2. "On the Weekend" Neil Young*

What songs do the following lyrics come from:

1. "Mirrors on the ceiling, pink champagne on ice"
2. "I read the news today, oh boy"

answers next issue

## MOVIE REVIEW - "THE FRIGHTENERS"

*Starring - Michael J Fox and Trini Alvarado*  
*Frank Bannister (Fox) makes his living out of death, in partnership with two ghosts who haunt various houses in a small town. Frank evicts these ghouls for a fixed fee, It's a great scam till a murderous spirit goes on a killing spree and a dark and sinister mystery starts to unfold.*

*"The Frighteners" is a rollercoaster ride of horror and comedy from start to finish. With some brilliant special effects by Rick Baker who worked on "BeetleJuice" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller", a great storyline which keeps you on the edge of your seat and fine acting performances by the whole cast makes this a movie not to be missed.*

**Rated (M)**

**Excellent Comedy Thriller \*\*\*\*\***

## CD REVIEW - "Home Bake" - Various Artists

A two disc collection of some of the most popular Australian bands for under \$20. The line-up includes Spider Bait, Powderfinger, The Super Jesus and Jebediah. This collection is not only excellent value it's well recorded with 29 tracks, some of the highlights are: Grinspoon's "DC x 3", with its Sabbath like riffs, You am I doing "Trike" which is getting heaps of deserved air play on Triple J as are most of the tracks on this set. **Brilliant value \*\*\*\*\***

## "The Carnival" - Wyclef Jean - featuring the Refugee All-stars

Who is Wyclef Jean? You may well ask, he is in fact a member of the Fugees who had a big hit with a re-make of "Killing me Softly" a couple of years ago. The Fugees are very well respected in rap as well as soul circles so the release of Wyclef's solo album is a mixture of both these styles as well as some very weird musical influences thrown in. The album features the Refugee All-stars who are at the moment in the charts with "Avenues". From start to finish it's a strange project very similar to early De La Soul albums but it does grow on you. **\*\*\***

## CD SINGLE - "Second Solution/Prisoner of Society" - The Living End

Living End are a Melbourne band whose main style is Rockabilly with Punk overtones. Five tracks, two of which are hits, two live tracks and a remake of the "Prisoner" theme song from the 70's wildly done. **Absolutely brilliant \*\*\*\*\***

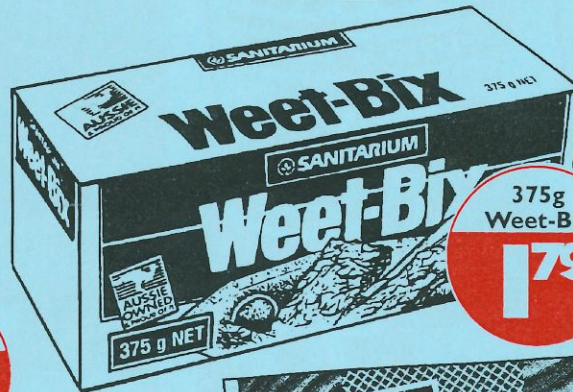
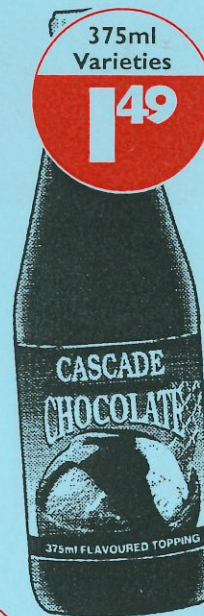
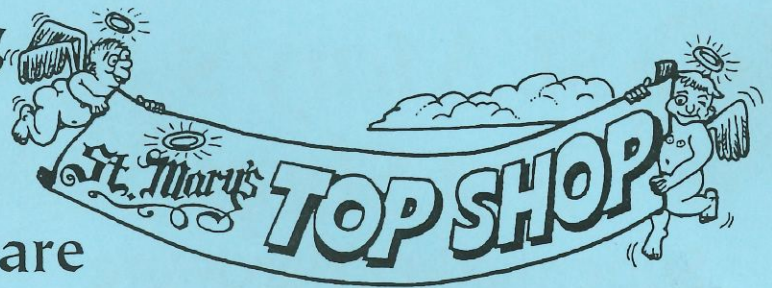


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# FINGAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th March, 1998

## CAMP

Our excursion to the PINES RESORT was a tremendous success. The children were generally very well behaved and responsible.

The five boys who looked after themselves in Unit 13 were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. They were superbly organised and had the skills to be self sufficient for months.

A great big thankyou to Louise, Marianne and Don, who were all fantastic people to have on camp. We really appreciated your help. It became quite obvious from watching individuals and groups during the week that the social skills of pupils are really developing. We need to address, in some cases, the misuse of English when speaking aloud. This will become a focus in class.

During the coming months the staff intend to invite a nutritionist type person and perhaps a model to speak with Grade 4-5-6 students about diet and exercise etc. There are some worrying beliefs among the students about dieting and eating habits. Louise and I feel we should bring in outside experts to encourage and inform students about proper eating habits.

Here are daily accounts of the big trip.

### **MONDAY, 16th March**

On Monday morning I got woken up by my alarm clock (the dog) at 6-00am, remembered it was camp and I was in a hurry. I made breakfast and got dressed. I made sure I had everything and I did. After that I was bored and it was only about 7-30am. At 8-45am Mum, Dad and I walked up to school with all my stuff, which was really heavy. I said goodbye to Mum and Dad and got into Mr. LeFevre's car. We left Fingal at 9-30am. On the way down there Danni, Ben O, Lenard, Mr. LeFevre and I listened to Human Nature. When we stopped at the Seven Mile Beach shop at about 12-55pm, we ordered our food, 5 minutes later we arrived at the Pines Resort. Danni, Lenard, Ben O, Mr. LeFevre and I got there early because the bus was slow. Mr. LeFevre gave us our unit keys so we could put the food away. Alicia and I claimed our beds first. At 2-30pm we did our circuit. For our circuit activities we had - Pool, Spa, BMX Bike Track, Playground and Games Room. We finished our circuit at 4-30pm. Then we went to Seven Mile Beach. Mr. Doran found me a butterfly shell. We left at 6-00 and came back at 6-50 from the beach. That night we had a BBQ for dinner. At 7-30pm we wrote in our journals then we went to bed.

Courtney Stewart

### **TUESDAY, 17th March**

This morning we went to WIN TV. Our guide, Shelley, was very nice. We also met Wendy Kennedy. Then we went out to the Derwent Entertainment Centre where our guide was Leanne. She showed us the changerooms and the room that Elton John got ready in.

Mr. LeFevre took us to the race track. Then we went ten pin bowling and I won. My score was 127. We also went to Parliament, they had some comfortable chairs and lovely pictures. Then we came back and cooked tea. It was a lovely tea.

Laura Woods

### **Wednesday, 18th March**

We woke up at 6-30am and had breakfast. After breakfast we got ready to go to Port Arthur. When we arrived there we met our tourist guide. Her name was Bessie Baldwan. She took us through the old buildings, some of them were the Commandant's House, The Penitentiary, the Church and many more. After that we had lunch. Straight after that we went on a ferry cruise and our tour guide told us all about the place.

Once we got back we did a few other things then we came home and had a BBQ then did our journals.

Michael Hall

### **Thursday, 19th March**

Today when we got up we had our breakfast. Then we went and made our lunch and cleaned our breakfast dishes. We got on the bus at 9-00am and went to the Village Cinema. We saw how they made the movies. At 10-15 we went to the Antarctic Centre. Our tour guide was Paul. We split into four groups and did different activities. We all joined together for the auditorium. We went into the downhill skiing ride and we went in the blizzard. At 1-30 we went to the Aquatic Centre. At the Aquatic Centre we went down the water slide heaps and I did a couple of laps swimming. At 3-00 we got back on the bus and went to the Botanical Gardens. At the Botanical Gardens we saw the Japanese Gardens. Mrs. J.L. showed us the biggest roly poly hill in Hobart. We then went to the rainforest and the cactus room. At 5-15 we went to Seven Mile Beach. At 6-00 we had our dinner and then went into Cabin 14 and did our journals. Bed time was 9-30pm.

Melissa Casboul

### **Friday, 20th March**

On the last day of camp I woke up at about 7-00am. After breakfast and packing up we had free time. After about an hour, the bus was loaded up. We left for Richmond at 10-00am.

After about 50 minutes on the road the bus came to a stop near the Old Gaol, Richmond. We were then allowed to explore the town. We went to the bridge, Sweets 'N' Treats Lolly Shop and an antique shop. After lunch at 12-30pm we got back on the bus and left for Fingal. It took another 3 hours to get there.

Finally the bus came to a stop outside the school. We got our luggage and unpacked the equipment. We then went home and went to bed.

Christopher Lowe

### **ASSEMBLY**

There will be an Assembly this Thursday 2-30 till 3-00 in the Stone Building. All are welcome.

### **ILLNESS**

Several students and in fact both teachers have suffered from upset stomachs during and after camp. Please keep an eye on your children. We also have chicken pox on the go.

### **HELICOPTER**

A special thank you to the Forestry for bringing the helicopter to school. Everyone loved it!

### **FAIR**

The Parents and Friends and School will be having their bi-annual Fair on Thursday, 18th June.

More details later.



## MEALS ON WHEELS JUST A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

Roy Preece

Well, Christmas has come and gone and we have already got rid of one sixth of 1998. So, where does our time go? I really don't know, but I do know this; the busier you are, the faster it goes. I have been thinking about the Meals on Wheels service we provide lately. Yes, the organisation and all the associated costs by all those involved. Take your slice of toast for breakfast. If you think back to the beginning, there is the ground preparation, the grains of seed, the growth with sunshine and rain, the harvest, the grain taken to the flour mill, the flour delivered to the bakery, the bakery to the supermarket, then to your trolley and home. Eventually it is put into the toaster and bingo, you have toast for breakfast. It is much the same with our meals; the raw materials have to be brought in, then there are those involved with all the preparation of a three course meal, there is the thoughtful planning of each run, the volunteer and the vehicle, the collection and delivery to the recipient, then the return of the containers. The thing that struck me was that it all goes much further than that. The hundreds of kilometres travelled and the thousands of hours so willingly given by our many wonderful volunteers is only a part of the story.

What I am really trying to say is, how do you put a price tag on all of this? When you try and analyse the cost in all it's totality. How do you place a price tag on what our volunteers do? For example, how do you put a price on compassion, kindness, love and care. Or even the little extras like putting a log of wood on the fire, posting a letter, making a phone call, replacing a light globe or collecting the mail etc. It goes without saying there are some things in life that you can't put a price tag on, or work out a cost. I am glad about that because it will always keep our perspective focused in the right direction for all those involved with Meals on Wheels.

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## AN HISTORICAL EXTRACT FROM CYCLOPEDIA OF TASMANIA 1899.

### MR GEORGE WILLIAM OLIVER

was born in the Fingal district on the 22nd October, 1841 and has resided there ever since, spending the first twenty years of his life with his father in the different branches of farming. He then entered into the employment of Mr Robert Clarke, who was managing the estate of "Malahide", taking charge of the "Black Boy" and "Font Hill" sheep and cattle stations, where he remained for six years, and then left at his own instance. Mr Oliver after this entered into farming pursuits on his own account near St Marys, renting the estate of "Balaclava" for five years. When his lease expired he purchased "Balaclava" from the late Mr John Storey for 1200, and carried on dairy farming there, producing cheese, butter and bacon successfully for twenty five years. He also purchased the estate of "Morning Side" for 1000. He always took a keen interest in church matters, being a church warden for many years, also a member of the choir for the last twenty five years. Having bought various other small properties in the neighbourhood including "Fair View Cottage" at St Marys, where he now lives, he retired from active life. At the age of twenty two he married the youngest daughter of the late Edward Newman, of White Hills, near Launceston, and has reared a family of six children - three sons and three daughters, all of whom are grown up. The eldest and youngest sons are now renting "Balaclava". The second eldest son is a teacher in the State School at St Marys.

## Variety of topics discussed at March meeting of St Marys and District Chamber of Commerce

Members raised many issues including establishing a Real Estate Agent in the Fingal Valley because some people had experienced problems with servicing.

President David Evelyn enquired about the potential for a Caravan Park or using existing sites to provide overnight stays for tourists also the concept of a motorbike club which could generate trips and more community activity.

Secretary John Brown advised that the Break O'Day Council has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$234,000 to assist with improvements to the St Marys Sewerage Scheme. The Council will only need to contribute about \$50,000 towards the total cost, these funds are currently held in Reserve. Some economic development opportunities may arise from the use of the effluent for irrigation.

Recruitment for the Local Employment Initiatives Program has been completed and the successful applicant who has substantial experience was Mr Neil Butterworth.

Other matters given debate were:

Esk Main Road Study

Local Souvenirs

St Marys Town Theme

Register of Businesses

Neighbourhood Watch

*Next meeting Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm at the St Marys Hotel*



## Swimming pool awash with success.

After many years at the hard slog of fund raising the Pool Committee must have felt great satisfaction with the amount of activity at the St Marys District High School swimming pool in recent weeks. Seven carnivals in 3 weeks is a lot of splash in any pool.

On Tuesday St Marys hosted the Northern Inter-high Division 3 Swimming Carnival with these schools, Cressy, St Helens, Ravenswood, Flinders Island, Winnaleah, Campbell Town and Ravenswood visiting St Marys.

St Marys won the Junior Shield, Cressy the Senior Shield, St Marys the Aggregate Shield.

Special effort was put in by teachers Karen Bramich and Kristen Kelly for the administration of the Carnival, also parent participation and the SRC for their assistance with marshalling, recording and help poolside.

The swimming pool has also been used for Learn to swim and water safety instruction and after school classes as well as much use by parents and children during the summer holidays.



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When care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest, if you must - but don't you quit.

Life is queer with it's twists and turns  
As everyone of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow  
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than  
it seems to a faint and faltering man  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup  
And he learned too late, when the  
night slipped down  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt  
And you never can tell how close you are  
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## **Junior Footy**

Junior footy kicked off 1998 with a fun day at Scamander last Saturday.

The first game will be on this Sunday at St Marys football oval commencing at 10.00am.

The following week matches will be played on Sunday 10.00am at Fingal football oval.

After the Easter break matches will recommence with a Friday night game versus St Helens Junior teams on 24th April commencing 6.30pm at the St Marys oval.

The next meeting of Junior Football Association will be at the St Marys Hotel at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd of April 1998, all are welcome.

Training for next week will be Tuesday, between 4 and 5pm, at St Marys oval.

*Kid Eager*

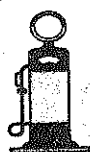
## **Probus members start their 7th year.**

The Combined Probus Club of Scamander installed new office bearers at their birthday meeting at Scamander Beach Resort on Wednesday. Incoming President Frank Turner of St Marys, Secretary Iris Forsbrook and Treasurer Norma Taylor were elected. Nearly fifty members and guests enjoyed lunch at the hotel after the meeting. Membership remains strong and still growing as members enjoy the friendliness of the club, social outings, excellent guest speakers at meetings and occasionally three day trips to other parts of Tasmania. Regular inter - club visits, with Bridport and Rubicon clubs in particular, has been maintained for several years now.

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## **Sports Centre News**

*by Kackhander*

Recent weeks have seen social days where firstly Mowbray visited then a fun day for the Football Club was held, both days were quite successful.

Now that the bowls season is all but over and Pennant golf is about to commence again, for the club the Saturday competition numbers are improving.

The first Monthly Trophy winner for the year will soon be known and it is hoped that this will also lead to more participants.

On pennant, the club's fantastic record will be attempted to be added to this year and the first game is at Malahide this coming Sunday.

Last week the players held their Annual meeting to elect a captain. Firstly, our very successful skipper of the past couple of years, Dale Ridgers, notified the meeting that he wished to have a spell and he was thanked for his efforts.

John Miles was the very popular choice for 1998 Captain with up and coming Junior Champion Adam Fletcher as his Vice Captain.

Chris Davern was elected as team selector. I'm sure these blokes will do a sterling job.

Just briefly on bowls and a reminder that in two weeks time Saturday 4th April, the club will be conducting the new Master Triples event and let us hope it is a great winner.

The end of year work on the green will need helpers to make the job easier and it is anticipated that this will not be a problem.

Bowlers please keep watching for a date for the Annual Dinner, should be a top night.

Good to see Peter Davern up and about again.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

## **The Valley & East Coast Voice**



### **Tennis Notice**

#### **Junior Championships:**

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# St Marys Football Club News

*What's happening pre-season:*

**Saturday 28th March**

**Lightning Premiership at Evandale**

**Saturday 4th April:**

*Practice Match v's St Helens*

*at St Helens ground 10.30 am start.*

*U/16's and Seniors/Reserves combined*

**First Roster game: Saturday 18th April**

*St Marys V's Campbell Town at St Marys*

With just three weeks until the season starts, the Tigers are looking forward to settle into the year, again with an interrupted beginning.

With the news of us playing in the NTFA, there is already an improvement on the recruitment front. Coach Roger Salter has already demonstrated to those who have turned up late that some fitness is necessary, those who have put in the hard pre season are now showing the benefits. There was to be a practice match this weekend against St Helens, but the NTFA have recommended that all clubs participate in a lightning premiership at Evandale, with all the A Division teams competing. Not only will this be a bonus for the match fitness of players, but an interesting insight into the teams we will be competing against. Once again we wish to apologise for the short notice, but we would not wish to get off on the wrong foot.

The game against St Helens will now be on Saturday the 4th April with a 10.30am start at St Helens where U/16's will also be involved. Our first roster game is at home against Campbell Town on Saturday the 18th April. Lets hope to see a large crowd there on the day.

Most clubs are reporting a slow turn out in player numbers, although ours have been only reasonable, we would still like to see many more on the training track.

There will be a BBQ and refreshment night for all U/16's, Reserves and Senior players on Thursday the 2nd April before the St Helens practice match.

**WANTED:**  
BOUNDARY UMPIRES  
SCORE BOARD ATTENDANTS  
TRAINERS

The club is calling for expressions of interest for U/16's boundary umpire, Reserves boundary umpire and score board attendants. In the past these jobs have been filled by the club usually on a game to game basis, but this year we wish to fill them for the full season, the boundary jobs including home and away games. If the successful applicants cannot do any one game, the onus will be on them to have a replacement. Apply either by writing to the Secretary or to a committee member by Easter.

The club is also looking for assistance with trainers for Saturday games, these positions are vital to the club. Those wishing to apply will get free entry to all home games as well as meals provided on the day. The club would like First Aid Certificate holders, but if you wish we will pay to put you through a basic course.

Hope to see a good roll up of supporters at Evandale and St Helens.

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