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History of the Fingal Valley in print

Through a funding in 1995 by the Department of Arts, the St Marys Association for Community Development Inc was able to engage Lindy Scripps (a notable Tasmanian historian consultant), to collate information in respect to the history and heritage of the Fingal Valley. After many months of collecting old photographs and stories of the 'valley', a draft publication was completed ready for publication. The draft provides an historical context for the assessment of heritage sites and serves as a resource document for the local community. In colonial times the Fingal Valley was the frontier for the European settlement.

A number of the photos reproduced in the publication depict large gatherings such as the Mathinna Cycle Club, the Cornwall Band and Avoca School Class - all in the early 1900's when the Valley was well populated.

Many interviews were conducted with Fingal identities and the vital and absorbing history is a reading must.

The illustrations and narration will bring back memories to those who can remember the hard times endured, also for those who have lived in the area for many years - names and events will be familiar.

This publication is a must for all 'Fingalians'.

The Break O'Day Business Enterprise Centre has combined efforts with the St Marys Association for Community Development and Lindy Scripps, to have the draft published and released to the public. The publication will sell for \$19.95 and will be available in St Marys at the Library and Post Office, in Fingal at the Neighbourhood House and Post Office and in St Helens at the St Helens Library.

Profits from the sale will be retained by the Business Enterprise Centre to further its services to the local community.

Special leather covered editions, personally endorsed by Lindy Scripps and sequentially numbered, will also be available for \$55.00 a copy.

These copies can only be obtained by a pre-paid order from the Break O'Day Business Enterprise Centre office (63762044 or email nbutterw@tassie.net.au. The leather-covered copies will be limited in supply and interested parties are urged to order their publication without delay.

Orders for the leather bound copies will cease on March 15 - so phone now!

The publication is expected to be released for sale in late March.

'CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA' SUNDAY MARCH 7TH

The Lions Club of St Marys will be conducting a CLEAN UP.

All persons interested in helping are asked to meet Club members outside the ST MARYS HOTEL

on SUNDAY MARCH 7TH at 10am PLEASE BRING GLOVES.

Morning tea and meet our Tasmanian of the Year.

You are invited to a morning tea and the opportunity to meet Graham Milburn who is our 'Tasmanian of the Year'.

Graham is once again passing through St Marys on his fund raising for Cancer Research and as on other occasions, the Lions Club will welcome him on his arrival.

Hope to see you at the St Marys Hotel at 10.45am Thursday the 11th March for a cuppa and a chat with Graham.

Donations towards Cancer Research will be accepted.

Smoke Detectors - a Club Project

The Lions Club of St Marys has initiated a project for the provision and in some circumstances installation, of 'smoke detectors' in the homes of people within the area served by the Club, that is Fingal, Scamander, Falmouth, St Marys etc.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

Yes, yes, we know this, as well as other similar boring statements such as 'the majority of accidents occur in the home'. Until, of course, it gets personal.

A certain community health worker, who shall remain nameless, learned this lesson recently.

She ran barefoot into a door frame and could be seen for weeks painfully hobbling around with one sock and one shoe. An observer may have noticed that, after four weeks, the sock moved from the right foot to the left. As the first mangled toe began to heal, the same toe on the other foot was smashed against a misplaced vacumn cleaner. (Either one hell of a slow learner or some sort of masochist.)

However, the incident was a great source of hilarity for many.

Prevention?

Not a lot to be done about door frames, if you want to get from room to room and keep your roof up.

Occasional vacumn cleaners left lying around are obviously a danger, so put away junk and never use hallways as practice sprint lanes, especially half awake with closed eyes.

And the cure?

Everything from arnica to antibiotics, from disprin to dencarub and compresses of lavender and comfrey. (Submerge foot in a green slime, fresh from the food processor, encase with freezer bag scotch taped to the ankle and keep on overnight.) This has the effect of turning the toenails into a delicate shade of nicotine. It may not work as a cure.

Elevating the foot helps, but unless you have servants, nothing will get done for weeks. Time is the only healer it seems. And there is one woman who now realises prevention IS better than cure.

P.S. If you have a good old fashioned remedy for bruised, swollen toes, please let us know. Someone here is desperate!!

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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC Thursday 4th March

MEETING:Monday 8th March 11am YOUTH and MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES All welcome

Dear Vanessa Voice

I have been going out with my boyfriend for eight months now. I really love him and we are planning to get married this year.

The problem is that just lately when he's been drinking, he's been more and more violent towards me. I know he's had a tough life and when he's sober he is very good to me.

Do you think that once we are married he will change? Signed: Hurt and Confused.

Dear Hurt and Confused.

One answer is no.

The second is yes, he will probably get worse.

If you really love him, stop understanding, forgiving and making excuses for him and give him a chance to

More importantly, love yourself, get a hobby, do a course, get a life until he does.

Signed: Vanessa Voice

DOCTORS WEEKEND ROSTER

Dr Geniola: February Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th and Monday 1st March

Dr Shah:

March Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th

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Dairy farms common back in the eary 1900's

The recent large development of dairying at Evercreech is on a huge scale compared to the smaller but numerous dairy farms that were around St Marys in the early nineteen hundreds.

The following report was found recently, and is an insight into the number of dairy farms and cheese factories that were once in this

' In 1900 The Cyclopedia of Tasmania reported that the two estates of Glencoe and Thompson Villa had at times a total of 220 cows. As well as these and Wardlaw's farm there were also four or five dairy farms at Four Mile Creek where cheese was made and taken up the back track to Irish Town, but there was also a lot of cheese made around St Marys, particularly after the railway opened in 1886 which made markets much more accessible.

Two well known St Marys cheesemakers in the nineteenth century were Robert Cadman and George William Oliver. According to Cadman's entry in The Cyclopedia of Tasmania in 1900, he was "known far and wide for the perfection to which he has brought cheesemaking in the district". He milked 60 cows on average and made five to six tons of cheese a year. He had been on his farm, Ascot Vale, since about 1860 and had won many prizes for his cheeses in Tasmania and other countries including India where he won the medal and certificate at the Calcutta International Exhibition of 1884. The same publication said of Oliver that he had been "producing cheese, butter and bacon successfully for 25 years" on his farm Balaclava on Gardener's Creek Road.

As late as 1934 his son George Robert was referred to as "George Oliver of cheese making fame". Oliver's cheese was taken by cart to Hobart, but production on the farm stopped about 1921.

There were many other cheesemakers in the area and several of these later took their skills to other parts of the state.

St in Calcutta.

Marys John Lade made cheese on the Rosegarland property cheese over ten pounds win prizes (4.5kg) at the Tasmanian International Exhibition 1891-2 before moving to Sulphur Creek about 1893 and making cheese there.

With so much dairying activity in the area it is perhaps not surprising that there were moves quite early on to set up a butter factory, although other factors played a part. Around 1890 farmers were noticing that the north-eastern tin mines were less profitable as a market for dairy produce because there were fewer miners, and this induced them to persue new avenues. In July 1891, even before plans had been made to set up the factory at Table Cape, a meeting was held at St Marys "to take into

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consideration the advisableness of establishing a cooperative dairy company. Speakers felt that the formation of a company was the only means of making dairying profitable. It was agreed to form a company, and a committee was appointed of G.Becker, Napier, Salter, F.Harvey, Lohrey, Morey and Davies.

It was almost two years before a factory was finally built. As the general feeling was that the local farmers could not afford a cooperative, they accepted "a very liberal offer" from Bartram and Son to build a factory, leaving the farmers an option of purchase later. It was gleefully announced that the whole of the milk production from the "luxurient Falmouth marshes" would go to the St Marys factory, with both Becker and Steel agreeing to send up their cream. Land opposite the railway station on the main road was given by R.Cameron

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Golf fans watching the Australian Masters last week will recognise the names of Kim Felton and Aaron Baddeley among the players in the 1999 Tasmanian Open Invitational Classic at Launceston Golf Club on Friday 19th February.

The 'Players List' for the Open includes 102 golfers from all states and leading clubs such as Huntingdales, The Lakes, Royal Perth, Yarra Yarra, Royal Canberra, etc.. Among the list are two more modest entries, appearing in the First Round Draw as "10th tee, 10am A.Fletcher, St Marys, 9.10am T.Clement, St Marys".

To be accepted for the Open a player must have a handicap of 8 or less. Adam and Tristan both qualify with handicaps of 5. At age 16, Tristan is probably the youngest player in the event.

The Championship is played over 72 holes, 18 holes on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th, and 36 holes on Sunday. The 'cut' is made on Saturday night which will take the 50 lowest scoring players into the Third Round on Sunday, eliminating all others.

Tristan and Adam have given the St Marys course a thrashing over recent weeks, with scores of 65, 66, 67 and 68, and last weekend both achieved personal best scores (316) over 72 holes on an 18 hole course at the N.W.Championships at Devonport. Nevertheless, they will probably need to trim a further 12 strokes to make the "cut' in the Open.

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Good luck to both of them.

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Is it true, that sales in some businesses have sky-rocketed since last Friday's 'Full Monty show?.

Have you noticed the number of toadstool 'fairy rings' after all the rain. There is a large one in the Community Hall park that one reader would like others to see.

WHERE'S GRANDMA?

Where is Grandma they call, where can she be? We need her tonight while we go out to tea. Could not find her last week when we wanted to flit For a night at the Casino - needed someone to sit With the children at home so we could have fun And not have to be home by the late stroke of one.

Having trouble with Grandma, She is not like we thought At our beck and call whenever she ought. She's now off to Uni to do extra studies. She is flying to Thailand and sharing with others. She is talking of hiking and walking Tibet. She even has mentioned a chap on the NET!

What has happened to Grandma? She no longer will sit In her rocker and hum and contentedly knit!

Whatever happened?

Could say the usual - 'Due to circumstances beyond our control' we apologise for the typing errors in the last paper.

Could blame it on jet lag - but have been no-where. Could say - overworked and underpaid - which could be fairly true, but the simple truth is that somehow one article in particular got through the system without even a second glance - hence the mistakes.

One kind chap made the comment - "Don't worry, they'll think I did it ."!!

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and the building (21 x 24ft) opened on 13 October 1894. The building was usually referred to as the Creamery.

Even with the proximity of the railway station however, St Marys was obviously too far away to operate successfully as a creamery and by 1897 at least, probably earlier, it had been converted to the manufacture of cheese.

In 1912 the Weekly Courier reported that although the cheese factory was still going and receiving over 1000 gallons a day in the height of the season, there should be more suppliers. Much of the cheese was going to Western Australia.

The St Marys district reverted to making cheese only on farms. In 1914-15 the Fingal municipality made 57,972 pounds of cheese on farms, which was 40% of the state's total.

Some of the bigger names in cheesemaking were in a cluster to the west of the township. The Wardlaws at Londavra just south of the main road were probably the biggest, but there were also the Daverns who made cheese at nearby Ascot Vale; Fred Salter and his son Gordon who made cheese into the late 1930's on their property Top Marshes opposite Londavra; and the Napiers at Sunny Banks.

Here cheese first began to be made about 1920, at first by E.E.Napier who in 1930 left to set up a cheese factory in Wynyard and later by Bill Lohrey. The Lohreys also made cheese at Cullenswood in the 1920's before moving to Clover Banks in 1930.

The Bullocks made cheese at Bryar Wah.

The large concrete structure at 4 Gardeners Creek Road was built about 1938-40 by builder Bert Markey. It was sold by Hobart based Murdoch Bros. to the newly formed St Marys Cooperative Dairy Society, which had Garth Napier of Sunny Banks, as chairman of directors. Napier was a prime instigator of the formation of the cooperative.

The factory was managed in turn by Jim House, Horace Davern who came from stints at Robbins Island and Flinders Island, and finally Murray Berwick.

But as dairying became more and more the province of big operators and more farmers in the district stopped dairying, the factory became increasingly less viable and closed around 1970.

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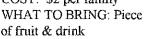
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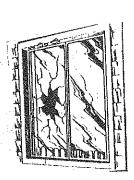
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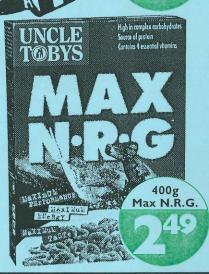
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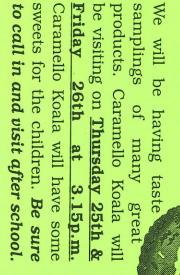
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DALES PROGRESS

On Friday 12th, I received a phone call from the Ear & Eye Hospital in Melbourne to say that Dale was on standby for the implantation of his cochlea implant. Arrangements would be finalised on Monday depending on the assessment of a patient – she had a medical problem which would delay her operation. I spent the weekend organising accommodation for Jake who was remaining in Launceston.

Monday at 1.00pm, the call came to say that Dale's operation would proceed the next day and our flight was leaving at 5.00pm today. I was to go directly to the hospital.

THE BIG DAY. Dale was given his pre-op which made him act as if he was drunk. The micro-surgery commenced at 8.00pm and took 4 hrs. It included at C.T. scan and testing of all the electrodes before implantation, placing the wires into the cochlea through a small hole in the skull and imbedding the receiver into the skull just behind the ear, followed by an X-ray to ensure the implant was located correctly. (the human cochlea is approximately the size of a pea in babies and adults) The surgeon is extremely pleased with the outcome and Dale and I were permitted back home after 3 days and placed under Dale's regular specialist for now. We have to return to Melbourne on the 4th March for the implant to be "switched on ".

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PLAYGROUND

All children have the right to be happy, safe and to be able to enjoy themselves in the playground at school

That's why the K-6 staff and students have recently been reviewing the areas that children can play and the type of behaviour that we would like to see happening in the playground at Recess and Lunch Time.

SOME PLAYGROUND RULES ARE:

- Children should play chasings on the grass areas only.
- The equipment must be used safely
- nly go DOWN the slide Don't climb up it!
- Put rubbish in the bin
- Play in a friendly and safe manner no play or real fighting
- Play football without pushing or tackling
- 🛞 Keep the garden beds looking nice by staying off them
- Be nice to others don't tease or use put-downs



If these simple rules are followed and the children remember to only play in the areas in which they are allowed, Recess and Lunchtime should be pleasant and happy for all!

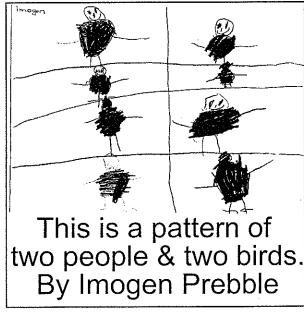


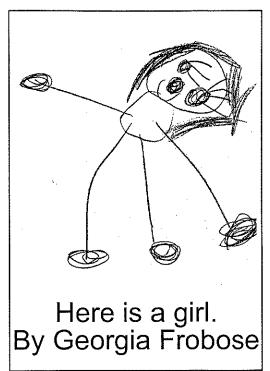
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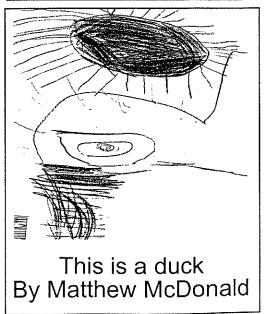
Mrs Miles's Kinder class have settled into their first years of school very well.

Here are some of the drawings they have done so far this year.









ST.MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB.

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PRIZES: 1^{5T} \$600 2ND \$200 3RD \$100

POINTS WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY (At Newman's Take Away)

ALL PRIZES WILL BE PAID OUT WITHIN THE WEEK AFTER FINAL GAME.

Conditions Of Entry: All entries must be completed and handed in by Thursday March 25th.

No entries taken without \$20 payment - Draw full points - If a tie for 1st or 2nd then pools will be combined and shared ie Tie for 1st - 2 share \$800 (3rd \$100) - 3 or more share \$900(no other prize), One winner & Tie for 2nd - 2 or more share \$150 (no 3rd) etc

COST \$20.00

TIP ALL GAMES NOW

NAME

Please Circle Your Selections.

Week 1 - Start March 25th.
Essendon vs Carlton
Geelong vs North Melb
Melbourne vs Richmond
Adelaide vs Bulldogs
Brisbane vs St.Kilda
Collingwood vs Hawthorn
Fremantle vs West Coast
Sydney vs Port Adel

Week 2 - Start April 1st.
North Melb vs Essendon
Richmond vs Sydney
Bulldogs vs Geelong
West Coast vs Brisbane
Hawthorn vs Adelaide
Port Adel vs Fremantle
St.Kilda vs Melbourne
Carlton vs Collingwood

Week 3 - Start April 9th.
Richmond vs North Melb
Geelong vs Melbourne
Essendon vs Sydney
Fremantle vs Hawthorn
Brisbane vs Port Adel
Adelaide vs St.Kilda
Collingwood vs West Coast
Bulldogs vs Carlton

Week 4 - Start April 16th.
Melbourne vs Hawthorn
Carlton vs Fremantle
Collingwood vs Richmond
St.Kilda vs Bulldogs
Brisbane vs Adelaide
Sydney vs North Melb.
Port Adel. vs Geelong
West Coast vs Essendon

Week 5 - Start April 23rd.
Bulldogs vs Richmond
Carlton vs Geelong
Hawthorn vs West Coast
Melbourne vs Port Adel.
Collingwood vs Essendon
North Melb vs St.Kilda
Adelaide vs Sydney
Fremantle vs Brisbane

Week 6 - Start April 30th.
St.Kilda vs Carlton
Geelong vs Hawthorn
Richmond vs Essendon
West Coast vs Bulldogs
Brisbane vs Melbourne
Adelaide vs Port Adel.
Collingwood vs North Melb.
Sydney vs Fremantle

Week 7 - Start May 7th.
Carlton vs Richmond
Melbourne vs Essendon
St.Kilda vs West Coast
Brisbane vs Collingwood
Port Adel. vs Bulldogs
Sydney vs Hawthorn
Fremantle vs Geelong
North Melb. vs Adelaide

Week 8 - Start May 14th.
Essendon vs St.Kilda
Collingwood vs Fremantle
Bulldogs vs Melbourne
Port Adel. vs Carlton
Hawthorn vs North Melb.
West Coast vs Adelaide
Geelong vs Sydney
Richmond vs Brisbane

Week 9 - Start May 21st.
Collingwood vs Bulldogs
Carlton vs Melbourne
Hawthorn vs Essendon
Fremantle vs North Melb.
Adelaide vs Richmond
Brisbane vs Geelong
St.Kilda vs Port Adel.
Sydney vs West Coast

Game 10 - Start June 4th.
Adelaide vs Essendon
Melbourne vs Fremantle
Geelong vs St.Kilda
Richmond vs Hawthorn
Brisbane vs Bulldogs
Sydney vs Collingwood
West Coast vs Carlton
North Melb. vs Port Adel.

Game 11 - Start June 11th.
Essendon vs Geelong
Carlton vs Brisbane
St.Kilda vs Sydney
North Melb. vs West Coast
Port Adel. vs Richmond
Fremantle vs Adelaide
Bulldogs vs Hawthorn
Collingwood vs Melbourne

Game 12 - Start June 18th.
Richmond vs Geelong
Hawthorn vs St.Kilda
Bulldogs vs Fremantle
Brisbane vs Essendon
Adelaide vs Collingwood
West Coast vs Port Adel.
Melbourne vs North Melb.
Carlton vs Sydney

Game 13 - Start June 25th. Essendon vs Bulldogs Geelong vs West Coast St.Kilda vs Collingwood Port Adel. vs Hawthorn North Melb. Vs Carlton Sydney vs Brisbane Fremantle vs Richmond Melbourne vs Adelaide

Game 14 - Start July 2nd.
Collingwood vs Port Adel
North Melb vs Brisbane
St.Kilda vs Richmond
West Coast vs Melbourne
Sydney vs Bulldogs
Essendon vs Fremantle
Hawthorn vs Carlton
Adelaide vs Geelong

Game 15 - Start July 9th.
Richmond vs West Coast
Carlton vs Adelaide
Geelong vs Collingwood
Melbourne vs Sydney
Fremantle vs St.Kilda
Brisbane vs Hawthorn
Port Adel vs Essendon
Bulldogs vs North Melb

Game 16 - Start July 16th.
Richmond vs Melbourne
St.Kilda vs Brisbane
Bulldogs vs Adelaide
North Melb. vs Geelong
Port Adel. vs Sydney
Hawthorn vs Collingwood
Cariton vs Essendon
West Coast vs Fremantle

Game 17 - Start July 23rd.
Melbourne vs St.Kilda
Geelong vs Bulldogs
Essendon Vs North Melb.
Sydney vs Richmond
Fremantle vs Port Adel.
Adelaide Vs Hawthorn
Brisbane vs West Coast
Collingwood vs Carlton

Game 18 - Start July 30th.
North Melb. vs Richmond
Melbourne vs Geelong
St.Kilda vs Adelaide
Sydney vs Essendon
West Coast vs Collingwood
Port Adel. vs Brisbane
Carlton vs Bulldogs
Hawthorn vs Fremantle

Game 19 - Start Aug 6h.
Essendon vs West Coast
Geelong vs Port Adel
Richmond vs Collingwood
North Melb. vs Sydney
Fremantle vs Carlton
Adelaide vs Brisbane
Hawthorn vs Melbourne
Bulldogs vs St.Kilda

Game 20 - Start Aug 13th.
Collingwood vs Essendon
Richmond vs Bulldogs
St.Kilda vs North Melb.
Port Adel. vs Melbourne
West Coast vs Hawthorn
Geelong vs Carlton
Brisbane vs Fremantle
Sydney vs Adelaide

Game 21 - Start Aug 20th.
Essendon vs Richmond
Carlton vs St.Kilda
Melbourne vs Brisbane
Hawthorn vs Geelong
Fremantle Vs Sydney
Port Adel. Vs Adelaide
North Melb. vs Collingwood
Bulldogs vs West Coast

Game 22 - Start Aug 27th.
Richmond vs Carlton
Collingwood vs Brisbane
Essendon vs Melbourne
Bulldogs Vs Port Adel.
West Coast vs St.Kilda
Adelaide vs North Melb.
Geelong vs Fremantle
Hawthorn vs Sydney

PLEASE MARK HERE IF YOU REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR SELECTIONS.

BEST OF LUCK.

HEY!! HEY!!

WHAT A FRIDAY NIGHT !!!

A massive crowd of 250 people attended our first season fund raiser that turned out to be a great night, so much entertainment and surprise for one evening. Our M.C. for the evening Leon Tripp started proceedings off with some light hearted comedy and poetry followed by an entourage of performers in all facets of entertainment, singers, comedians and of course the fantastic show piece for the evening, the FULL MONTY, did you guess who was going to be in it?, I have since been told that it was a very professional and tasteful effort. I could not agree more, but the biggest share of the congratulations must go to Tim, Fred, Grant, Adam, Nigel, Matthew and Micky firstly for having the nerves to front up and also for their effort over the last four weeks, over 30 hours of work went into the final product and well worth it. To our RED FACES acts thanks to you all, congratulations to the winners, Becky Cooke and Jenny Brown, runners up Pricilla Queens Of St. Marys alias Laurence Gilbert and Brian Smith and third place Dave (I've Got Gas) Evelyn. Our guest artists on the night proved what talent is in this area, Debra Manskey, Paul Byard, The Mountain Band, Emma Johnson and Nick Wardlaw, all added their expertise to a fun show.

We also had events that we did not know how well they would go, but I must admit that the Great Aussie Joke by Greg Cooper, Paul Statham and Bruce Cornelius and Personal Parts with Kevin Faulkner, Alan Beach and Brent Johnson laid them in the isles, hardly a dry eye seen in the crowd, Plucka Duck alias Linda Faulkner (who else!!) topped the nights entertainment off.

Our sound engineer Nick Wardlaw must be congratulated, where would we have been without that great sound system, unfortunately the hall echoed a bit, but almost all acts were heard on the night. Then everyone danced into the wee small hours to Ken Martindale's music. The Make A Wish Foundation raised \$500.00 on the night including a \$250.00 donation from

the club, there will also be a donation in the coming weeks to the Red Cross for their assistance during the season. My final congratulations must go to the people from both within the club and outside who contributed to this great event, special thanks to our hard working committee and also to Dianne and Brent Johnson for this fantastic idea and the amount of time and effort they put in.

Well we certainly managed to liven the old town up!!, by the amount of talk around the place everyone enjoyed themselves. If you did, please take a few moments to drop the Valley Voice a short line over the next few weeks, the club would like to guage the community interest in other such events for the coming season.

Things are starting to come together on the footy front as well, the club has had three major signings over the past weeks, let's hope all new players settle in early and can help lift the TIGERS into the finals race this season. Training is back to Tuesday and Thursday nights next week, there will also be two Sunday runs at Bicheno and Scamander before the start of the season. The U/16's started their pre season under the watchful eyes of Adam Johnson and Daniel Morris this week, nice to see 15 boys on the track this early. There will be a meeting with the boys and their parents at the sheds next Thursday The 4th of March to discuss the coming season and how the coaches and club would like the team to perform. There will be two practise matches this season, the first against St. Helens at Faulty Towers on Sunday the 14th of March and the second to be confirmed, the following Saturday the 20th at St.Marys. So you can see that there is not much time to get the fitness up for the coming season!!. Which, by the way, commences with a lightning premiership at the N.T.C.A. ground on Saturday the 10th of April leading into the season openerer on the 17th of April, at this stage there are no rosters available, but they will be placed at convenient outlets when they arrive.

So come on lads, let's see an improvement in training numbers over the next few weeks, the crickets finished and the nights are starting to draw in, so lets make some use of the natural light whilst it is still available.

OLD TIGE.



ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE NEWS by Kackhander

First to bowls and congratulations all round to everyone who played in this year's team that went from barely enough to even contemplate a team, to a side

eventually good enough to challenge for a grand final berth, but just missing out by going down in the Preliminary Final.

To Alan Beach, Glen McDonald and of course to all the green helpers as well as those who provided afternoon teas, a big thanks and all looks well for further success hopefully next year. It was a really good effort to win the first semi final as well as to advance as far as we got.

Thanks also to Chris, Trev, Sean Fletcher, Young'y, Paul, among others, for helping out with the course lately and lets not forget Speed Maher for jumping in and helping with the fairways the other day. The course is actually looking pretty good and with North West Bay and Mowbray visiting, it will be good to see the place in good order.

Adam Fletcher and Tristan Clement joined some of Australia's best golfers last weekend at Kings Meadows in the Tasmanian

Open.

Adam shot two good solid rounds while Tristan's great form of all last year wasn't quite there for the event but a hectic schedule back at school would not have helped his strict practice regime.

Anyway fellas we're really proud of you.

Important meeting.

Now to an important issue that the committee wants to be known by ALL members of the club.

All clubs like ours are struggling financially these days and any historical winter downturn of note this year will be very hard to deal with unless good ideas and commitment from all is forth-coming

On Friday March 12th the committee wishes to call a General Meeting of members at 7.30pm to seek ALL OF US to put our personal differences aside in the best interests of the club and try and bring forward the possible benefits to allow the club to survive.

Let's see a successful outcome so all can look forward to a long term future.

Good ideas will be great but committment will be even better to carry these ideas out.

Anyway until next time Good hitting and rolling.



St Marys Tennis Club

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February following twilight tennis.

Junior Championships

The Championships will be held on Saturday March 6th. Please note that both courts will be used.

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