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Change-over dinner for Lions

The Lions Club of St Marys celebrated their 22nd Anniversary and Installation of new Officers at a dinner at the Scamander Beach Resort on Saturday night of July 11. Twentyfive Lions, ladies and guests, including Lion Brian Forsyth and Margaret from the Bicheno Club, Lion Errol Chapple and Rose, as well as Lion Maurice Reddick from St Helens. Lion Brian conducted the Installation and Lion Errol presented the Attendance Awards. Chairman for the evening was Lion Stephen Salter.

Lion Bruce Spilsbury, President for the year just finished, has accepted the position again for the coming year. Secretary is Lion John Brown and Treasurer Lion Len Miles.

Thanks to a wonderful meal, good company and a roaring log fire on such a cold night, the evening was a very enjoyable one.

The Club's community activities will be published in next issue of this paper.

The Editor Valley Voice,

Sir. Who cares ?

Some weeks ago a lady from Groom Street poked me with her walking frame and said "you're the biggest stirrer I know", and then complained that a number of older people around St Marys and people with permanent walking problems had great difficulty accessing some business and service centres in St Marys because of steps, awkward doors etc.

I thought actually that I had a lot to learn from her in the stirring department, but conceded that she had a point - so I stirred for her. Telephone calls to the appropriate Property Officers (not the local staff) of Australia Post, Trust Bank and Tasmania Police, flushed out a range of responses.

Thumbs up to Australia Post - the problem was recognised immediately and a promise given to check out the St Marys Post Office. Already the problem has been fixed and the entrance modified. Top marks and more to Australia Post.

Trust Bank was non-committal and unresponsive and nothing has happened there.

Tasmania Police was totally negative, they said "don't have the money" (where do our speeding fines go?) "nobody has complained, this sort of thing has low priority, most criminals can run very fast, it would cost a fortune, and they don't have any money (did I say that before?), and all the other police stations would want one".

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July 18-19

Dr Jess Geniola

July 25 - 26

Dr Luke McGuinn

What's on?

Antenatal classes begin
for 5 weeks 6pm - 8pm

Pap Smear Clinic

July Tuesday 21st

'Men Only' Card afternoon

July Thursday 23rd

1pm - 4pm

Multiple Sclerosis

July Friday 31st

Information session

11am - 12.30 pm



So well done Australia Post and boo's to Trust Bank and Tasmania Police.

I stress that I was dealing with the Head Office Property Officers, remote decision making bureaucrats, not our local operational staff who we all love and revere.

But how about the Public Toilets? Why is St Marys the only centre which has no disabled access? Fingal has them, Scamander has them, St Helens has two !! Even Mathinna has up-to-date disabled access at it's public toilets.

Not only is the lack of access provision for the elderly at the public toilets discriminatory and miserable, but it is commercial nonsense.

Tourist coaches sometimes include passengers who require such access at their 'comfort stops'. "We won't stop at St Marys folks, their toilets are not disabled or elderly friendly" says the coach driver, and another 60 potential customers pass through.

This is not a remote bureaucratic decision - this is a lack of decision by our own representatives.

Who cares? David Clement Gray Road St Marys.

Happy
50th Birthday
To a lady at Trust Bank known to all as -HEV.

100 YEARS of BUSINESS ST MARYS 1860 - 1960

Two National Bank branches, two hotels, bone mills, specialty stores and a private maternity hospital - what next !. This was the goings-on in the bustling town of St Marys in the years between 1860 and 1960 of which Gary Dakin has so ably written.

'There were at the time evidently two separate branches of the National Bank, the other being at the western side of town, consequently I cannot separate the managers of each branch.

Back to the store as it became E.B.Dawson (not E.B.L) who was listed as storekeeper 1906, C.E.Button 1917, J.Nightingale as a garage 1919, R.Thorold 1923. Dawsons used it as a shop when their other shop burned down, other times they used it as storage.

The Criterion Hotel stood next door as a sprawling wooden building with a mysterious past, it was listed in the early days as premises, not hotel, Walsh's Almanac listed one hotel in St Marys in the early days which was the St Marys Hotel, so it may have been a bar only with no accommodation. I assume it always sold liquor, lessees and owners over the period ; Elizabeth Handley 1858 (unconfirmed), C.Slatter 1868, J.Newman 1873, W. Deacon 1874, J.Walker 1877, J.Cooper 1879, T.Handley 1882, E.Barker 1884, T.J.A.Fitzgerald 1889, W.McGuinness 1890, Mrs McKean 1892, T.Burnell 1893, F.Walker 1895, A.Lucas 1899, Smith brothers 1910, A.Triffit 1912, A.Wescombe 1914, A.Anderson 1915, Mrs Groves 1917, H.Fitzgerald 1924, Mrs Adams 1927, A.Gamble 1927, H.Fitzgerald 1939, R.Cawthorn 1948, J.Murray 1957.

Next door was the hall built as the 'Victory Hall', built 1893 but mainly using the name of 'Top Hall' or the current publicans name. Both the hall and the hotel were pulled down.

Further up the road on the Irishtown corner is the house that J.Morey built, behind the house he operated a bone mill and a timber mill, I imagine operated by water power. The house served for some time as a private maternity hospital under Dr Lermitt.

The Aulich family for many years operated sawmills further up Irishtown Road.

Turning back to town, about 50 metres past the Flat turn-off, we come to the convenience store started by C.R Davis about 1950. A Doctors surgery operated from the adjoining house at one time.'

More next time.

'Ladies and Lords of the Ord' cricket match. (the Ord River that is.) from Jeff's Jottings.

"I received my hand delivered invitation to the Grand Challenge Cricket Match and decided immediately to attend, you don't miss any social outing up here !. Crossing Falls Village versus Packsaddle (across the river).

This is an annual event where every year it miraculously ends in a draw, - I wonder why ? I doubt if scores are kept, one never knows at 'Lords of the Ord', free fun for all, a bit like the 'Singing Dogs'.

About 4 kms up the road is the oval, a dry swamp surrounded by a few boab trees and open forest. The dry grass has been mowed, we have to bring a chair, shade, billy and grog for the great match. The children are the billy tea makers so not sure what it will be like. The day was a very small local affair, about 100 folk, amazingly Packsaddle won the ashes by one run.

It was impossible to distinguish the teams as 20 to 30 fielders scattered around the dried up swamp area which is a bird haven in the 'wet'. Shade tarps were strung out beneath 3 huge Boab trees.

The dust flew as all made a swipe at the soft ball. The umpire bent the rules frequently, especially for the children, some only 4-5 yrs and smaller than the bat. Many sat on their coolers - no doubt full of refreshments. Being a newcomer I sat at the back and soaked it all in.

In my rush to get to the match, I had left the Ashes (burnt old cow bones) behind, so they had to improvise with an old beer can filled with some ashes from the barbie which was then presented to the winners.

Towards dusk 3 young brumby horses came charging out of the scrub, stayed about half an hour as spectators then serenely melted back into the grassy woodland.

After the cricket, there was running competitions and the relays, the children kept going well after dark in the moonlight - I guess they crashed eventually.

Of course soccer and footballs appeared and most players in thongs or bare feet. It's a bit odd up here as cricket and football are played at the same time. Cricket in the day time heat and football when it cools down a bit.

For us oldies, watermelon was served, then hamburgers, kebabs and billy tea. We Tasmanians enjoyed a few bottles of non-alcoholic apple cider to keep the fluid levels up !. I can assure you that I wasn't roaring around like the kids in the 33° heat.

There was an assortment of Blue Heelers at the match, none aggressive, chasing balls and mingling without any hassles. Dogs, kids, rambos and oldies - all enjoyed a great Sunday at Crossing Falls. "

Jeff

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Position description, selection criteria and further information from Mark Bonnitcha Ph 63722771 (wh).

A p p l i c a t i o n a d d r e s s i n g
selection criteria to Mark Bonnitcha. P.O. Box 165, St Marys 7215 by 5pm Wednesday 22nd July 1998.

ST MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SUPPORT ASSOC INC.

The next meeting will be held
**Monday 20th July in the
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7.30pm**

**IF YOU CARE, BE
THERE!!**

NOTICE OF MEETING

David Llewellyn and Michael Polley will be attending this meeting. Due to the impending election it is important that you attend to hear the intentions of these candidates regarding the future of the Valley, if elected to govern.

Also, the latest news concerning a permanent Dr for St Marys and surrounds will be announced.



*Arranged by
Pauline Hanson
St Marys & District*

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St Helens

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Mathinna

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Campbell Town 9.30am

Avoca 11.30am

Fingal 2.00pm

Tuesdays

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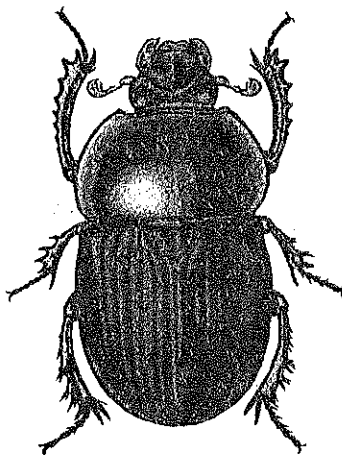
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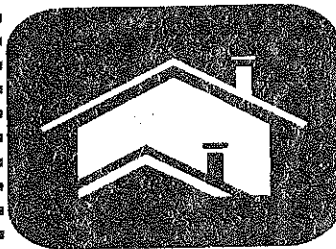
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Jack Miller Hon. Sec.

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 22 Denise Dawson
 23 Shirley Britton
 24 Leanne Morris-

27 Janice Tapp
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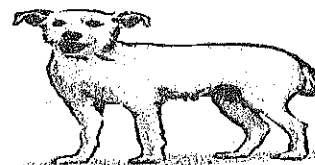
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Tasmanian Labor Leader TIME TO ABANDON HYDRO SALE

It is time Tony Rundle listened to the people of Tasmania and abandoned the partial sale of the Hydro. State Labor Leader, Jim Bacon said the latest public opinion poll confirmed that a majority of Tasmanians did not support the privatisation of the HEC.

The Richard Herr poll confirms an earlier poll undertaken for the Labor Party by national pollster UMR which found 57% of Tasmanians opposed a sale or lease of the HEC.

Mr. Bacon said the latest poll indicated that the Government's \$500,000 propaganda campaign on the sale was a total waste of public money.

The statewide poll found that 50.5% of Tasmanians remain opposed to any sale of all or any part of the Hydro. Opposition is only 2% lower than a similar poll conducted six months ago despite the Government's extensive advertising campaign.

"Every poll conducted on the privatisation of the Hydro has said one thing and one thing only - people of Tasmania do not want their most important asset sold off."

"The Premier had no mandate to sell and the people won't give him one."

"Tasmanians are for too smart to be conned by Tony Rundle and a misleading advertising campaign."

"They realise that keeping the Hydro in public hands will return much more money in the long term for jobs, hospitals and schools."

"It is time Tony Rundle listened to the people he is meant to represent and abandoned his short term grab for cash by flogging off the Hydro."

Mr. Bacon said the Greens would find it even more difficult to do a back flip on their position over the privatisation of the HEC.

"The Greens have stated again and again that they will not support a sale or lease if there is no community support for the proposal."

"Well there is no community support so they should stop pretending the public will support a lease arrangement and for once stick by their commitments."

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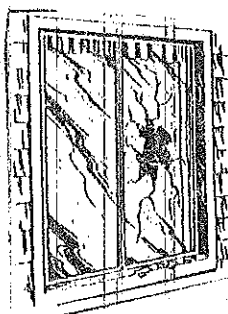
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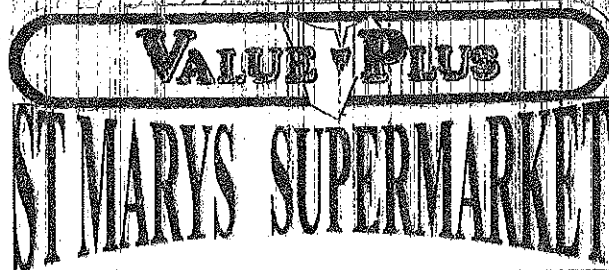
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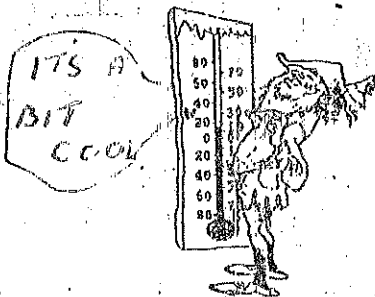
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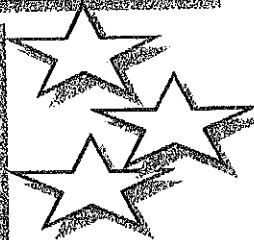
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MUSIC BUFFS BRAIN TEASERS

LAST ISSUES ANSWERS 1. "Rats" by Pearl Jam 2. "Happiness is a warm gun" by The Beatles 3 "Paranoid" by Black Sabbath

What songs do the following lyrics come from

1. "Is this the real life, is this just fantasy"
 2. "I saw her today at the reception"
 3. "We skipped the light fandango"
- What do these Don Mclean lyrics from "American Pie" refer to - "And as I watched him on the stage, my hands were clenched in fists of rage, no angel born in hell could break that Satan's spell"

MOVIE REVIEW - FLUBBER Starring- Robin Williams

Disney studios look like they've taken a step back in time with their latest offering on video.

Robin Williams plays a character very similar to The Absent Minded Professor, a man who between juggling a career as a college professor and working nights in his home lab manages to forget for the third time his very own wedding.

The good professor stumbles across the wonderful concoction Flubber (a super force which when harnessed can power a car enough to fly)

The story is like a lot of old Disney movies rolled into one and would appeal to younger audiences but maybe not so the older movie goer. I found it a bit mundane and predictable but a good

CD REVIEWS

The Foo Fighters - "The Colour and the Shape"

Dave Grohl stood for years in the shadow of Kurt Cobain in Nirvana, But no more is this the case. own band The Foo Fighters have developed over the years since Cobain's death into the definitive pop grunge band along side Everclear and Bush etc. Their first CD was only a taster for the good things to come, and here it is. From the opening track "Doll" to the closer "New Way Home" this is a superb CD that just gets better with every playing. Radio has picked up on a hefty slab of the tracks including "Monkey Wrench", "My hero" and "See You". If you love your rock to be clever, melodic but still have an unpredictably hard edge then "The Colour And The Shape" is for you. Absolutely Brilliant *****

Depeche Mode - "Ultra" Its been a long time between drinks for the boys from Depeche Mode. In the early eighties they took the world by storm with their monster hit "Just Can't Get Enough" and now the late Nineties sees them return with "Ultra". It's a dark keyboard based CD with some beautiful eerie tracks such as "It's No Good" and "Useless" both of which received a generous dose of airplay on Triple J. Very Good Listening ****

All Saints - "All Saints" This very popular four piece all girl group seemed to spring up from nowhere with their huge hit "Never Ever" and now radio has got onto the follow up single "I Know Where It's At". This group of ladies is a lot cleverer than say the Spice Girls in that they have a CD which crosses many boundaries from funk to gospel to soul and does it very well indeed. Great Listen ****

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More player profiles:

Rex Floyed: Age 34 No 17 Reserves Backline.

Rex re-commenced playing footy this season after a 18 year gap. Last played in Under 16's team in 1980 and played in the Grand Final at Campbell Town against Campbell Town and were beaten by a kick on the siren.

1 Q. Why did you decide to play again ?

A. Everyone was on to me every year to play, so I went to training to watch and thought "I can do that". Once I got over there and knew everyone and they were all encouraging me, I decided to give it a go. I like it now, don't know why but I do.

2 Q. What do you hope to achieve this season ?

A. To get through this year without being injured and to play again next year. I want to train pre-season to get fit.

3 Q. Who has been the biggest influence on your life ?

A. Myself. Mum and Dad pushed me pretty hard when I was young.

4 Q. What is your best feature ?

A. Wife Tina answered "his ability to sit in front of TV and not answer anyone".

5 Q. What is your most valued possession ?

A. Harley, second only to Tina of course.

6 Q. What has been your greatest achievement?

A. Winning Best 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Tasmanian Apprentice in Bakery trade. Also winning the Australian World Roof Bolting Championships last year.

(Rex will defend title in QLD this August — good luck).

7 Q. How important is training ?

A. Very, I haven't missed since I started playing. You have to train, there is no use thinking you're fit. You see what happens on a Saturday.

8 Q. Who do you consider to be our best player ?

A. Adam Johnson. Son Corey said, Luke Faulkner and Roger Salter.

9 Q. Have you a pet hate ?

A. Opposition players.

10 Q. Who would you like to cuddle up on a cold night ?

A. Rebecca off Home and Away.

11 Question to Rex's two children.

What do you enjoy doing the most with your Dad ?

A. Son Corey : Riding Dad's Harley.

Daughter Bianca: Woodcutting.

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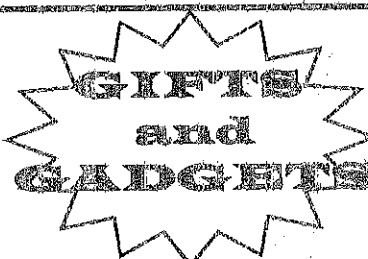
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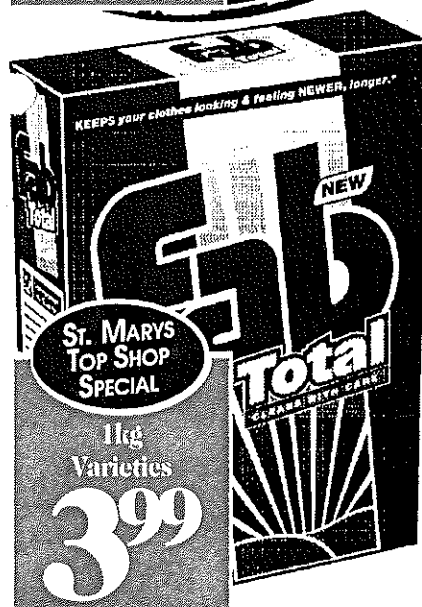
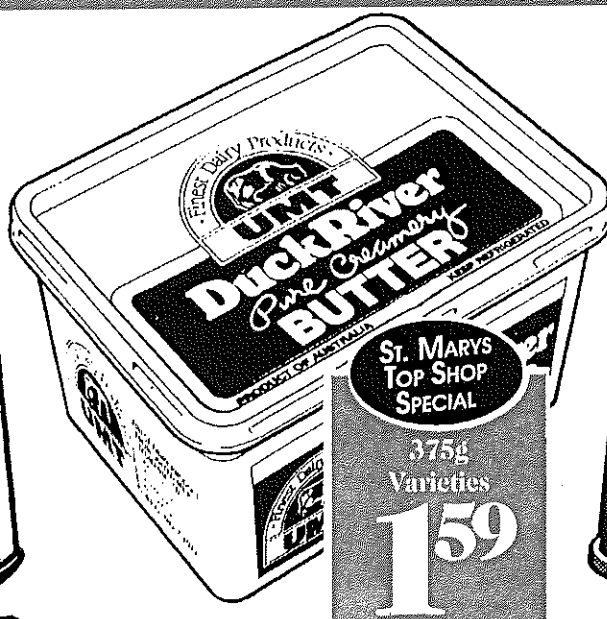
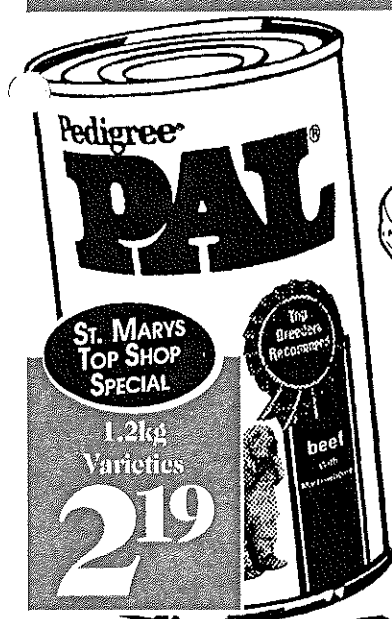
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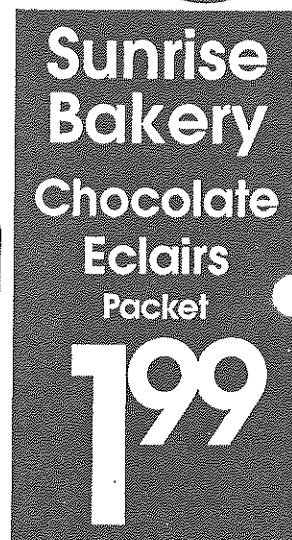
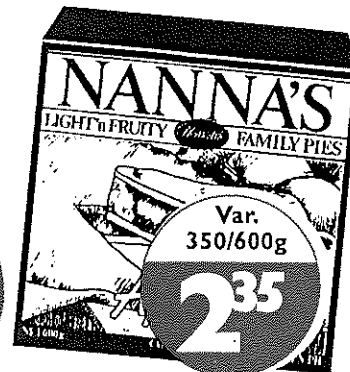
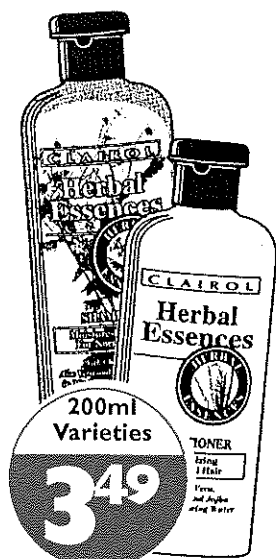
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FAIR

A wonderful Fair was held on Friday, 19th June. The weather was absolutely perfect and a large crowd attended.

Everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We have great pleasure in announcing that \$3691 was grossed with the net profit being approximately \$2700-00 (final bills are not yet in). Thankyou everyone for your attendance and support.

Winners of the Cow Lotto were Lucinda Steward and Andrea Hitchens. Winners of the raffle were George Purcell, Olga Targett and Eveline Lowe.

We would also like to thank St. Marys and Avoca schools for their attendance, it undoubtedly added to the success of the day.

ASSEMBLY

There will be an Assembly Thursday week, 9th July, commencing at 2-45pm. All are welcome. The Assembly will be in Mrs. Lowe's classroom.

TENNIS COACHING

Good news! Tennis will begin on Friday, 10th July, a Friday off from school. The cost is \$5 per person for an hour's lesson. There will be two sessions, one from 10-30 till 11-30 and the other from 11-30 till 12-30. The coaching will be conducted by Paul Mick from Sunny Hill.

Please pay Paul on the day and bring a tennis racquet with you and your P.E. gear.

Early next week I will divide the 25 students who showed interest into two even groups for the coaching and tell you which session to go to.

HYDRO CHALLENGE (Footy in Schools)

You may remember Martyn Smith visiting our school last year for several weeks in a row to take footy. This course is on again and will commence on Monday, 6th July. There will be four sessions with the dates being July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Each Monday there will be two sessions of 45 minutes - 1.30 till 2.15 and 2.20 till 3.05pm. Grade 2/3 students will participate in the first session and 4-5-6 in the last.

Anyone can participate, girls are encouraged to have a go. Please make sure you have your P.E. gear. The instructors name is Mark Blundell.

COMPUTING

Well! Mrs. Williams and I commenced lessons last week and I'm very proud to say we didn't blow anything up. Mary Targett was, as usual, a wonderful instructor and supplied some yummy biscuits. We look forward to this week's lesson on Thursday.

The Information Technology (I.T.) area is receiving great prominence in all areas of education at the moment and is in fact seen by some people as the way to move Tasmania out of its present problems. We, the staff in schools are being inundated with information about computing. The requests for information along with the need to go to seminars is indeed overwhelming. We are at present in a time of enormous change.

I don't mind admitting that as Principal I find it very difficult to meet the Department's requests while taking into account the well being of the staff, students and parents.

This Thursday and Friday Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Joscelyne-Loane will be in Launceston at a Department conducted seminar. They will, I hope, come back to school next week with an Education Computing Plan for the school, i.e. how we can best use computers in our school and best practice methods. While they are away Jacqui Nicholson, myself and the two student teachers will help to cover the two classes.

Attendance at the Department seminars is essential for us to be ready for the introduction of the new computers in schools.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Welcome to the two student teachers who are working with us for the next three weeks. Rebecca Hendley is involved with the Grade 4-5-6 class and Catherine Towers with Kinder-Prep-1.

We hope you both have a most enjoyable stay and learn many new and exciting teaching techniques.

MINERS TRIALS

An unbelievable effort from our students at the recent Miners Netball, Football and Hockey trials. Of the seven hockey players we sent five made the team outright and the other two are emergencies. Four footballers tried out and three made the team.

For a school our size to have eight Miners representatives is a tremendous achievement. We wish Cameron, Adrian, Ben Oates, Megan, Laura, Courtney Hall, Michael and Hannah all the best as they lead up to their respective Carnivals.

A special thanks goes to Sonia and Louise who worked with the hockey team at the trials and Leigh who helped out footballers. Thanks everyone.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

You probably remember Mrs. Miller's fine Special Education lessons that took place last year, focussing on Literacy.

This year Special Ed. will be quite different initially. We propose to improve student's recall of number facts (tables) and anyone in Grade 3-6 who doesn't have instant recall will be involved.

The teaching staff here believe that it is most important for us to involve not only those students who struggle with tables but also the ones who with a little extra work can become very competent.

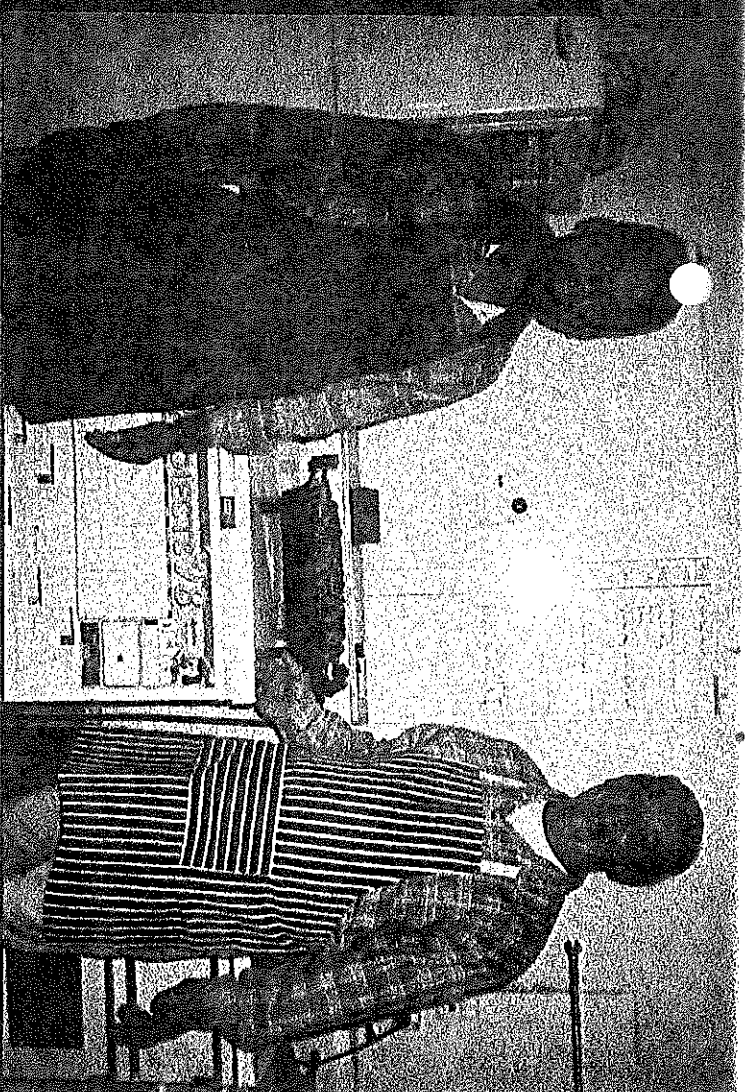
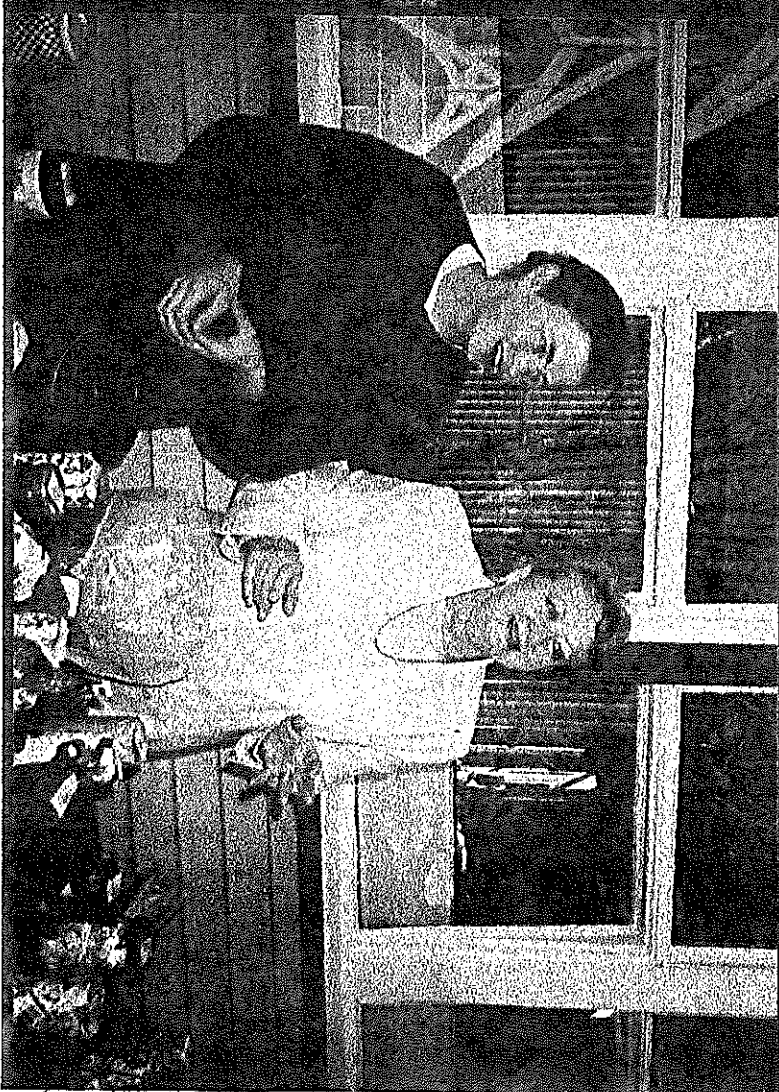
The additional lessons will be for 15 minutes per day, three days per week. There will be some homework involved and students will be asked to sign a contract stating they will do their best in class and complete all homework. This will ensure staff's time, in particular mine and Robyn's, is not wasted chasing homework.

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St Marys Football Club Profiles

Interviews by Diane Johnson

Glenn McDonald (Macca)

Club Secretary

Macca has been involved with the St Marys Football Club for 29 years. He commenced playing when he was 11 years old and ceased playing this year. As well as his extensive committee duties this year he is general 'Dogsbody' each Saturday.

1 Q. Why do you take on your extensive duties?

A. That's what Leanne asks me! I don't know, I suppose it's for the benefit of the club. Each week you hope to see some improvement and then it's all worth while.

2 Q. Will you continue to be involved with the club?

A. Yes - I said secretary for 3 years and I am going to stick to that. You can stay in a position too long.

3 Q. What is the hardest aspect of your position?

A. Time away from home.

4 Q. What is the most rewarding aspect of your position?

A. Occasionally when things go right and we get a few wins. I hate being held responsible for things that are out of my control.

5 Q. How many hours a week do you spend relating to your position?

A. 24 - 30 solid hours, depends what comes up.

6 Q. What is your worst memory associated with the club?

A. I haven't got one.

7 Q. What is your best memory associated with the club?

A. Winning 1983 Grand Final against Fingal. We weren't supposed to win, came from 4th position.

8 Q. Do you consider joining the NTFA to be the right decision?

A. In the case of football - yes. Football has definitely benefited from it.

9 Q. Any comments on the season so far?

A. We set our goals to make the 5 and it will be disappointing if we don't. We lost players earlier on who were supposed to come.

10 Q. Any comments on players?

A. We would like to retain all players that we have this year and improve with a couple more next year. We don't need much.

11 Q. What is needed to improve the club?

A. Improvement to the facilities is the big thing. We need decent clubrooms.

12 Q. What makes a great club?

A. Teams on the ground every Saturday and supporters.

Macca's closing comment: This year we have had more helpers around the ground on a Saturday doing all the necessary jobs. The Ladies in the kiosk also do a good job, our kiosk is not equalled at any opposing ground.

Daniel Gillies Age 19

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1 Q. What do you hope to achieve this season?

A. To play in the finals.

2 Q. What do you hope to achieve long term?

A. To play Seniors.

3 Q. How important are supporters to a club?

A. Very important, need supporters to keep club going.

4 Q. What has been your greatest achievement?

A. Playing in the Under 21's side last year (NEFU)

5 Q. What would you like to change about yourself?

A. To put more weight on.

6 Q. Who do you consider to be the best footballer in our club?

A. Toss up between 5 - Bucky, Adam J, Collier, Adrian and Jack.

7 Q. Do you have a future fantasy?

A. To get married and have kids.

8 Q. Who has been the biggest influence on your life?

A. My family.

9 Q. What is your favourite food and drink?

A. Silverside and mashed potato, Bacardi and coke and tea.

10 Q. What is your best feature?

A. I don't know, you would have to ask Tanya (partner Tanya Mansfield)

11 Q. What makes a great footy club?

A. Supporters and club mates.

12 Q. Who is your best supporter?

A. Tanya.

Ole Tige apologises for the absence of reports this week.

Best and Fairest count and Trophy Dinner details next paper.

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Sunday 26th July

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Event 2: 30 target Continental
Double Barrel

Event 3: 30 target Handicap.

Event 4: 30 target Single Barrel

Results: Shoot 28th June '98

25 t. Balltrap

A. T. Aulich 22/25

B. D. Barr 36/37

C. B. Margison 21/25

20 t. Points Score

AA. G. Arnol 59/60

A. B. Margison 50/60

B. G. Gall 59/60

C. R. Davey 53/60

30 t. Single Barrel

AA. G. Arnol 30/30

A. D. Barr 20/30

B. K. Underlin 27/30

C. L. Hayes 24/30

50 t. Double Barrel

Paul Thomas Memorial

AA. G. Arnol 50/50

A. B. Margison 49/50

B. T. Aulich 48/50

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My best friend's wedding

St Marys Sports Centre.

by Kackhander

First up, apologies for completely forgetting to write a few lines for the previous issue of the Valley Voice. Just plain forgot.

Since last time, the club has won the Memorial Shield for the second year on the trot and finished runner-up in A Reserve after a couple of rather ambiguous occurrences out of the club's hands which are probably best forgotten.

I'm pleased to report that Steven Dawson and Scott Wilson have won this years Champion of Champions and Junior ECTGA titles respectively on Shield Day at Bicheno. Chris Davern and Ian Crothers won the A and A Reserve Player of the Year for the club. Dale Ridgers took out the St Marys MVP Award. The club finished with 7 game winners for the year, which I'm sure has never been done before.

Last Sunday the A Reserve side travelled to St Helens to take on Malahide in a play-off game to decide the pennant.

Big congratulations to Malahide who fielded an extremely strong team on the day to beat our blokes conclusively but by the same token the A Reserve side should be very proud to have had a big chance at the end of the year after losing the first two games.

Don't forget the AGM is soon to be set and all members are requested to give a lot of thought into all aspects of our club, not least in that of the committee. If you feel you have something to offer please consider standing for a position. The date, around mid September will be notified soon. In closing we wish the 1998 A Grade side the best of luck at Ulverstone on July 26.

Do not forget:

Geoff Gill Memorial Trophy on July 18th.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Junior Footy Games on the 5th July were played at Scamander.

The Auskick trials proved to be very revealing for coaches and gave excellent feedback. Prep/Ones enjoyed a good match whilst the trials were on but no details were available.

The 2/3 match saw an even contest to half time with the Cats running away with the game in the second half.

Scores: Cats 8.9 - 57 defeated Bombers 3.2 - 20

Goals: Cats - Kase Miller 5, Daniel Cooke 2, Ryan Street 1. Bombers - Luke Webb 2, Todd Spilsbury 1.

The 5/6 match was a most exciting game with the Bombers getting home by the barest of margins. Luke McDonald was outstanding for the Bombers whilst Ben Miller was best for the Cats.

Scores: Bombers 6.3 - 39 def Cats 6.2 - 38.

In last weekends matches at Bicheno, player ranks were severely depleted because of illness.

A combined Grade 2 to 6 match was played.

The match was a tough tussle throughout with the Magpies holding on to win by 5 points.

Scores: Pies 10.9 - 69 def Bombers 10.4 - 64.

Next weeks matches will be held at Fingal with a bye the following week for the Annual Casino Night.

by Kid Eager

Continued from back page.

Adam and Tristan have had a great year in the mid team positions and likewise Sean and Scott have done brilliantly at 8 and 9 all season.

I believe none of them lost more than one game in A Grade each.

By the time the next column appears the side will have competed in the Northern Division 3 Championships - July 26th.

If pride in performance was the only factor, St Marys team would win every time. Good luck to the team.

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Pennant Golf 'That's the spirit'

by Roddy McGivern

I have been lucky enough to be a member of our St Marys pennant side since late seventies and fortunate enough to witness first hand a team that holds pennant golf very dear. Over the years everyone has played for the club with great pride. 20 A Grade, 3 NTGA and 14 A Reserve/B Grade flags and 16 Memorial shields.

The club, a founding member of the Association in 1950, won the first two titles and has never missed a season. Malahide has only missed one year, 1989.

Let me try and recall some well known names who have played with distinction. Jack Smith, Ron Finkard, Bas Lehner, Neville Rist, Denzil Williams, David Hamilton, Terry Bean, Frank Singline, Geoff Gill, Jim Owens, Matty Leedham, Fr. Kevin Manning, Duncan Grant, Don Holmes and more recently, Kerry Davern, John McDonald, Peter Beckett, Graham Dale, Kim Howe, Drew Berwick and Andrew Wright. Apologies to quite a few others that I've surely unintentionally forgotten.

In 1986/87 after a couple of fairly indifferent seasons by our standards, long time and still current player Steven Dawson, Kerry Davern, Craig Mitchell, and myself were joined by Shan Wilmot, Ray Ridgers, Drew Berwick, Andrew Wright, Chris Davern, David Murfett and Kim Howe. With subsequent inclusions of John Miles and Dale Ridgers together with our current group of fine junior players, this period has led to an unprecedented 11 A Grade premierships in 13 years as well as the 1987 Northern Division 3 title.

This year the team has had a stellar performance by remaining undefeated and completing 1986 - 1998 inclusive, without a single defeat at home as well as never losing two consecutive games at any level in that time.

Steven Dawson who won this years Champion of Champions title has been a lynch pin and a particularly fine pennant player for over a quarter of a century!

Shan Wilmot's expertise which has seen him perform excellently since finishing Div. 2 at Greens Beach in 1985, has been a big part of our success. In fact Shan has won 22 out of a possible 23 games since 1995.

Chris Davern's record at number one speaks for itself and it was great to see him finally secure the A Grade Player of the Year award this season.

Dale Ridgers is another player highly regarded, he joined us in 1996 and captained the side then and in 1997 to the flag each time. Dale played his early years at Ben Lomond.

Let's not forget the 1998 skipper John Miles. John began as a fill in A Reserve player a few years ago and is now a main player holding down a spot in the important mid team position. He also remains an undefeated captain.

I know we've written a fair bit previously about our Juniors but it would be remiss if once again they are not mentioned. Each one, Adam Fletcher, Sean Fletcher, Tristan Clement and Scott Wilson are all held in awe by the other clubs, not only in skill for their age but in the way they conduct themselves on the course. This is something we are all proud of.

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