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VALE – JACK SMITH 1904 – 1999



Jack Smith died on 14th August. His death in his 96th year is a loss to all who knew him, and to the town where he lived all his life, for nearly the whole of the 20th century.

"By crikey, I'd like to have made that Millennium though, but I've had a good innings — never thought I'd last longer than my father. You know, L'Oste christened me. I went to his 100th birthday, maybe it rubbed off on me"

The bare framework of a person is recorded by their birth, marriage and death. John Thomas Douglas Smith

was born 16th June, 1904, the third child of James and Elizabeth Ann Smith, brother of Eva, and James Arnold. He married Jean Barbara Salmon on 7th January, 1933. He died 14th August, 1999, and within that framework he lived a life that touched on the life of nearly every person who has lived in St Marys for almost 100 years.

Some may regret that after a lifetime in St Marys Jack died, after a very short illness, in St Helens, but he would have been the first to say "well, I was born in St Helens." His mother was a Treloggan, daughter of Tom Treloggan an early St Helens farmer and Elizabeth Berwick, and she returned to her parent's home for the birth of her second son in 1904. Jack was an ordinary man, and his sense of history would have understood the symmetry of his birth and death, alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. And yet Jack was a St Marys man to the bootstraps, literally and figuratively.

NEW LIFE FOR TODDS HALL

After months of renovation, a Café is now open in Todd's Hall, offering breakfasts, lunches, cakes & puddings, and of course, wonderful coffee. It is the first stage of Andrew Russell and Jennifer Binn's plans for the old cinema building. The next stage being the renovation of the main hall. However, Andrew and Jennifer,

formerly of Melbourne plan to just enjoy running a Café for a few weeks.

On Sunday September, 12, Chris Wisby of ABC Radio will be broadcasting his Sunday program live from the hall from 11 am. and the Café will be open throughout the day.

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VALE - JACK SMITH Continued

His father, James Smith, was born at Cullenswood in 1865, the year after St Marys was proclaimed a township, and he lived into his 90th year when he died in 1955. Jack and his father between them lived through 134 years of St Marys history, the entire recorded history of the town bar one year.

The first reference to his father, James, as an occupier of property in St Marys was in 1888, tenant of a house and premises in Main Street, next to Cramps General Store. When he was young, he was partially crippled by a dray running over his foot, so his father, (another John!) had him take up a trade as a bootmaker, as he felt his disability would affect him if hetook up farm work. Jim married Elizabeth Treloggan in 1899 and then built the two storied house and shop which still stands in Main Street after almost 100 years as a bootmaking and shoe shop, although sadly empty since last year. Jim Smith and his family lived over the shop, and in due course young Jack followed his father's footsteps and became a bootmaker when he left school. Jim died in 1955, and Jack sold the business when he retired in 1978, 60 years after making his first boot.

Jack was born in 1904, three years after Federation and the death of Queen Victoria, two years after the end of the Boer War. He attended the St Marys State School which was situated where the Town Hall now stands, a school of two rooms, one large room and one small one. He lived opposite, over the bootmaking shop with a garden on the next block, so he didn't have far to go to school, and "in those days we used to kick the football in the front street and there wouldn't even be a horse and cart come along"

Young "Jack" he may have been, but the Church of England Sunday School, St Marys, prizes for "good marks" in 1st Class in 1915 — "Lives of British Seamen", "Tom's Opinion" and "Probable Sons" were awarded to John Smith.

He was 10 when the "Great War" started in 1914. "Mr Todd lost two find lads in that — several round here lost two. My word, that was the pick of the young fellows in that. I was only a boy when they went."

He attended school until he was 14 when he joined his father and learned his trade as a boot and shoemaker. Jim Smith used also to cut hair, but Jack made no mention as to whether he ever wielded the scissors. He made boots, also jockeys shoes and dancing pumps, "There were no rubber boots but mainly boots. about much in those days, and they had to have good boots to turn the water. A terrible lot of people wore handmade boots those days on the farms. You'd get about four pairs out of a side of leather. It would take me all day, about 8 hours, to make a pair of boots, and I'd get about ten shillings. I remember saying to my father, "there's not much in this game," and he told me "you're doing as well a they're doing down the mines, many only get ten shillings a day there." Later Jack moved out of bootmaking and into selling shoes, "better money than making them," but he continued as a repairer and his Marriage Certificate in 1933 shows his occupation as "boot repairer."

Trips to the mainland were still uncommon in the 1920's, but Jack made his first trip to Melbourne in 1928. A studio photograph (as a memorial in case he never came back?) shows a grave young man with dark wavy hair, and even then a snappy dresser, knitted tie, breast pocket handkerchief and three piece suit. A good catch for somebody.

And in 1933 Jack married Jean Barbara Salmon, daughter of the Council Clerk at Fingal, Mr and Mrs W. Salmon of "Riversyde". Space does not allow reproduction of the wedding notice, but for travelling "the bride chose an ensemble of nut brown marocain and a smart sailor hat" for their journey to the West Coast for the honeymoon. Jack had a house built for his bride in Clive Street, "Ormiston," a house he was to

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live in for the next 66 years until his death. Unfortunately his wife was not a robust person, and suffered severely from arthritis over the next years of her life until her death in 1968. There were no children, but it was a happy partnership full of shared activities.

Jack had a lifetime involvement with cars. He saw the last coach leave the town, "I was only young. It left from outside the hotel, and the next day a bus took He remembered one of the earliest cars "a steam car from Mathinna. It pulled up outside our shop. It went off quietly, it ran on kerosene, I think that's what made the steam. I think my father might have had the first car in St Marys, when I was about 10 (1914). It was a T Model Ford. My father drove that. He sold it and we bought an Overland. He couldn't drive that, but by that time I was 18 so I took the license." Jack's cars since the Overland in 1922 are a roll call of models, Essex, Terraplane, Hudson, Vanguard ("sold that to Percy Llewellyn"), Dodge, a Rambler, and since 1970 the white Toyota Crown. which was so familiar in the town. The best one? "The Rambler, by Gawd, it was a lovely car, they build it to compete with the Mercedes Benz, it was an eight cylinder, about 1962." By the sound of it, Jack used to enjoy burning off cars up St Marys Pass in the Rambler. "I'd put it in top where the first bends are, and man, she could go all the way."

Jack also ran the local taxi service, it was used as an ambulance, school bus, and as a doctor's car. When Doctor Kingsmill was the local doctor, the only one between Avoca and Pyengana, Jack used to drive her to her cases all over the district, a source of many of his stories of events and personalities of the time.

He-was still driving his car until a few weeks before his death, at 95 and after having both hips broken.

Sergeant Leigh Casboult took him for many of his annual driving tests in recent years — on one occasion Leigh indicated to Jack that his driving was first class, but that he might be going a bit slowly. "Well, I can crank it up a bit if you like, but what will I do with the extra time, It'll ruin my schedule."

The white Toyota was a familiar sight parked at the back of the 8th green on Harefield Road. The casual passerby would not have realised that the slight, elderly man behind the wheel was six times Club Open Champion of the St Marys Golf Club. He played his early golf on the old Killymoon Course. An old score card dated 4 October, 1944 records his win "3 up 1 to

play" over 27 holes in the A Grade Championship Final over D. Williams, while the Honour Board in the clubhouse shows him as Club or Open Champion in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1965. Jack shot and fished from his youth, played tennis, and was a member of the St Marys Bowls Club.

Jack shared a boundary for many years with Clive and Pauline Berwick, not just neighbours and friends but also relatives, with Clive and Jack sharing common great grandparents in John Berwick and Margaret Fitzgerald. Jack's sister Eva became Mrs Bert Lohrey. His family links in the area were deep rooted.

Over recent years, Jack Smith became identified with the history of St Marys, of the place and its people, but it was not simply longevity that made his reminiscences so unique, although "been there, done that" could justifiably been his motto over 96 years, nor was it his extraordinary, truly amazing, memory - dates, places names. events seemed always to be at the tip of his tongue. His gift was that he was a natural storyteller, who could weave the names and dates and events into a living picture and bring the past to life so vividly. And nothing made him happier than having somebody to gossip to over old times and to listen to his yarns. He enjoyed people, and when the eyes started to twinkle and the mischievous chuckle broke out, you looked forward to a bit of long past scandal or some anecdote which still would test the listener "you're kidding Jack". "By golly, I'm not ." For anybody with an interest in the local history of the district, Jack was the mother lode, and if you were privileged to sit in when he was yarning to another long time St Marys resident, particularly Keith Bullock, when tale prompted tale, when memory spurred memory you would sit entranced while the past rolled out before you and came to life - history was never like that at school.

"Old men were young men once." Well, the dark wavy hair of his youth turned silver in middle age and there wasn't much of it when he was 95, but Jack Smith was never old. This was a gentleman who stayed young to the end, and that dapper, neat as a pin, slight figure will be missed by all who knew him and whose lives have been enriched by knowing him — by Crikey, we will.

With acknowledgment to Gary Dakins, interviews with Jack Smith, The Valley Voice, The Fingal Valley Historical Study, St Marys! Where's That? and to his friends.

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Cornwall Residents say Thank-You

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Cornwall residents wish to thank all the people who supported and helped during the working bee, which took place on Sunday August 1st. It was a great success, and we wish to thank these organisations especially:

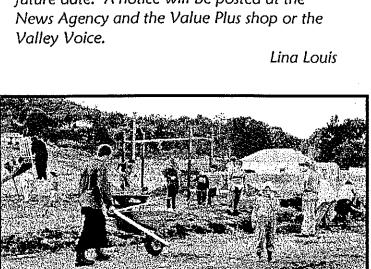
> Break O'Day Council for re-equipping the playground facilities and the bark and soil.

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As there is still the fencing to be done, all types of donations, either financial, in goods, or labour shall be appreciated by all the Cornwall people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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Thank You Graham Louis

Dear Sir,

I am writing to say how disappointed I am with the poor organisation on behalf of the St Marys Football Club. After R.S.V.Ping within a week and turning up on the night and then having to get my \$17 back because of the limited number of tables/seats available. You would of thought on a night like the Football Dinner, they would have been a little more organised. I later went back and again was refused to "get in" and was told it was because I didn't attend the footy dinner.

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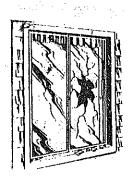
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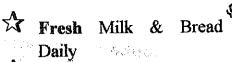
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14th Sept. - Hearing Services

16th Sept. - Child Health

PLEASE NOTE: St. Marys Health Centre will be open 8.30 to 5 p.m. as of the 20th September '99



St Marys District High School celebrated Book Week - 23 - 27 August, with various activities throughout the school.

Book Week theme this year was "WEAVE THE BOOK WEB" and this was reflected in the display in the Library., which also featured all the Short-listed books.

Kinder to Grade 6 children participated in a Book Character Parade where Roald Dahl's Witches, Fairy Princesses, Hansel and Gretal, and lots of others paraded before the judges who were Mr Walker and Mrs Young. The judges congratulated all the children that participated and said it was very hard choosing winners as all were very good.

Winners:

5/6 Miller - The Frog Prince

Karli Hose

5/6 Wise - Rapunzel

Bridget Mitchell

4/5 McGregor Indiana Jones

Brody Stuart

Honourable Mention:

Troy Street as Anastasia

3/4 Pierce Pippi Longstockings

Jenny Quinn

3 Bryan Wicked Witch

Laura Gavaghan

1/2 Dancer Goosebumps Skeleton

Rhys Pitstock

P/1 Freiboth Little Red Riding Hood

Elise Wright

K/P Gee Robin Hood

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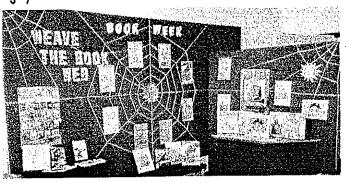
Kinder Queen of Hearts

Cassandra McGiveron

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The winners, one from each class, were all presented with a book prize.

Following the Book Character Parade all children really let their hair down and enjoyed a Social.



NATIONAL LITERACY WEEK

The week following Book Week was National Literacy Week, and St Marys District High School participated in activities which linked Literacy and the Year of the Older Person.

Classes from Kinder to Grade 7/8 were involved in a wide variety of activities that aimed at developing children's literacy skills and their knowledge and understanding of older people in the community. Most classes had an older person visit their classroom during the week.

Mrs Miles' Kinder entertained elderly citizens from the St Marys Day Centre with a concert.

Other classes shared stories with visiting "Older" citizens of St Marys who talked about how things had changed from when they were young.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Corby's classes corresponded via the Internet with older persons from overseas. They received e-mails from people in USA, Canada, UK and Tasmania.

Many of these activities will be continued next

A display of Similie and Acrostic poems about older people was in the primary block foyer.

Another display in the Library featured old books and books about older persons. Some of them were first published in the 1800's. Many of the books are still favourites today.







Mr Marshall addressed the High School at an end of term assembly last Friday afternoon and presented the following Awards:

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The Association met on the 2nd of September for the first time with its new executive. The new positions are Mike Sharman Chair, Peter Rubenach Vice, Mark Bonnitcha secretary and Peter Andrews Treasurer. The meeting was low key and designed to bring the new members up to date and to listen to their ideas and directions. A number of items were discussed and a few of these are included below.

TOPIGS

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included the future of the Online Access Centre now in its second year of operation and ways to make it self sufficient; the progress of the Rural Transaction Centre project at the Post Office; progress of the submission for a Child Care Centre; support for a push-bike riding area for young people; develop a Quiet Place planted with native plants and containing information about the areas history; the development of historic sites around the area and the reopening of Saturday Markets.

EVENTS

Upcoming events that may be of interest to the community include the

Community Concert-

Being held at Todds Hall on Sunday the 12th September. This concert will be attended by the A.B.C. Radio crew and presented by Chris Wisby. It will be from 11am to early afternoon and refreshments will be available including a sausage sizzle. Local acts as well as acts from St. helens and Bicheno will be performing. If you would like to have a say about your town come along and tell Tasmania. It is being presented to support the youth of the town.

Saturday Moming Markets -

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If people in the community are interested in seeing the re-establishment of our saturday morning market please feel free to ring me or attend our next SMACD meeting with your support.

Calendar of Events

September 1	2 ,	Community Concert	
September 2	3	Next SMACD meeting	at the Annex

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On the 25th August Rex & Betty Sibley representing the St Helens, St Helens Lions Club, currently the biggest stake holder in the fund program for the LLLT bio- stimulation laser for St Marys Health Centre, arrived nice and early for our drive to meeting with Health The Hobart. and Jackson, Judy Minister support from Michael Polley was very The Minister felt. positive, showing much interest and giving us nearly an hour of her time. To date no news, but now new is good news, we are told!

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Also thanks to David Crean & staff § for information concerning sales tax and import duties. This time 12 months ago l was feeling desperate to receive some relief from my troublesome lymphoedematous condition of the legs. The feelings were getting steadily worse- constants cramps, pins and needles and hard fibrotic tissue despite all the creams, pills and powders I was taking. By Oct -Nov '98 we had been to Adelaide to receive some wonderful treatment from Prof. Neil Piller and his team. A great success, losing fluid, hardness, size and discomfort. April - May '99 saw the Adelaide lymphoedema team at St Marys Health Centre. 32 people received

treatment during that week and the time had come to start fund raising for our own laser. Now September and we're getting to the halfway mark through the generosity of so many people. Mr & Mrs Atkins, L'ton \$50, P.M. Sutton D'prt \$20,

Margaret Tassell L'ton \$20, J. Saunders, Grindlewald \$10 Bicheno Luncheon Ladies \$116.80 Doris Hooper, Coles Bay \$50.

With all this support how can the project do anything but succeed! \$6,948.17!!

Thanks to all for letters, cards and thoughts.

Jan Sparkes

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An enjoyable evening was had by thirty members of the Scamander Surf Angling Club to celebrate their Annual Dinner and Trophy presentation evening.

The following committee were elected -

Patron - Lindsay Sutton President - Peter Wilson Secretary- Paul Davern Treasurer -Tony Blake

The evening concluded with the presentation of trophies the following being the major winners -



Junior River Junior Surf Ladies Surf Mens River Largest fish overall Aggregate

Kodie Donald Brendon Blake **Judy** Blake Ferdie Richards Jamie McKimmie Iamie McKimmie Runner up Aggregate Peter Lohrey

The next competition will be at Wrinklers Beach on 19th September, 10 am to 2 pm. All members and prospective members are most welcome.

Good fishing - President Pete

~~~ ST MARYS GOLF CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

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CRICKET by Ol' Snake Eyes

The Annual General Meeting of the St Marys Cricket Club was held on Friday 27th August. Big changes have been made at the Club this year with an almost completely new committee. Simon Lynch and Les Newman were the only members of last year's committee to be re-elected. The outgoing committee must have been pleased with their on and off the field achievements. A new cricket surface has been ordered and should be available in the next couple of weeks.

The new committee wishes to focus on fostering youth in the area and is encouraging as many young players to play cricket at all levels. To this end it is hoped to introduce the "have a go" program with the assistance of the Tasmanian Cricket Association. St Marys will again field teams in "A" grade and Under 16's in the North-East Cricket Association.

The Office bearers for 1999/2000 are:

Patron -

Eric Bean

Vice-Patron - Roger Donald

President -

Greg Cooper

Vice President - Les Newman

David Haberle

Secretary -

Treasurer -

Peter Lohrey

Committee -

Simon Lynch, Michael Kringle.

With all other players welcome at meetings.

The next Club meeting will be this Thursday

9th September, at

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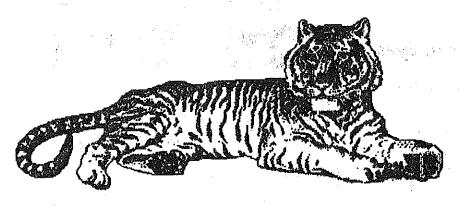


POST OFFICE DISPLAY



Once again the St Marys Post Office has a most interesting display. This one has hand written original accounts, invoices, advertisements of business conducted in St Marys in days gone by. Congratulations to Peter - where do you find such memorabilia? Well worth a few minutes of anyone's time to peruse these interesting documents.

The Valley & East Coast Voice





Well done to the reserves for making it through to the first semi, unfortunately a lapse in concentration just before half time cost us a chance of progressing further. The absence on the field of coach Peter Dakin was also a telling blow. Two of the best players on the day for the Tigers were James Laycock and Paul Webb, both outstanding games in the back line, James keeping up the good work when shifted on to the ball. The conditions were a little firmer than the previous week, perhaps we needed a wetter track!! The final margin 24 points, but we were as much as 38 points down at one stage. Well done Peter and the boys, the first Tiger side to win a finals match at Longford after a number of years of trying.

The festivities for the season wound up last Saturday night, with the Seniors and Reserves Annual Dinner and trophy presentation night, where 130 invited guests turned up to enjoy the nights' festivities. Once again the Ladies Committee and helpers are to be congratulated on a fantastic spread, the meal served hot to every table in a great effort and what a feast it was. The meal was followed by the trophy presentation and I would like to thank all trophy donors this year as I am sure all would agree that the quality of the trophies was first class, a great effort. Congratulations to the winners. To our tireless bar workers, what an effort! This year, with the donations by both coaches and the generosity of the club saw free drinks served almost the entire evening something the players and supporters greatly appreciated. I must add that this was most definitely the best behaved audience at any dinner in memory, all speeches were clearly heard and not once was the audience called to order.

Thanks again to Michael Polley for his attendance, I can't remember a dinner he has missed. Thanks to Greg at the St Marys Hotel for his generous donation on the night and to all the businesses of the town for rallying behind the club again with their support in any way. This year it was acknowledged that fund raising had taken a different turn and thanks largely to the dedicated workers and their suggestions, managed to bring along a more diverse audience to our two major functions this year. It is always hard to raise the necessary funds to keep any club viable, ours is no different and congratulations to everyone who helped out, participated or came along for a look. The club is looking to continue to raise funds during the off season (that seems to get shorter each year) to improve the on ground performances next season. At present there is a "Heaps of Headaches Raffle" in progress, which will be drawn this Friday night. Already there has been great interest shown and I am sure everyone would like to win the gallon of scotch, get your ticket soon or you may miss out. There are already plans for a couple of functions, more news as they transpire.

Once again thanks to our hard working committees and helpers without them we can't expect to progress.

Glenn McDonald Secretary

SENIORS TROPHIES 1999				
AWARD	DONOR	WINNER		
Best & Fairest	Des & Grace Faulkner	Keith Gillies		
Runner Up	Roger & Alana Donald	Jamie Viney		
Leading Goal Kicker	Doris Berwick Memorial.	Jamie Viney		
Best Backman	Glen & Leanne McDonald	Nigel Birrell		
Most Improved	Ray Ridgers Memorial.	Randal Norris		
Best Team Man	Michael Polley 3243	Jamie McKimmie		
Most Consistent	G & K Saunders	Scott Mason		
Most Dedicated	Union Hotel Avoca	Adrian Bramich		
Best First Year	Dana Smith	Justin Morris		
Coaches Trophy	Jamie Viney	Rex Floyed 👵 :		
Outstanding Services to the Club	Kelly Birrell Memorial Brian & Anne Birrell	Grant Faulkner		

RESERVES TROPHY WINNERS 1999				
AWARD	DONOR	WINNER		
Best & Fairest	St Marys Hotel	Matty & Pete		
Runner Up	Designer Hair Studio	Michael Cooke		
Leading Goal Kicker	John Maney Memorial	Matty Aulich		
Best Backman	Brian French Memorial	James Laycock		
Most Improved	John & Valda McDonald	Brian Smith		
Best Team Man	Rob-& Lyn Brown	Wayne Gillies		
Most Consistent	B & D Johnson	Nathan Hextall		
Best First Year	St Marys Bakery	Jerome Schmehl		
Best in the Finals	St Marys Health & Beauty	Paul Webb		
Clubman	Scott & Melissa Bean	Douglas Wardlaw		
Coaches Trophy	Peter Dakin	Gary Cooper Les Gall		

The Final round for Junior Footy was scheduled for Friday Night 27th August but because of persistent rain the round was postponed until Sunday. The players were disappointed at not playing under lights however the conditions were much better on Sunday.

In Kinder/Prep-One it was most pleasing to see how much the boys have improved since the start of the season. The match umpires reported that all players contributed in a pacy performance.

In grade 2-3-4 the Demons dominated the centre breaks with Lachy Smith and Troy Howe in control. Despite the efforts of the Cats and their brains trust they could not stop the irrepressible Demons. The Demons ran out comfortable winners by five goals.

Goals -

Demons: Josh Woods 3, Troy Howe 2, Lachy Smith 1, Joe McGee 1,

Bradley McDonald 1, Aaron Midson 1.

Cats: Troy Howe 1, Marcus Taylor 1, Craig Smith 1, Nick Child 1.

In 4-5-6 The Magpies had an early lead after keeping the Bombers goal-less. From here on the Bombers were able to match the Magpies however the Pies were able to maintain a two goal buffer.

Final Scores: Magpies 8.14 - 62 def Bombers 7.7 - 49.

Goals -

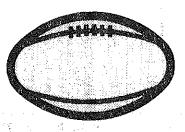
Magpies: Ben Oates 4, Richard Howe 3, Mark Brockman 1.

Bombers : Daniel Cooke 2, Drew Goss 2, Joel Salter 1, Brock Leedham 1.

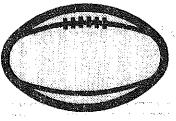
Umpires reported a fine team effort from all players.

At the conclusion of the games all registered players enjoyed an excellent luncheon provided by the St Marys Football Club Ladies. Each player received a certificate signed by the AFL Supremo and a medallion together with a gift pack.

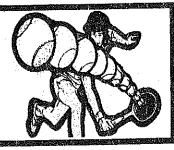
It was a fitting finish to a great season. Once again it was amazing how everything ran so smoothly with everyone willing to do their bit. Of course these things don't happen purely by accident and the Junior committee must take a bow for providing our kids with another wonderful year of fun.







ST MARYS TENNIS CLUB INC.



Memberships are now due, set at \$20.00 per person and are to be paid directly to the Treasurer.

To be eligible to play in the club championships, memberships must be paid directly to the Treasurer prior to the monthly meeting on November 25, 1999, 7.30 pm.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd September, at 7.30.

A Pennant Meeting will be held on 21st September, at 7.30 at the Pizza Parlour. All interested players (permanent and fill-ins) must attend this meeting if you wish to play pennant this year. This is your only chance to list your name. If you are unable to attend, but wish to play please contact the Club Captain.

Office Bearers 1999/2000

President: D Adam

Secretary: L Williams, S Miles,

M Loane (shared position)

Treasurer: K Nailer

Club Captain: M Williams.



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- 7 If you value it, take care of it
- 8 If you make a mess, clean it up
- 9 If you move it, put it back
- 10 If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.

Editors note:

Re letters to the Editor -Pseudonyms will be used if requested however all letters must be signed and include a name and address.

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