

# The Valley and East Coast Voice

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## A cheap way to keep the locals happy ?

Last Tuesday 12th October, 4 members of the working group established by the government in September 1999, to review access to services for people with lymphoedema in Tasmania, came to St Marys Health Centre.

This working group is charged with the "investigation of, and making recommendations on, the availability and accessibility of lymphoedema treatment in Tasmania", with particular reference to a laser based in St Marys Health Centre and resources available to commence treatment of lymphoedema utilising the laser.

They met with us, Patsy Burgess St Marys Health Centre Manager, Shelagh Lowe Physiotherapist, Betty Silbey, Beryl Watson St Helens, and myself (Jan Sparkes) St Marys, as part of the fund raising team for the bio-stimulation laser for St Marys.

We looked at fundraising for the laser, allocation of space, allocation of staff, time, other resources, training of staff, registration of equipment, clients utilising the service, future service demands.

The outcome of the meeting — St Marys not a Tasmanian Lymphoedema Clinic, but revised to a "pilot project focussing on the needs of the people within Shelagh's current patient catchment area (Coles Bay to St Helens and along the Fingal Valley towards Avoca)."

**A cheap way to keep the locals happy !**

**I think that the Governments and bureaucrats need to beware, country people are not going to be palmed off with the crumbs from the table.**

Jan Sparkes



The St Marys Rural Transaction Centre will be opened at 11am on the 4th November 1999 by the Federal minister for Transport and Regional Services, Senator Ian Macdonald. This will be followed by a reception and free barbecue at Todd's Hall at midday. All welcome.

### What is a Rural Transaction Centre?

Rural Transaction Centres are an initiative set up by the Federal Government to assist rural areas to maintain and attract financial and social services to areas that would otherwise lose these services. Funding is given for the construction or renovation of existing premises to enable them to provide a wide range of services, for example, banking, bill payments, financial advice, Medicare access, information and assistance. Funds are also given to develop research around communities financial needs before developing actual centres. The Centres are encouraged to co-locate existing services to make rural businesses more viable. In the case of St Marys the co-location of banking services will be in the Licenced Post Office.

**Funding:** A total amount of \$84,000 was granted to SMACD, the majority of this money will be spent on refurbishment of the telephone room, with a smaller amount of \$5000 being spent to advertise the project and to develop a web page and the town. Money not spent, is to be returned to the Commonwealth

More information next issue

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29	Jean Schier
	Shirley Britton

### NOVEMBER

1	Peter Williams
2	Karen Spilsbury
3	Wendy Aulich
4	Debbie Dawson
5	Frank Turner

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A reminder of the impending stall and raffle to be held on Election Day November 6th, outside the polling booth. Any contributions for the stall table will be gratefully accepted.

## ST MARYS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MEETING

21TH OCTOBER  
1999

7.00PM

HIGH SCHOOL  
ANNEX

## RANSLEYS

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PAUL LENNON

Deputy Premier

Minister for Infrastructure, Energy and Resources

### OPPOSITION SCAREMONGERING ON COAL

The State government has accused the Opposition of trying to scare the Fingal community about the future of the coal industry in Tasmania.

Deputy Premier, Paul Lennon said there was no justification for this scaremongering.

"Mr Hidding's claim about the effect on the coal industry from the gas project appear to be nothing more than scare tactics.

"The Government does not expect that bringing gas to Tasmania will cause the demise of the coal industry.

"Mr Hidding is clearly playing politics with the issue of natural gas.

"This issue is of crucial importance to the future of Tasmania. The Government expects that bringing natural gas to the State will expand the economy, not contract it.

"What Rene Hidding is doing is attempting to undermine the gas project.

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## Lymphoedema Centre

### The donations keep coming:

Many thanks go out again to those who have given and are giving so generously.

Lions Club of St Marys: \$750 from the late Gilbert Schier, donations in lieu of flowers.

St Marys Bakery \$50, Anonymous St Marys donor \$200, Faulkner Caltex Garage \$80, Catherine Sparkes London \$300.

This is wonderful, we've paid for the laser! We now have some money towards training staff, buying bandages etc etc.

St Marys will become the Tasmanian Lymphoedema Clinic.

A meeting is to be held with Neil Butterworth (Business Enterprise facilitator, Break O'Day Council), on Thursday at St Marys Health Centre.

Jan Sparkes

## Letter to the Editor

I am sure that I am just one of many, many residents who are alarmed at the continuing unsatisfactory water that comes from our local taps. There is no doubt that the Council have tried to fix the problem that has been a blight on the town for several years, but until now you would have to agree that it has been somewhat less than successful.

It is everyone's right to have decent clear water coming into the household but it looks like we are not much closer than we were before, equipment failure certainly doesn't help.

Perhaps it is time the Council called a public meeting on this most important issue with the relevant officers in attendance and maybe the next course of action could be decided with our input, that is people who have no choice but to use the brown smelly liquid we currently have.

Mayor Legge might be so good as to call such a meeting.

Rodney McGiveron 7 Main Road St Marys

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## Break O'Day Council News

### • Community Based Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is nearing completion and will be available in the near future.

### • St Marys Town Theme Committee

The footpath to be refurbished from the Hotel laneway to the Purple Possum shop using grey pavers consistent with pavers used in other areas of St Marys.

### • Service Agreement - Break O'Day Regional Tourism Association

The Council agreed to sign the service agreement with the Break O'Day Regional Tourism Association. The agreement is performance based and funding for the Association is on a 2 year period with annual reviews.

### • Development Fees - Medea Park

The Council resolved to make a donation of \$1,800 to Medea Park Residential Care to cover the development fees payable to Council on their recent project.

### • Carnival - St Helens Foreshore

Conditional approval has been granted for a carnival operation to set up on the foreshore over the Easter 2000 break on the Thurs. to Sun. evenings.

### • Golden Fleece Bridge- Alternative Route

The Council gave consideration to a suggested causeway across Medea Cove, but due to environmental, financial and engineering considerations the Council's preference would be to cost the upgrading of the existing bypass road at the next meeting

### • Scamander Boat Owners and Safety Interest Group

Councillor Tony Rawnsley was nominated and accepted the position of Council's representative on the Group.

### • Work for the Dole Project

That Council monitor the present tender process and negotiate with the successful Community Work Coordinators and encourage groups to develop potential project in anticipation of the final decision.

### • St Helens Football Ground - Light Poles

The Council agreed only to replace light poles and the Football Club be advised that it is the clubs responsibility to upgrade the lighting if required.

### Programmed Works -18th Oct - 5th Nov.

St Marys : Begin weeding gardens around Town Hall and Cenotaph.

Fingal Water: Continue laying main.

Scamander Drain: Complete works.

Mathinna Plains: Grade as required

St Helens: Continue maintenance of Main Street

Circassian St.: Complete footpath works

Akaroa Avenue: Complete footpath works

St Helens Area: Small grading as needed

Binalong Bay Bridge: Repair rotted out planks on end of bridge and bolt down runners.

St Helens & other urban areas: Mowing and spraying.

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# Patterns to break

Every time we interact with another person we set some form of pattern. In a marital or defacto situation this is intensely private and intimate with great expectations and hopes attached to it. So when it goes wrong, it has a far more devastating effect on adults and therefore children.

Separation, whether it be marital or defacto can be extremely painful and traumatic for all concerned. Sad though it might be for the adults, it is an emotional burden on children that *can* leave deep emotional scars.

I say *can*, not *does*, because the depth of scarring depends on the way in which the parents, or other significant adults, deal with the situation after separation. Generally speaking, if the same behaviour continues with the same arguments between parents and the way in which they deal with each other, then the same pattern continues between them. In fact it can be even more destructive, for while the parents were still together at least they didn't have the added problem of who caused the breakdown, together with the guilt/anger of the party who left, or the hurt/anger of the one who was rejected.

Separation is a confusing and painful time for parents but children often get caught up in the turmoil and used as weapons. The following is a vignette which gives an example of the kind of ongoing patterns damaging to children.

The children, quite innocently, aged three and four, go to see Dad for the weekend. They have a great time with him for although he tends to be a bit on the insensitive side, he's good with his kids and gives them lots of attention. But he still harbours resentment and anger towards their mother for leaving him. He entirely blames her and cannot, or will not, see anything in his own behaviour that could have prompted her departure. So as the children are about to leave after the weekend, an emotional time for him, he refers to her as a 'dog'. The children, quite innocently, although they picked up on the tone of Dad's voice, told Mum what he'd said. At their age, they had no idea of the meaning and were probably expecting a reassuring response from Mum that would ease their concerns about the tone in which Dad spoke of her. Mum however, reacted immediately and defensively. She was indignant, furious even and her response involved a lot of defamation of Dad's character. The pattern continued. Dad, whether intentionally or not, pushed her button to control her and she, without understanding what part she was playing to reinforce his stance, let him.

Of course, some will agree with Mum and say Dad should be stopped from saying what he's saying or from seeing the children, or punished etc. Or there are those who might say Dad has a point and was only stating the 'truth' that she had no right to leave him, that she is an immoral woman and shouldn't be caring for children, etc. But it has been shown that to go down this track of right and wrong, apportioning blame, and how to stop either doing what they are doing, is futile and in the long run just as damaging, if not more so, to the children. When a pattern like this continues, children learn negative ways to deal with others. They are in a position to learn manipulation, control and probably emotional blackmail. They also have to work out ways to minimize the harm and discomfort to themselves as they move from one parent to the other, attempting to deal with their conflict of loyalty.

The ideal and most effective solution is for both parents to put aside their own differences and work out what is in the best interests of their children. But we often fall far short of ideals. The second best option is for one parent to understand the pattern of interaction and break that pattern unilaterally. If it takes two to play a game, then once one stops, so does the game.

In this case Mum was the one more open to change for the sake of the children. So she is the one who will need to alter her response, despite her own strong feelings. In the case of the 'dog' episode, her response could have been 'oh that's nice dear. I wonder what kind of dog I could be. I like dogs, don't you? How about a Poodle, Great dane, Doberman? What do you think I could be?'

# St. Marys Community Health Centre

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The result of this kind of response is likely to be that Dad's denigration of Mum falls flat, has no desired effect and ultimately could make him feel uncomfortable. The children then learn a different and more constructive lesson from Mum. If she continues this change of response in other instances where previously she would have been defensive, the pattern will be forced to change in some way. At the very least, the children will learn from Mum a different way of dealing with conflict, even though Dad may continue with his behaviour. One side effect could be that Dad lets go of his resentment and gradually mellows to the situation freeing up more positive emotional energy for his children. Also if Mum can learn the strategies of change ( which, I might add are much easier said than done ) and if she also learns to control her own behaviour and the situation, then there is a good chance of embracing her self esteem. In this case, the parents could be slowly and tentively moving towards the ideal of constructive co-parenting.

Changing patterns can be useful in all areas of life, if we recognise the part we play and learn to change that. However even when we are rational and calm, making a shift for the better in our response to others takes practice. It is a big ask for couples separating who are extremely emotional. But if damage to children is to be minimised, these patterns must be broken and this, however difficult it may seem, is achievable.

*(The above is an amalgam of behaviour in general and any resemblance to persons reading this is purely accidental)*

## Breaking Patterns - Workshops

These can apply not only to separation but to any relationship:

Friend to friend - husband to wife - employee to boss.

When: Dates to be set

Numbers: Min. 6 - Max. 12

Where: St Marys Community Health Centre

Winners in the raffle drawn on the 13th October were :

1st prize Vicki Woods, 2nd prize Shirley Strochnetter, 3rd prize Pauline Woods.

The amount raised was \$323 which will go towards the Telehealth Facility at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Thanks to all who supported the raffle and special thanks to Mrs Eileen Spilsbury and Mrs Eunice Saurine for donating the prizes.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?

Thurs 21st Oct: Breast Cancer Support

Tues 26th Oct : OPSM

(appointments - ring Sandra )

### DOCTORS WEEKEND ROSTER

23rd and 24th Oct — Dr Geniola

30th and 31st Oct — Dr Shah

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1 onion diced      1 teaspoon crushed garlic  
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500g low fat cottage cheese      1 cup tomato past  
1 tablespoon basil      Cracked pepper (optional)  
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1/4 cup extra grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven 180°C. Microwave vegetables, except mushrooms on high for 8 minutes, drain. Stir in mushrooms, garlic, pepper and tomato supreme to cooked vegetables. Leave mix to one side. In a medium bowl combine cottage cheese, basil, 1/2 cup parmesan cheese and tomato paste. Coat a large lasagne dish with cooking spray, spread 1/3 of vegetable mixture over base. Top with 4 lasagne sheets, spread 1/2 of vegetable mix on top, cover with 1/2 cottage cheese mixture. Repeat this step again. Sprinkle extra parmesan cheese evenly over top. Cover with foil. Bake for 35-40 minutes, remove foil, cook a further 5 - 10 minutes till cheese is golden brown

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOVEMBER 6TH  
REFERENDUM DAY

I am one of those who cannot make up their minds.

I have read the literature, read letters, listened to comments, but still I do not know.

Perhaps one reason is that I like our present system, perhaps because I think that the money being spent now could be used elsewhere (perhaps helping to keep country hospitals open, or better roads).

To help me I made a list stating for and against and I really could not find too many benefits to vote for a Republic.

When looking at the countries that are Republics, the majority are in a constant state of upheaval. Then there is the electing of the President. Are we going to have the hoo-ha like America, or does the party that is governing at the time, or do we the people vote on the issue and also if we have a President do we have a list.

I would not like someone like Paul Keating (heaven forbid), or a Kim Beasley, Bob Hawke, John Howard, or Peter Costello. I have been perfectly happy with our Governors' Generals. They've carried out their duties with dignity and pride, so why change.

Then there is the question of the Queen, after all we do not pay her a salary as we would have to a President.

We only pay for travelling on her rare trips to Australia, but we do that for other V.I.P.'s.

But I think the most important question will be - will we be better off as a Republic?

Una Camplin

As part of the International Year of the Older Person I was an invited guest to the National Council of Woman's meeting and luncheon, where my daughter Jenny was guest speaker.

Her topic was "Information Technology and the Older Person".

In her speech she told of the success of the classes she has with her students of the Launceston College with some of the elderly from the nursing homes (Fred French, Aldersgate, and Tyler House).

After a shaky start now they cannot wait for their next lesson.

Then on the Sunday a booklet "Active 50" was launched. Compiled by her class it lists activities that the elderly can do.

They say life begins at 40 but real fun begins at 50.

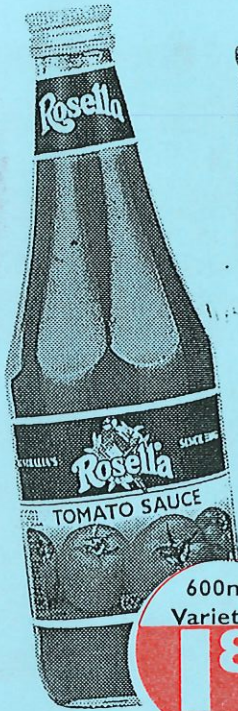
Even though we are getting older there are many things we can do, to keep our brain active and keep our health.

Una Camplin

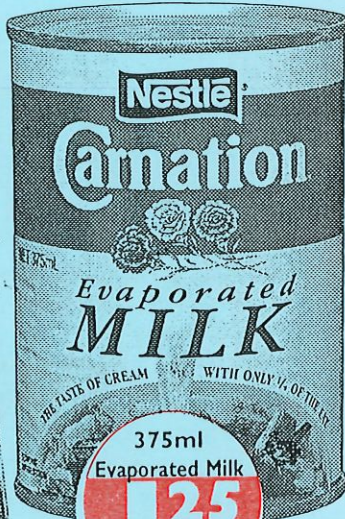


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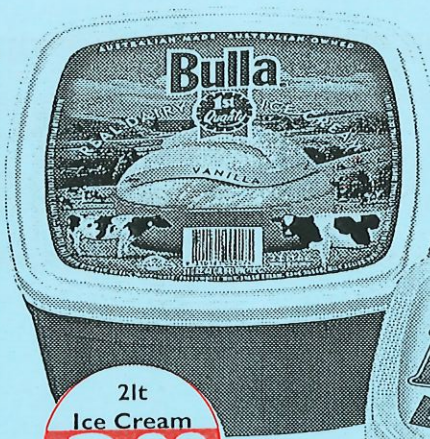
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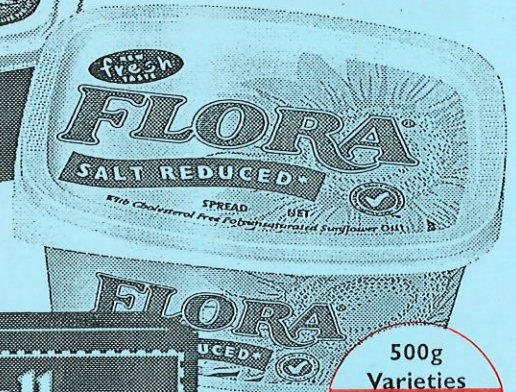
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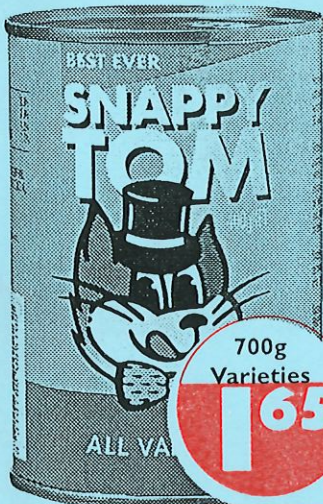
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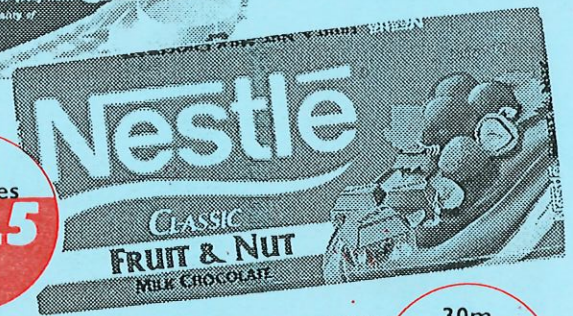
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## POOL MEETING REPORT TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1999

On Tuesday 12th October, there was a meeting at St. Marys District High School regarding the costs and usage of the pool for the 1999-2000 season. Flyers were sent home to all students the week before and the meeting was publicised in the Valley Voice. Over 20 interested people attended and after much discussion and input by the group present the following costs were detailed and issues brought up for consideration.

### FINANCES - PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR 1999/2000

- ◆ **KEYHOLDERS ONLY:** \$135.00 (approx. depending on price of resuscitation mask - details below about this) with \$10.00 refund at return of key.
- ◆ **KEYHOLDERS AND Learn-to-swim/Squad sessions:** \$130.00 + \$2.50 per session.
- ◆ **Learn-to-swim/Squad sessions ONLY:** \$3.00 per session

### THE P&F WILL AGAIN CO-ORDINATE THE HOLIDAY TAS SWIM PROGRAMME THIS SEASON.

It was felt that those who only participated in the swimming tuition paid for the tuition ONLY and not for the running of the pool - power, heating, chemicals, etc., resulting in people actually using the pool for free. 50 cents from the \$3.00 fee will go to pool costs.

The group felt very strongly that there were quite a number of people abusing the present pool system and after much discussion the following guidelines were set for 1999/2000 season and beyond and ALL users of the pool are expected to abide by these guidelines.

1. **SMOKING and ALCOHOL are NOT permitted** under ANY circumstances on the school property, particularly in the vicinity of the pool. This occurred last year several times. Signs will be purchased and erected to support this.
2. It was felt that parents who remained in their cars or dropped their children off at the pool then left, or simply did not observe while their children were in the water, were not providing enough supervision of their children. ALL parents or a **NOMINATED guardian MUST be AT** the pool providing **VIGILANT supervision**. It is not the responsibility of other parents.
3. Students are **STILL** required to remain **OUTSIDE** the pool gate until a parent/guardian is with them (or their swimming coach). There should be **NO UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN IN THE POOL AREA OR IN THE WATER**.
4. If children are in the water for swimming sessions **ONLY** and they are **NOT** a **KEYHOLDER**, they are **NOT** entitled to remain in the water after their lesson is over. Nor are other family members /friends/relatives allowed in the water during this tuition time.
5. The **STAYING OVER/GUEST** rule basically works on an honesty system. Invited guests/family etc. are welcome on a short term basis but not people just trying to get free swims.
6. It was felt that large toys, balls being thrown and some toys were inappropriate because they were either dangerous to others or there simply was not the room. Please be considerate when bringing aquatic play things and consider the safety of others. **BIKES** were also mentioned and are **NOT** to be brought into the pool area. **NO GLASS** drink bottles or other unsafe items are to be brought into the pool either.
7. Of great concern was the **NUMBER** of children some people seem to have at the pool. It was mentioned that some parents are taking their own children plus family members and friends' children all at once and the question was asked "**WHAT CONSTITUTES A FAMILY when purchasing a key?**". It was suggested that some times there are so many children with one adult, the supervision is simply not adequate. No number limit of children per adult could be set but those at the meeting requested that adults use common sense about the number of children they could **SAFELY** observe 100% of the time.
8. **POOL COVERS** are to be put on by the last swimmers leaving each day.
9. It was unanimous that **ALL keyholders will be required to purchase a small fold-up resuscitation mask to be attached to their pool key. THIS IS CURRENTLY BEING LOOKED INTO.** The cost is expected to be \$4.00-\$5.00.
10. Safety equipment will be attached to the inside of the shelter area (rope, stick, kickboard, whistle) for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY**. 3 long loud blows on the whistle indicates an emergency-everyone OUT!
11. Access to a phone at the pool is being looked into.

We thank all those who attended this positive meeting and the pool will be opening in a few weeks time.

Karen Bramich (H.P.E. Dept) & Maureen Bushing (Bursar)

The Swimming Pool will be open for family and community use some time in the first week of November 1999 until mid April 2000. Definite opening date will be advised later. The cost of keys for this season will be \$130.00 (\$120.00 fee and \$10.00 key deposit - refundable on return).

As this is an unsupervised pool, each keyholder and any "designated adult" (meeting the criteria stated in the rules) supervising swimmers **must** have a **current CPR or First Aid Certificate**. The school will co-ordinate CPR Certificated Courses (valid for three years) if there is a need. Times and costs for these courses will be advised as soon as details become available. If you are interested in attending a course, please leave your name and contact number at the office.

Keys and rules will be available from the office **from Monday 18 OCTOBER**. When collecting keys, please ensure that you have your valid CPR / First Aid Certificate with you for us to copy and keep with your key application form.

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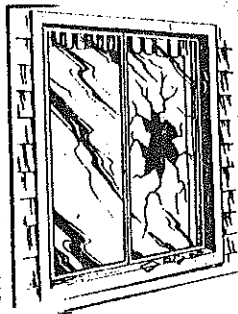
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## Joseph Ebenezer Clarke

### Joseph who?

J E Clarke was a leading property developer in early St Marys, responsible for the building of a substantial proportion of 'the Block'. The CBD of the township comprised of Main St - Storey St - Groom St - Cameron St. In particular he built many of the cottages in Storey and Groom Streets and a 'store and house' in Main Street which was first Cramps, eventually H.C.Dawborns, Sams, and now St Marys Supermarket.

Clarke first appeared in local records in 1869, occupying a shop and premises in Talbot St. Fingal, later to become Holder Bros.

He was 40, married to Eliza, with a daughter Amy who had been born two years earlier in Launceston. By 1872 he was also renting a shop and house at Mathinna, and in 1876 he was the owner of 3 acres 1 rod 22 perches of land in the slowly developing township of St Marys at the head of the Break O'Day Plains, land which was to be the site of a store which would serve St Marys over three centuries.

Between 1876 - 1881 Joseph Clarke was involved in multiple land dealings, mainly in Fingal, but all the time operating the Talbot Street shop and retaining his township land in St Marys, anticipating the growth that would result with the opening of new coal mines and the arrival of the railway line in 1886.

That these developments were not confirmed by current newspaper reports, even as late as 1885, "some people think the railway will ruin St Marys, others think it will make it. Even if the Mount Nicholas coal mine goes ahead, it will not benefit St Marys as the colliers will have their own township close to the workings" J.E.Clarke however backed his beliefs on the future of the town.

Sometime during 1881, Clarke built a house and store on the 3.1.22 acres in Main Street and the next year leased it to J.T.Cramp. Cramp sold the shop on 1.1.0 acres that he was already operating, to George D'Embden, and moved into the new and bigger premises.

Soon after, Clarke gave up the Talbot St shop in Fingal and by 1885 he was living in St Marys.

With his builder Joseph Cooper, he started an intensive development programme that was to put their mark on St Marys and established 'the Block' (or 'the Square') as the centre of the town.

The 'Country Correspondent' wrote for The Examiner on 2nd October 1885, "Mr J. E. Clarke's two cottages, one finished and timber being drawn and placed on the ground for the two more dwellings and from what I can glean, they are to be different in design. Mr Clarke is making the best use of his small allotment and also improving St Marys. In fact ever since Mr Clarke purchased land here he has made improvements. No one else would erect a building but now buildings are going up in a good many places"

By mid 1889 Joseph Clarke owned 15 properties on 'the Block', 11 cottages in Storey and Groom Streets.

The Storey Street properties faced east to the Wesleyan Parsonage, Chapel, stables and Assembly Rooms across the road and the cottages faced south where G.R.Napier had his store and house and Bernard Madden and James Cooper occupied their cottages on bigger blocks than the new cottages of Clarke.

The Sale Yards on 1 acre and owned by William Lade were at the western end of 'the Block' on Cameron Street.

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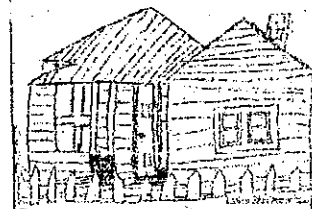
## Joseph Ebenezer Clarke *Continued*

Fingal District Assessment Roll 9 July 1889

15 Properties in St Marys owned by J.E. Clarke

### Occupier                      Property

David Rees ....	Shop & Dwelling Main Rd J.T. Cramp .....	House, store, land
C. Stackhouse .....	National Bank	
James Phillips .....	Smithy, shop, land	
L.G. Schier .....	Shop & premises	
Fitzgerald & Smith ..	Cottage & land	
S.E. Salter .....	Cottage & land Storey St	
Vacant- .....	Cottage & land	
Vacant .....	Cottage & land	
Price .....	Cottage & land Groom St	
Robert Grant .....	Cottage & land	
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However by 1889, Clarke was no longer resident in St Marys. In fact since 1887 only two years after he started his development of 'the Block', he had been J.E. Clarke of 'Farnham' Elphin Road Launceston.

In 1888 his 15 year old son Sydney Herbert, born in Fingal in 1873 died at Launceston. Whether it was in response to personal tragedy ( and he was after all a proven property developer and he was now 60 years old), Joseph Clarke started to release his property holdings in St Marys and reap the return for his belief in the future of the town.

He started by subdividing his earliest holding in the town, the 3.1.22 acres in Main Road containing the store leased by T.J. Cramp. He sold the store, house and the remaining 2 acres to Cramp and by 1890 he had sold all his commercial properties to his occupying tenants, as well as four of the cottages, and had tenants in the remaining cottages listed as 1 to 7 in Groom and Storey Streets.

Most of these tenants appeared to be called George 1: George Stevens in cottage No 1, George Button (No 2), George Williams (No 4) and George Edwards (No 5). Price in No 6 seemed to have no christian name, but as either Miss Fanny Toby (No 3) or Edward Newman (No 7) passed their neighbours, the street must have echoed with " morning George "!

By 1892 he had also sold cottages 1-7 to among others, Mrs Charles Oliver, William Dennis, John King and Miss Margaret Harrison.

J.E. Clarke was no longer listed as a property owner in St Marys.

Joseph Ebenezer Clarke died in Launceston on 12 April 1904 aged 75 and was buried in the Cypress Street Cemetery.

Although a property owner in the town since 1876 he was resident for only 3 years or so, nevertheless he believed in the future of the town and his drive and enthusiasm was recognised at the time.

The 19th century cottages of Joseph Clarke and Joseph Cooper in Groom and Storey Street and his store in Main Street, still stand as we move into the year 2000, "improvements" which will span three centuries in St Marys.

Thankyou to David Clement for this excellent account of the early development in the town of St Marys.

Sketches by St Marys Grade 5/6 students





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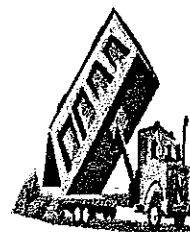
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Tickets available from: Todd's Hall Café, St Marys Top Shop, St Marys Supermarket.

### Successful Fundraising by St Marys Entrant

Sunday 17th of October was the Presentation Day for the Make-A-Wish Foundation Quest.

There were 7 entrants this time and we raised a total amount of \$10,500 to help grant wishes to children with life threatening illness.

I finished 4th, raising \$1530. Many thanks to all who generously supported me during the past 6 months. Special thanks to all staff at school and Carole Woods for their help, also Mr Leo Cook who donated a beautiful painting for our raffle which was won by Mrs Jenny Goodall from Ringarooma. The Quest is going to be an ongoing fundraiser for Make-A-Wish. A new quest has just recently begun and will run until February 2000. Anyone interested in entering, please contact the Make-A-Wish Launceston Branch.

Lauren Bennett

### Combined Probus Club of Scamander

The annual 3 day trip is on this week and they are heading for the Huon Valley and the 'Spring Blossom Tour'. This is a much looked out for event by most of the members as they have so much fun on these trips. The Franklins will be looking after all the travel side and Ray Booth has organised the venues that they will attend. It is a very low cost trip with accommodation and main meals included. If you are retired and have time on your hands here is a good group for you to become a member of.

Probus meet at the Scamander Beach Resort.

If interested: contact the Secretary

Phone 6372 5218

### Scamander Boat Owners and Safety Interest Group

This group is working on permanent access to the sea for reasons of safety and the recreational fishermen and women.

Last months meeting had a good roll up and we were privy to have Mr David Llewellyn in attendance, representing the Government.

This is a project that will not be overcome quickly but the members are dedicated to hanging in for the long haul. The President of this group is Mr Kevin Faulkner who is well known by many in this area and has held many key positions in many action groups. Edan Davey is the Vice President. We need a dedicated secretary as Mr A. Dabner is a fill in until a permanent replacement comes forward. Can you help out here?

Paul Rawnsley has taken on the Treasurers position. Good to see some young people taking on this type of roll in the community.

Mr Jake Smythe has been given an honorary membership for past efforts in this and many other areas of local community projects.

If you have a boat or even if you are just interested in being involved, come along to our next meeting or contact Kevin on 6372 2196 or Adrian on 6372 5190.

The meetings are bi-monthly and the 3rd Saturday of the month, the next one is on 18th December 1999 at 7.30 sharp. Watch out for the flyers in the shops for the venue as we have to change our place of meeting.

**Scamander Coastal Patrol** is still listening out for all boating fraternity on VHF, HF or 27MHZ. So if you are out at sea or even up the river, give Coastal Patrol a call, it is as good as a life jacket to have your radio working for you.

St Helens Coastal Patrol is just starting on some extension to the existing radio room on the foreshore and we need helpers to build this much needed meeting room and we also need volunteers in many fields. If you are interested or you can help out in any way please call Sue Breen 03 6376 1949.

Thats life !

There were two queues at the Pearly Gates.

One quite long queue with a sign saying : MEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES.

The other one read: MEN NOT DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES

There was just one bloke in this queue and he looked extremely timid. St Peter asked "Are you sure you should be standing there?"

'Yes' was the reply. 'My wife told me to'!



## Know your neighbours:

We have met some of our other more common 'neighbours' in previous issues, this is one that most of us have grown up with.

The shining blue thing that you find around the garden and looks like a very large blue ant - is not. Popularly called a 'bluebottle', it is neither a fly or a jellyfish, but a flower wasp - *Diamma bicolor* - that can sting.

While the females are wingless, they mate in mid-air, with the male carrying the female. He then drops her to the ground where she lays her egg on an immature mole cricket. The literature does not state whether the male drops her onto a passing male cricket, or whether she staggers off to find one.

The male has slender wings, large compound eyes, and after dumping the female, may be found hanging around flowering shrubs and trees - a real SNAW (sensitive new age wasp).

Widely seen in St Marys.

## Dear Readers

from Annette and Peter Wines — continued from last issue:

We really can't believe these camping spots, this one was on the Middle Gascoyne River half way between Meekatharra and Newman. It was so good that we stayed for eleven days. On two occasions there were only two other campers but most nights there would be around nine and on one extra busy night there were sixteen. We met an extremely interesting 70 year old gent here who spends his time recording bird calls. He was delighted that we could take him to view a Nightjar and a Western Bower-bird, complete with bower. Both he filmed on his video camera.

I could rave on about our camping for hours as we have been in some delightful places, it would be really difficult to decide on a best as they all seem to have something going for them, be it an abundance of wildflowers or a plethora of native birds.

I did find the Daleena Gorge out from Marble Bar extra special. Plenty of clean water to swim in, dry river beds to walk up, rock faces for Peter to climb and an abundance of bird life. We stayed for three nights with company on one night only, sadly we had to move on to collect our mail at Port Hedland.

Though it is only September the weather is starting to warm up so we needed to make a decision as to our direction. We would have liked to have kept heading north but decided that living in a mobile home during the wet season would not be much fun and as my folks were keen to go on holiday we have opted for house sitting in Carnarvon for a couple of months. Where to from there? One never knows, we may yet make it to Tamworth.

We are amazed at the number of people out on the roads and have run into quite a few Taswegians along the way. We have spoken to people who are in contact with Gerald Aulich on the CB and even met a couple who had assisted Hubert out of a boggy situation in north Queensland. It certainly is a small world.

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Cheers for now, Annette & Peter Wines.

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## St Marys Sports Centre

by Kackhander

Two games in for the pennant season and the team is 1-1. The first week the side defeated Scamander by around 30 shots and the second week Swansea beat St Marys by a slightly larger margin at Swansea. All in all things are fairly promising to date but a few more bowlers would be great. If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact Rod Spilsbury or Tony Blake.

Still on bowls, players are asked to try and help do match day duties, such as raking ditches, aligning pegs, flags etc, when we play at home.

The recent golf days have been rolling on quite well and we have a visit from Colebrook coming up soon, so if you are interested, please check the notice board for details.

The first chicken run proved fairly popular but unfortunately the second was rained out.

As there is a bye for pennant bowls this weekend, there will be a working bee for a few hours or so on the clubhouse for painting purposes, starting about 9am.

I believe there will be a bit of a barbie after and regular Wednesday night working bees are now in operation for anyone wanting to help to 'keep the course in top nick'.

Sean and Adam Fletcher enjoyed their recent trip to Sydney and they certainly were good ambassadors, by all account.

*Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.*

### Scamander Bowls Club News

Come along on Friday the 5th November and enjoy a Taste of the Orient with the bowls club.

This will be a great night with a prize for best oriental dressed lady and gent plus a lucky door prize, chocolate wheel raffle. Bookings are essential for a great night with prices at \$15 for adults and \$10 for Juniors.

The club welcomes new members or those wishing to learn. Chicken runs are held every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm.

### Dutch evening

The Scamander ladies golf club are holding a Cent and Dutch evening on Wednesday 20th October to raise money for the annual Christmas parade. As it is the end of the millenium we should make it a great event and get as many participants as possible. To help with the evening, the ladies would like you to bring a plate for supper and donations of items for the auction would be appreciated. Everyone invited to come along.

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# ST MARYS CRICKET

The North East Cricket Association roster commenced on Saturday 16th of October 1999. Since last season St Marys have lost several key players including the batting and bowling average winners for 98/99, Roger Towns and Kevin Wagner who have returned to Winnaleah. Other losses included Mick Bramich, Dean Squires and Dave 'the Cat' Arnol.

The Tigers have covered these losses reasonably well, recruiting Jason Lynch and Chris Arratta with Kyle Bean coming up from the Under 16's.

With a good combination available for the first game against Scottsdale, the players were very confident. Unfortunately Scottsdale could not provide sufficient players to make the trip over the hill and forfeited the first game.

This week's away clash to Winnaleah will be a much more difficult task especially with Jeff Woods and Roger Salter unavailable.

The club is very keen to introduce young players to the side and has reserved spots for under 18 players regardless of form or expertise.

The NECA had it's Junior meeting on Monday night with a East Coast meeting to follow shortly. It is most likely that Under 16's will commence in mid November as in previous years.

Jarrold Williams has kindly agreed to help set up the "I have a Go" program for young players, with the program likely to kick off in early November 1999.

The Club's Lotto will commence this Saturday with the first draw. Many thanks to Mrs Jos Lynch who has convinced many people to invest.

On a damper note, the Club's practice wicket cover was left out to dry, unfortunately it appears to have completely evaporated. The Club would greatly appreciate the return of the mat which is vital for practice. **OL' SNAKE EYES**

## St Marys Tennis Club

Memberships are now due, set at \$20 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 25th 1999 at 7.30pm.**

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th October at 7.30pm

Twilight Tennis has commenced.

## CRICKET

Reminder that training is Tuesday and Thursday nights at the St Marys recreation ground.

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