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Hotels of the Break O'Day Plains 1858 - 1899

"Some distance further on is the village of Cullenswood here also are the Post Office and public school. Soon after passing these, you enter the Londavra Estate, the property of Robert Cameron Esq. of Clairville near Evandale. Here is a neat road-side inn, at which may be found ample accommodation to meet the requirements of the neighbourhoodabout two miles further on is the township of St Marys, including the house of Mr Thomas Hardy, at the side of the rivulet, which is crossed by a log bridge" (Walch's Tasmanian Almanac 1864).

The Almanac mentions two of the three hotels which have served the St Marys district since the earliest settlement of the area. The "neat road-side inn with ample accommmodation" was the 'Tasmanian Inn' (not to be confused with the Tasmania Hotel at Fingal), while the house of Mr Thomas Hardy was soon to become the St Marys Hotel.

Our third hotel, the 'Criterion Hotel' was opened in 1890, soon after the opening of the railway to St Marys.

The 'Tasmanian Inn' was certainly operating in 1858, the year of the first Valuation Rolls for the Fingal District, when it was described as a 'Public House, Cullenswood', of 21 acres, (some beer garden!!), occupied by Joseph Howell from the proprietor Robert Cameron.

Licensing records are a pain to research and no further research has yet been done as to when it first opened, other than to determine the name of the public house, from the 1864 Licensing Records (Hobart Town Gazette 12 Jan 1864). While it may have been a 'neat' inn, it didn't seem to be much fun to run, with a regular turnover of licencees between 1858 and 1866 when it closed trading and declined into "sheds and buildings" according to the 1867 Valuation Roll. It is interesting that both the Valuation Rolls and the Licensing Board refer to the hotel as at Cullenswood. It wasn't, it was located on Londavra, but the description reflects the social and economic importance of the Cullenswood property at the time, when the area in general was referred to as 'Cullenswood'

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St Marys Hotel. T.H.Smallhorn 1892

POST OFFICE NEWS

As you probably all realise the St Marys Post Office has been privatised to become a licensed Post Office.

This is only a cosmetic change - no services will be lost - instead of Australia Post paying the bills eg. Rates-Power and Telephone bill, PM Pete will be.

All the past experienced staff will be employed in some way or another. As a matter of fact the services will be upgraded. Within three weeks the Island State Credit Union, CPI Credit Union and Connect Credit Union will be coming on line at the Post Office.

The staff at the Post Office would like to thank the community for their past support, we have made a lot of friends and had a lot of laughs.

Being the Postal Manager for the past 16 years I would like to thank all the present and past staff for their input in making the St Marys Post Office a pleasant place to visit. This is confirmed by the many achievement awards for customer service and brilliant displays that are displayed in the Post Office.

We are not sure of the future but the Post Office could become a Rural Transaction Centre supporting all postal, banking and service needs for the community. If this is so I am sure you will still obtain the customer service you have been used to over the recent years. If you have any queries regarding the changes at the Post Office feel free to contact me or my staff.

Kind regards

P M Pete

(Wombat Post)

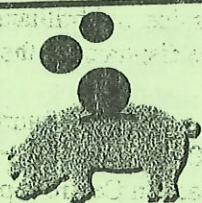
**St Marys Catholic Church
Centenary
and Confirmation
100 years**

**Concelebrated Mass with
Archbishop Adrian Doyle
and**

**Father Paul Connolly
Sunday July 11th at 10am
After the ceremony
lunch will be served in the
Community Hall**

Double Celebration

- Bruce and Judy Spilbury of St Marys had a special reason to celebrate on Sunday 20th June 1999.
- Not only was it their 40th Wedding Anniversary but also Bruces's 60th Birthday.
- Son Tony was down from Brisbane for the weekend and daughter Felicity and children were there to celebrate with their parents, as were other family members and friends.



**GRADE 5/6
COPPER COIN
SCROUNGE**

Grade 5/6 children at St Marys District High School are collecting decimal, copper coins (no longer in circulation) as part of their fundraising activities to help cover the cost of a trip to Port Arthur in October this year.

Each of the three participating classes has a container for collected coins and more containers will be placed in local stores.

We hope that the surrounding community will assist us in our efforts by sending coins to school or by putting them into the containers provided locally.

and then Londavra and Harefield 'abodes' were almost invariably described as 'near' Cullenswood, or simply Londavra (or Harefield), Cullenswood. It would be seen however, that the district could not support two hotels and in the background was waiting Mr Thomas Hardy. In 1858 he occupied a 320 Dairy and Agriculture Farm on Cullenswood, leased from Robert Vincent Legge, but by 1860 he had moved out and was living in a house on 2 acres in St Marys, the site of the present St Marys Hotel. For the next 6 years the Valuation Rolls show the steady turnover of licences at the "Tasmanian Inn" while Thomas Hardy remains in occupation of his house on 2 acres in what is now the proclaimed township of St Marys. In 1867 the new order emerged. The 'Tasmanian Inn' dissolved into "sheds and buildings" while Mr Hardy's house bloomed into a Public House, the 'St Marys Hotel' starting an unbroken 132 years to date of a 'St Marys Hotel' on the same site, although not the same building.

Thomas Hardy and his son W.F. Hardy, with a variety of licencees over the years, reigned supreme as the only Public House in the district until, in 1890, with new coal mines and the opening of the railway to St Marys in 1886, Jacob Morey provided the inhabitants with a choice by opening the 'Criterion Hotel' some 100yds up the road, on the other side of the river towards the Pass, where the units are now.

Thanks to David Clement for this history.

What am I ? (in last issue)

Clues:

- a cultural experience -(Library)
- this mouse was dunked in the tea at the Mad Hatters party.
(Door (mouse))
- Ali Baba's grain !
((open) Sesame)
- now you see me, now you don't
- the only one in the Valley

Must admit that I thought this was a bit tricky.

The answer is —

The new sliding doors at the St Marys Library which open automatically for to you walk through.

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St. Marys Community Health Centre

Day Centre

You may or may not be aware that the Day Centre has had a new coordinator in the past few months. Hayley Gilbert has injected enthusiasm and creativity into her work, and as there have been changes in the activities at the Centre, so too it is proposed to change the name.

'Day Centre' somehow has a ring of institutional drabness about it. One suggestion has been The Wednesday Club which has a bit more oomph, but wouldn't quite fit if the activities were to spill over into Thursday.

So how about some other suggestions.

A bit of brainstorming, please.

Coming up at the 'Day Centre' (we'll stick to that for now)

Euchre Tournament Thurs 29th July 1-3pm
(more details next issue)

Reunion for all past and present people associated with our Day Centre.

Tentative date for this is 4th August.

Again there will be more details.

What's on at the Centre?

Health Management Workshop

- Thursday 22nd July 9.30 to 11.30am
- Delia Richter, Nutritionist will visit via Telehealth at 10am

Please ring Sandra on 63722341 to book your place.

The focus of this workshop is on the following:

- to inspire people in rural communities to develop effective self-help groups that address health issues such as nutrition, exercise, and eating awareness;
- to give group members information and practical strategies for improving their health via good nutrition, increased fitness, improved body image and great self esteem;
- to empower group members to challenge dieting as 'normal' behaviour and offer healthier alternatives to weight management;
- to provide an opportunity for people in isolated communities to share their experiences in a supportive way.



You are invited to a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

at

Scamander Sports Complex

Thursday 15th July at 11.30am

Contact Sandra Oliver 6372 2111

Cost \$4.00 per person

Proceeds from the luncheon will help buy a laser to be used at the St Marys Health Centre.

There will be a raffle - \$1 per ticket

Lucky door prizes

Trade Table - all donations welcome

The purpose of buying a laser is for the treatment of lymphodema which often results from surgery or treatment of cancer.

It also has further important uses such as in the treatment of sports injuries, venous ulcers, wounds and arthritis.

Please come along and find out more about the use of laser treatment, and bring a friend.

DOCTORS WEEKEND ROSTER

July 3rd and 4th — Dr Geniola

July 10th and 11th — Dr Shah

St Marys Community

Health Centre Phone 6372 2111

Dr Shah 6372 2311

Dr Geniola 6374 2288

WHAT ELSE IS ON AT THE CENTRE?

Hearing services

Tuesday 6th July:



Podiatrist

12th & 13th July:

LOUIS GILBERT SCHIER 1923 - 1999

A tribute

He shrank over the years
That 6 foot 2 inch rangy frame
collapsed inwards
The shoulders disappeared
The weight redistributed itself

Aged 50 he had loped easily
through the bush
axe in hand, crib bag on shoulder
leading Rob and me
through gullies and along ridges
from Little Beach up to Gray
to the remains of his childhood home.
*"I haven't been up here since '38
I was snarin' possums on that ridge"*

Then in '74 the arthritis struck
Attacked every joint - hips
shoulders, neck, knees, wrists
You would've taken a photo of those
distorted hands

Hands that had:
strung pigs up the gumtree
made all the bricks for the house
fixed bikes
planted spuds
grubbed sags
emptied dunny cans
built sheds
tinkered with toasters
kept the dozer going
beat the drum in the St Marys band
cut the hydro poles for all those years
and moved the mouth organ
"It's a long way to Tipperary"

In the end those hands
couldn't hold a knife and fork
But he didn't want anyone
to cut up his meat.
"What do you think I am - a baby?"

He wasn't easy to live with
in these last years
The pain was relentless, incessant
Made everyday activities difficult
How long did it take to pull on the socks?
Do up the buttons?
How many attempts to get out of a chair?

But his memory never faltered.
He could tell you
when Ludie moved to town
to work with the council
When Thorald's garage burned down
And the time Jack Sweet pulled the
chaffcutter up the Pass with the old
'29 Chev truck - the "death wagon"

Always good for a laugh and a yarn
That dry sense of humour was always there
"If I was a horse they'd take me out and shoot me"

We can remember him huddled
dozing in the chair
in the corner of the kitchen
Shuffling along the hall
Struggling to get in and out of the car

But I prefer to think of him
Striding through the bush
Or head back laughing
at one of Chooksie Walker's jokes
Smiling out of the photos
with Toby, Wilfred and Vic
at the dances in Todd's Hall

Soaring above us all
Liberated at last

Farewell Dad

Val Schier
21 May 1999

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BREAK O' DAY COUNCIL NEWS



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 12TH JULY AT ST. HELENS 10.00AM START.

Break O' Day Visitor Information System.

Council agreed to develop the Visitor Information System of signage and maps in the next financial year. The \$60,000 estimate is already allocated, no additional funding is required. The new system will integrate with the State Governments New Highway Signage System, The Tasmanian Visitor Information System. The new signage system will compliment the states alphabetic numbering system for roads A3, C821 etc, and will make it easier for visitors to find places of interest let alone their destination on the East Coast and Fingal Valley.

Fingal Valley Tourist Operation

Council approved the development of tourist accommodation and ancillary support facilities for a farm stay experience at "Frodsley" in the Fingal Valley.

Area Promotion

Council has provided 1000 brochures and folders on the Break O'Day area for distribution at a Sydney Fishing and Recreation Exhibition. The brochures are general in content and emphasize not only the pristine environment and idealistic lifestyle but information about business and services provided to encourage new residents, business and visitors to the area.

Fence, Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Playground.

Council is to proceed with the replacement of the playground fence at the Old Tasmania Hotel Community Centre as a matter of urgency as it is a project brought forward from the 1999/200 budget

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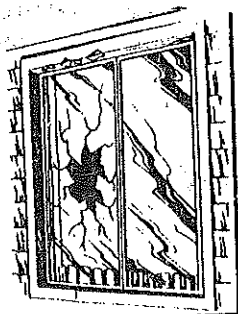
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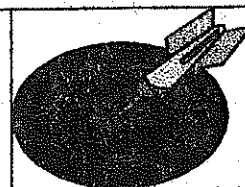
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JEFF HEADS OFF AGAIN *continued*

April 27

We slowly climb up the cliff out of the huge Murray River and hit the dirt road heading for Morgan, a pumping station for dry South Australia. It was great to have to cross on a small ferry punt hauled across by a cable.

Quite a lot of house boats were anchored nearby and the small town seemed to be tidying up after a long weekend festival. We bade farewell to the mighty Murray River knowing that the next rivers, the Todd and the Finke could be just isolated pools and dry river beds.

The highway to Burra was excellent. It was very very dry with poor skinny ewes lambing in dry dusty paddocks near houses away from the foxes. It was good to see the wheat farmers not burning the stubble but sod - seeding and getting ready for the winter rains.

Out came the ham just before Burra, at a windmill and old cement water tank. There was very little traffic and very little to see, but us being farmers, even a few scrawny ewes and lambs coming to drink was interesting.

After Burra we headed up the highway behind the low bare hills of S A. Small struggling country towns trying to stay afloat with tourism.

It makes St Marys look like a bustling city.

We managed to reach Peterborough, a larger town that once had 3 different rail gauges to contend with. Now things have drastically changed with only one standard guage operating to Perth, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Alice Springs. No more huge change overs at workshops.

While being shown around the huge railway workshops, the Perth to Sydney Express pulled in and our guide said, 'Gosh, I should have been at the station', but the ageing guide wasn't too fazed as the Station Masters job is voluntary. Two other ageing railway buffs were restoring a steam engine, but blamed delays on the experts who have to come from Adelaide to repair the brakes on the steam train - hardly need brakes around here as it is so flat.

The old boys dream of the time the Alice to Darwin line is built and Peterborough will be reborn, but I have my doubts that it will happen.

After a chat with the locals about cheap fuel, the advice was to buy at Wilmington before Port Augusta and the long haul up the 'Centre'.

We headed west through tidy well ordered sheep and wheat properties crying out for some winter rain. We finally reached Wilmington and the fuel stop was at "The Local Bloke" farmers produce store. A real delight - with a flower garden supporting a rogue cauliflower. Everything was well watered and cared for and the service excellent. A delight to fill up there, avoiding ghastly Port Augusta and the fuel price was right too.

We chugged on after quite a few stops and pulled over after crossing the Trans Continental railway line at Hesso - no town just a dot. After driving across a dry creek bed we made camp as far away from the noisy road-trains as possible.

We managed to scrounge 3 star droppers for a tripod for the billy but had to wait another 3 days before we could find plain wire to complete the billy hook. All the cattle fences are 3 heavy guage barbs which did not suit the craftsman. More ham and eggs, ham and sweetcorn, ham and onions, fresh apples and of course a drop of port.

April 28

We are heading north on the long stretch of occasional mining towns, petrol stops at cattle stations and a pleasing feature, fresh water tanks at most rest stops. They all have low tables on which you can roll out your bed roll away from the ants. There is mostly a miner bird or a noisey crow to welcome you and share your ham and bread.

On we trundled with more road trains, some empty petrol tankers with 4 trailers, but mostly 3. It is pretty desolate with a large salt lake appearing, scrubby low salt bush country. We pass Woomera, the old rocket range town and arrive at Coober Pedy to refuel at Bull's fuel depot. 82.6c/litre for diesel.

The mounds, shafts and diggings are everywhere and the town is really a camp full of tourists. It was out of this mess to find a camp spot beside a billabong at Pootnoura Creek - just another dot. The highway is excellent, a few hills and follows the new Alice Springs railway for miles.

Out with the trusty Willow Eski to enjoy more ham, onions, eggs, sweetcorn and even a tin of fruit salad - also more port.

April 29

We should reach Northern Territory today, it is about 8 am when we fire up the trustworthy old truck and roll out onto the highway. We seem to see the same cars pulling low caravans and the fishermen with their boats heading to catch a Barramundi. We all chug along at about 90 KPH and an occasional car belts past to show his superiority.

With my extra fuel tank I have a range of 700 kms so only fill up once a day and pass quite a few who have to stop at lonely refuelling stops.

Nothing exciting on the long drag to Alice Springs where we scored a coup.

A tiny oil refinery as we approached Alice offered cheap diesel, so in we go and bingo 68.5c (for 60 x 40) and 72.5c for standard diesel. We tried the El Cheapo and it worked quite well in the warmer climate but might have trouble firing up in Tassie.

Into the town centre to stock up with bread, milk, cheese, biscuits - no ham needed, then out 132 Ks to West MacDonnell Ranges on the Namatjira highway. Excellent highway but after crossing the Finke River on a dry crossing we bashed our way out to Red Bank Gorge where we camped - excellent facilities, even free gas barbeques, but the last 15 hours was a horror section in the dark.

The next day was an epic. A lovely cool breeze blowing from Tasmania - temp. 15° - 20°.

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Panic runs rampant, not only is it hit the floor time, we've slept in.

This is a bad start to the day right - wrong it's only the beginning of a sequel of events to give any Chevy Chase movie a run for its money.

Mollie announces that she can't possibly go to school because she couldn't sleep all night - Dad's snoring!

The fire is only ash and the heater is not much better, mind you the last to bed is sure they loaded them up well.

This is the same trustworthy person who didn't put the cat out, who in turn left a nasty mark in the hall.

There is a mammoth frost, did anyone fill water containers before bed? - silly question.

No don't worry there's water. Haley showers while Mollie and I argue about breakfast.

My turn for the shower - what water? Cleaning your teeth with water- bottle water somehow takes away from that feeling of the Colgate glow.

Finally the breakfast, bathroom battle is over, far from won but we got there.

School time, run the gauntlet of six mad geese laying in ambush. A quick gander (excuse the pun) at my watch and I think we'll make school in time.

The driveway is all slush and I pretend to enjoy driving sideways, will I make it over the bridge or just slip on by!

We sing the new Alphabet song all the way to school, I'm getting pretty good at it now.

Wow - 2 minutes to nine and we make it.

A kiss for the Mama and a kiss for Mollie, some last minute instructions and home to rebuild the war zone.

As Mollie leaves the car I tell her not to forget her school bag, we share a meaningful moment of eye contact.

Oh well, the morning was testy - I'll just have to bring it back in time for lunch.

Wendy

St Marys School Driveway - avenue of trees.

Since the article was published last week about the planting of trees along the school driveway, there has been discussion amongst former pupils who well remember digging the holes for the tree planting.

There has also been some debate as to the dates of this planting. Anyone who has special memories about the school tree avenue, could they please contact the Valley Voice or David Clement.

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VIDEO REVIEW – “Deceiver” - Starring Tim Roth, Chris Penn, Michael Rooker and Rosanna Arquette.

Written and directed by Jonas and Josh Pate “Deceiver” is a masterpiece of a thriller from beginning to its twisted conclusion. Tim Roth is brilliant as John Waylan a wealthy psychology graduate accused of the gruesome murder of a prostitute. His accusers police officers Braxton (Chris Penn) and Kennesaw (Michael Rooker) find it hard at first to believe Waylan is their man until his twisted story starts to unfold. Tim Roth has played lesser roles in such classic movies as “Reservoir Dogs”, “Pulp Fiction” and “Bodies and Motion” and this is an excellent debut as a lead actor. Brilliant support from Chris Penn and the rest of the cast. “Deceiver” is set mainly in a local police station and is very strong in dialogue and content. A twisted thriller to the end **** 1/2

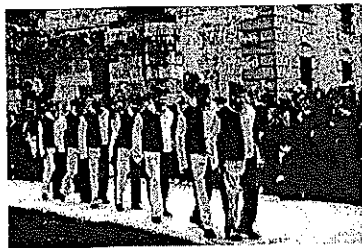
“Divorcing Jack” - Starring David Thewlis and Rachel Griffiths.

“Divorcing Jack is a story of an Irish newspaper columnist who lives a wild life drinking and cavorting. After being caught cheating on his wife he finds himself with a girl he picked up and befriended. Then the rollercoaster ride begins involving corruption and murder which to the very top of British Parliament. Black comedy at its best due out this month *****

PlayStation Reviews – “DRIVER” This one is by the people who brought you Destruction Derby 1 & 2 so you know the car handling and game physics is going to be spot on. Driver puts you behind the wheel of some of the coolest muscle cars, sets the police in hot pursuit and the city is yours. You can choose from at least half a dozen smaller games within the main game, but Driver is best in its full glory as you take on the roll of Tanner undercover cop waiting for calls from the underworld for various jobs ultimately trying to uncover the identity of Mr Big. The car handling is nothing short of brilliant the replays are some of the best I’ve seen and Driver is a game that will keep you coming back for more. Totally excellent *****

“AFL 99” What is better than watching the footy, than playing it on your PSX with a couple of mates. AFL 99 gives you all 16 teams and full 42 player squads, commentary by Macavane and Matthews and all the EA sports action you can handle. The game is realistic although it is sometimes hard to pick between the close coloured teams on the field, good strategy is needed to beat the computer but the best fun is by far two player. An excellent afternoons entertainment *****

CD REVIEW – Bryan Adams – “On a day like today” This new offering from Adams is nothing different from his previous releases. It is full of the type of commercial songs that have kept Adams in the charts for years. Best tracks are the two singles “Cloud no 9” and “When your gone” as well as “Get away”. An all round enjoyable CD, predictable pop ***1/2



GRADE 5/6 COPPER COIN SCROUNGE

- The grade 5/6 children at St Marys District High School are collecting decimal copper coins (no longer in circulation) as part of their fundraising activities to help cover the cost of a trip to Port Arthur in October this year.
- Each of the three participating classes has a container for collected coins and more containers will be placed in local stores.
- We hope that the surrounding community will assist us in our efforts by sending coins to school or by putting them into the containers provided locally.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES

Over the holidays we have seen quite a change take place in our computing facilities at school. Our two small rooms which were previously used for computing have had a re-structure into one computer laboratory and a staff study included. Andrew Haas has also been busy working on cabling for our computer roll out which has been supplemented by an input of 14 computers in our 11/12 area, supplied under our skills centre agreement. An ISDN line will add to our structures. This will be installed on June 28. Our primary rooms have already been cabled ready for two new computers to be placed in each.

CHANGE IN SENIOR ROLES

Due to an overwhelming increase in work in the computing area, we have decided to make a change to the roles of our three senior staff members. As from this Monday, June 21, Roger Harlow will oversee our year 11/12 students and information technology; Umesh Pratap grades 7 to 10 and Kristen Kelly Kinder to 6. Please keep these changes in mind when contacting the school.

YEAR 11/12 IN 2000

Parents of year 10 students who attended a meeting in first term will be aware of many of the changes taking place in our year 11/12 structure for next year. A brochure explaining our offerings is almost finished and this will be given out to parents. Another meeting will be held soon to help explain what is happening. Funds from our Skills Centre Agreement with St Helens and Winnaleah will offer an enormous increase in computer technology available to our senior students. This along with additional and higher level English, Mathematics and Computing courses will make our Year 11/12 program one which can cater for virtually all year 11 students and most year 12 students. So remember, before making the decision to send your children away, take a look at what is being offered locally.

Brochures and another parent meeting will be made available in the next few weeks.

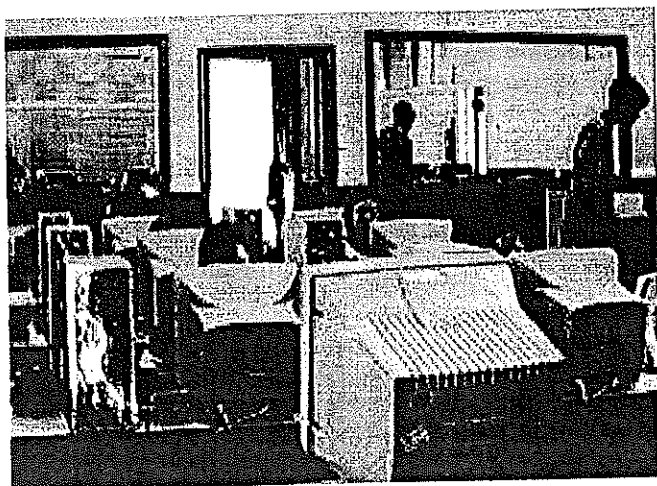
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Term 2 is shaping up to be very exciting and busy. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

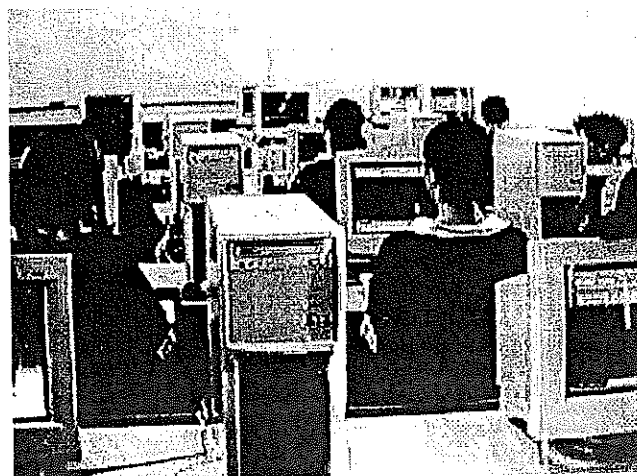
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Staff members settle into their new staff study



9B students at work in the computer lab. Their use of the computer equipment and Internet can be scrutinized by staff in the staff study through the one way windows.



The view of the computer lab from the staff study.

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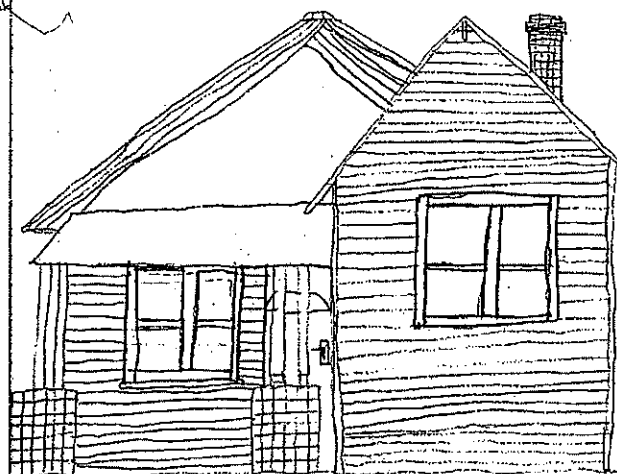
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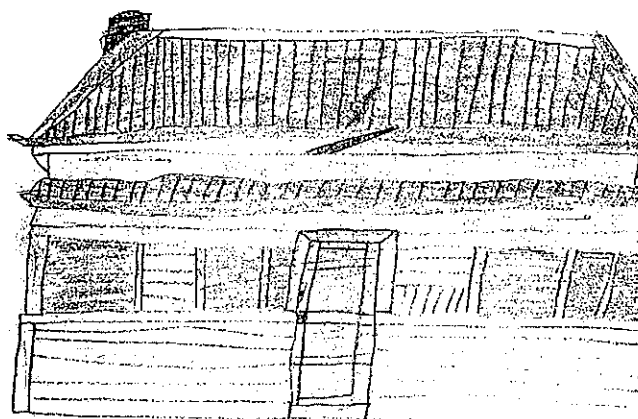
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For the Record by Rod McGiveron

I was recently asked to write an account of perhaps one of the most successful Valley sports teams of the past half century, (seeing as I'm the unofficial team statistician for a while now).

Please note my records are only St Marys versus other clubs, dating back to 1977 only, but in relation to overall titles etc. we can go right back to 1950, thanks to the entirely intact honour boards.

St Marys won both the 1950 and 1951 titles and this year 1999, we have just won our 21st NEDGA ECTGA flag which equates to one every 2¼ years on average. This includes a stretch of 17 seasons between 1952 and 1968 inclusive in A Grade when no titles at all came our way.

During this period Campbell Town and Malahide dominated the vast majority of the time. Players of those times have often related the extremely tough matches where a 5-4 or 6-3 win was greeted happily, so even was the competition.

This was also the case in the seventies and early eighties as I can personally attest. These battles not only included Malahide and Campbell Town but also the venerable Ben Lomond and St Helens sides that also tasted success.

I distinctly remember the St Marys - Campbell Town hoodoo.

Nigh on impossible, for many years Campbell Town couldn't even look close to defeating us at St Marys but similarly no way known could we get the points down there, no matter what we tried.

It was just the way it was.

During the very late seventies and early eighties Malahide had the wood on us. We would just occasionally fashion out a victory in a close contest but mostly a 5-4 win went Malahide's way and it wasn't until the early nineties that we restored the ledger.

Names from Malahide that spring to mind include Don Marshall, Harry, Terry and Barry Street, Barry Woods, Pat Cowie, Kim Howe, Barney and Geoff Hughes, David Lowe, Bill Johnson, Johnny Smith, Bill and Errol Lohrey and many more I've bound to have forgotten. In more recent times the Johns family, the Hall family, the Barnes family, the Woods and Lowes and so on have been the backbone of their determined sides.

Campbell Town players of note include names like Gatenby, Leedham, Harrison, Darke, Pulford, Harvey and Brown during the era up until they left the Association in 1987.

Let us not forget the Ben Lomond clans like the Penningtons, Leedhams, Dorans, Conroys, Rigbys, Lowes and Ridgers. Firstly Ray Ridgers and now Dale have also been major contributors to St Marys golden decades since the 1980's.

At St Helens the Whittakers, McMichaels, Freddy Barnes, Davisons, Dorans and so on, have provided some excellent teams.

Bicheno since 1982, Freycinet 1997 and now Scamander 1999 will be forging names to be remembered in years to come as their sides taste more and more success.

And of course St Marys, courtesy to the many many players who play pennant golf with a passion over all these years, can lay claim to a great deal of success.

I suppose twelve A Grade flags since 1986 is due to some major factors being the ability to hold a consistant core of players, an incredible run of top juniors and the record of fourteen successive seasons of not losing a single game at home in all that time which obviously gives a huge springboard to every year.

During 1997, 1998 and 1999 the club has only lost one game which incidently was after St Marys had already secured the pennant with one game to go in 1997.

The last two years the team has ben undefeated.

"On the Record" will be continued next issue.

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Junior Footy

The Junior Football roster recommenced on Sunday the 20th June at Bichenor. Fine conditions were enjoyed by all players with Kinder/Prep/ Grade Ones showing much improved skills in the opening game.

In the Grade 2/3/4 match the players relished the conditions and the free flowing umpiring to turn on an exciting crowd pleaser.

There was an avalanche of goals with both forward lines on top. The turning point of the match was when Laughie Smith was moved into the ruck with Brody Stuart in the middle.

A goal on the siren had the Cats purring.

Scores:

Cats 20.8 128 defeated Demons 19.13 127

Goals: Cats: Marcus Taylor 12, Joe McGee 3, Brody Stuart 2, Laughie Smith 2, Josh Woods 1.

Demons: Shaun Pyke 16, Corey French 2, Lucas Bailey 1.

Best for Cats: B.Stuart, S. Cannon, L.Smith, M.Taylor, R.Maher, J.Woods.

Best for Demons: S.Pyke, N.Child, C.French, L.Bailey.

Grade 4 to 6

This game was a much tighter contest with the Magpies holding a 14 point lead over the Bombers at quarter time. The Pies small men were on top around the packs and it showed on the scoreboard. In the second quarter the Bombers key playmakers had much more influence and the game was all tied up at 5.5 - 35 each at half time.

After an even third quarter the Bombers held a narrow lead at the last change. Daniel Cooke and Adrian Speers proved to be effective forwards to assist the Bombers to run out winners by 21 points. Bombers 12.9-81 defeated Magpies 9.6 -60

Best for Bombers:

Ben Oates, Adrian Speers, Luke Maze and Ben Miller.

Goals for Bombers:

D.Cooke 3, A.Speers 2, L.Maze 2, B.Miller 2, J.Rice 2, B.Oates 1.

Best for Magpies:

B. Singline, R. Stuart, A. Melaniski, M. Brockman, B. Leedham.

Goals for Magpies:

B.Leedham 5, R.Stuart 1, B.Singline 1, A.Melaniski 1, L.Casbault 1.

Last Sunday St Helens teams travelled to St Marys, one of two traditional meetings for the year.

Details of these games will be in next fortnights Valley Voice.

Kid Eager



Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

A big congratulations to everyone involved with the Mixed Foursomes Championships that turned out to be a top event again.

Nearly 20 teams took part, the weather after the frost was good and Jack Viney's barby during the course of the day was fantastic.

Well done to Carole Gunson and John Miles who won both the gross and nett titles which is quite difficult to do. Thanks to Dot White for the bar, Glen McDonald and Speed Maher for the course and Adam, Trev, May and Leo for doing the cards and presentations.

More good news is the close call the ladies had in the Cons-Pierce Shield. It was a fantastic effort to get so close, only losing at extra holes in their first attempt but all can be proud of the team taking out the 1999 East Coast Title indeed.

Launceston Mazda are pleased to offer St Marys a fairly major day in around October this year, hopefully on an annual basis. It looks like a mixed ambrose day with around \$200 worth of trophies, so keep your eyes open for that one.

Hoping that other major days will soon be announced subject to sponsors approval.

All former pennant players and of course the current team are invited to take part in the Celebration Weekend on July 10th and 11th. The main day is the Sunday the 11th July at Malahide, but do not forget that our own club is prepared to host any former players from all the other clubs and of course our own, on the Saturday July 10th at 11.30am — so pass the word around to anyone you think might like a game.

Do not worry if your handicap has lapsed because we will give you a discretionary one on the day. We'd just love to see you back for a game.

Finally to bowls and congratulations to Rod Spilsbury who diligently keeps the bowls green cut each week to help make ready for the new season now only 8-9 weeks away. Tracker Blake is also doing whatever needs attention which is great to see and we all hope their efforts are appreciated.

Until next time - good hitting and rolling.

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St Marys Football Club Inc. News by Old Tige

Seniors

The first match against Perth, saw somewhat of an improvement in the Tigers game, the side being in the match until late in the final term.

A consistent effort in previous quarters saw us down by thirty points at three quarter time, not an unassailable lead by any means.

Although this was still not a slender margin, it was nice to hear our supporters find a bit of voice to spur us on. The match against the Tamar Cats at Beauty Point, the Club was disappointed that several players had to stand in for two games to make up for the absentees on the day, a shame that those who did not front not only let themselves down, but also their team. A great effort until half time, with only four goals in the game, but the second half told on some tired legs and the side was convincingly beaten. To those who played the two games, some not spring chickens, a great effort and thanks from the Club, the Tiger spirit still alive and well in most players.

Reserves

The Reserves overcame their poor performances over previous weeks to beat a determined Perth side, but not without a scare.

The Tigers looking at a two goal deficit at three quarter time, managed a brilliant last term for an overdue win, inaccuracy in front of goals was again a major problem, many set shots were missed from 20 metres or closer.

We are looking at being in the hunt again for a finals berth.

Last week saw the side off to a very slow start and looking at a forty point deficit at half time, but what a third term. A great fight back saw us in the lead for most of the last term, we led everywhere except the final siren, to go down by eight points. This is a major problem with catch up footy, let's hope we can get off the mark quicker against the more fancied St Pats team this week.

Under 16/s

The boys seemed to have the game against Perth under control at quarter time, some great footy being played by both teams, but the Tigers in control by 14 points. After the break however the match turned into a lack lustre spectacle, as both teams seemed more intent on the opposition player than the ball, turning the match into a scrappy and sometimes spiteful affair.

Full credit to the boys who continued to play football, pity there were few of them. Our lads copping a blast after the game from the coaches about an undisciplined performance, this must have worked wonders, as the long trip to Beauty Point to challenge the St Pats line up, could

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have proved a daunting performance and that is how the first term panned out. A great second term saw us back in the hunt, Adam Gillies a focal point up forward, finishing with 4 goals and helping the side to an unexpected but well earned victory.

Well done boys, nice to see you all back on track - now let's keep up the good work!

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