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Small Business Incubators - Can they work on the East Coast?

Small business incubators have been described in the recent Price Waterhouse Cooper national review for the Commonwealth Government as 'a facility designed to assist new and growing businesses to become established and profitable by providing premises, advice services and support'

'Incubator tenants are provided with an initial place of operation and a supportive environment in which to grow their business. The incubation period is normally three or more years, during which the fledging business becomes established before graduating into the wider business community' the report says.

'The primary objective of a small business incubator is to foster self-employment, business enterprise and accelerate business growth; reduce the failure rate of new start-up businesses; and assist business to operate, graduate and create jobs and wealth.'

Neil Butterworth of the BEC said 'There is no single model for incubators, they need to be tailored to the practical needs of an area or region. In this instance the Break O'Day Business Enterprise Centre and the St Marys Online Access Centre propose to research the need in this region for a small business incubator.'

'Commonwealth Government funding is available for such projects on a competitive basis throughout Australia. The BEC and the St Marys Online are seeking expressions of interest from local and 'would-be' enterprises. If you operate from a home base or you have a good idea and want to become a self-employed business operator, then we want you to contact us - either by telephone 6376 2044 or by mail to PO Box 228 St Helens or Greg Cruse at St Marys Online 6372 2005, Mr Butterworth said.

'An incubator requires tenants to still pay a commercial rent for the business space, however tenants receive free business assistance, and initial

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Early paper for Christmas

The next and last issue of the Valley Voice for this year, will be published on Tuesday 19th December 2000.

All advertising and articles to be included in this issue will need to be in by noon on Monday the 18th December, this will allow for Christmas advertising to be out before the end of the week.

The paper will then be in recess until the week school resumes in February 2001.

Brackets and Jam !

After the recent success of the community concert, live entertainment will again be back in St Marys.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts is presenting an afternoon of 'Brackets & Jam' at Todd's Hall Café St Marys on **Sunday 17 December.**

Grassy Bottom is hoping to encourage younger people and first-timers of any age to participate, as well as seasoned performers.

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set-up costs and management are minimal as the incubator provides telephone, telephone answering, secretarial, bookkeeping and reception services on a shared cost basis. The value of networking with other small business enterprises in the same incubator is regarded highly beneficial. Tenants are not expected to enter into long and binding rental agreements - a license agreement specially prepared for incubator tenants, is all that is required' said Mr Butterworth.

'You may reside anywhere in the Break O'Day Municipality - we need to know your needs. If we can attract sufficient interest - a funding application can be submitted in February 2001'

If further details are required or you would like to discuss your options please contact us we can explain how the program can best suit you individual needs.

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It would be great if this could become a regular forum for local talent and live family entertainment in St Marys.

If you have a song, poem or story that you would like to share, please come along and join in, or if you prefer to sit and listen you are guaranteed to be entertained.

Entry is only a gold coin donation and the fun starts at 1pm finishing at 5pm. Come along and make an afternoon of it, the Café is BYO licenced and light meals will be available.



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Doris Bullock (Dottie) is turning 80

When: Boxing Day 26th Dec. 2000

Where: 62 Main Street St Marys

Time: Any time after 2.00pm

Come along and help her blow out the candles.

Everyone is most welcome

Afternoon tea and drinks will be provided.

Children's Christmas Party

A sincere thankyou to all the business people who have once again so willingly contributed to the St Marys Lions Club and St Marys Traders Children's Christmas Party.

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Lion Ron Sumner.



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT ST MARYS

WHEN: Sunday 10th December at 8pm
WHERE: On the central corner block opposite the hotel. If it is raining, Andrew has offered Todds Hall as the venue.
This event is for young and old with entertainment for all. Bring your singing voices and come along to join in the fun.
Christmas is almost with us!

MATHINNA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tune up your caroling voices and bring a chair along to the Mathinna Christmas Concert at the Mathinna Football Oval, starting at 7.30pm, 23rd December.
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A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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BIKE PARK at ST MARYS

Four representatives (including 2 young people) met with the Town Theme Committee on 4th December. It was decided that a Bike Park committee must be formed. There will be a meeting to form this committee on **Tuesday 19th December** at St Marys Town Hall (supper room) **7.00pm**. Are you prepared to help the young people of St Marys?

If you are interested, please come along. *This is urgent, as the bike park can not go ahead without a committee.*

Hannah Rubenach Ph: 6372 2348

MEALS ON WHEELS

December ST.MARYS

FINGAL

Mon, 11th	P & Y Davern	Shirley Parker
Tues, 12th	Ann Davey	Robyn Holder
Wed, 13th	Loraine Gill	Shirleen Woods
Thurs, 14th	Kaye Nailer	Sue Woods
Fri, 15th	N & A Challis	Robyn Miller
Mon, 18th	Debbie Barnes	Kaylene Sutton
Tues, 19th	Ann Birrell	June Hall
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Lionel, Tamla and Joseph Hayes would like to thank everyone for their kindness and understanding over the past few weeks.

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Red Cross General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre. New Members Welcome

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St. Marys



Christmas Parade 2000

There has been some fine tuning for this years parade which commences at 12 noon on Sunday 24th December. First up there will be a line dancing display 12.30 to 1pm and 1.30pm to 2pm on the corner near the hair-dresser's shop we will have a puppet show, jugglers and hopefully balloon tying and the Mountain Band. Free fairy floss for the children and donuts, icecream and BBQ items will be for sale. The Children's Party starts at 2.30pm followed by photos with Santa, cost just \$2.00 to help pay for instamatic films, free sweets and icy poles for the children. At the banktop, jumping castle, swings and free rides on a 3 wheel motorbike. There will also be a chance to purchase some ground in the 'Duck Patslotto', \$5.00 gets you in the running for a great first prize. A chocolate wheel to try your luck with many prizes. The main parade starts at 3.30pm through the main street, floats, motorbikes, cars, buses etc. More free sweets and then music back on the banktop between 5 and 7.30pm prior to the cabaret at the St Marys Hotel.

We are pleased to announce that the Value Plus Supermarket will be open 8am to 12 noon for any last minute shopping, along with the Coach House Restaurant, St Marys Take Away, Todd's Hall Café, Newsagency and Hotel, we hope to cater for all needs on the day.

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Prizes for your decorations

The best decorated house, window or garden earn cash prizes which will be announced later.

Cash prizes will also be available for best float, 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes will be up for grabs.

If you wish to register for the Christmas lights because you are out of the town centre, do so at the Value Plus Supermarket.



We hope as many people as possible turn out for what has traditionally been a town celebration to end each year.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Aurora, SMACD and St Marys Chamber of Commerce for their generous donations towards cost of free rides, prizes and sweets.

And finally to the small but hardworking committee, thanks for your help.

Last meeting: St Marys Hotel lounge 7pm
Tuesday 19th December



WHAT'S A DINGO ?

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To plan your work over Christmas, call and see Chris and Tanya Wright at 1 Gardiners Creek Road St Marys or
phone 6372 2258 or 0417 344 209

Letter to the Editor

Doctor announcement

A member of our community has expressed to me their concern regarding the manner in which the doctor issue was handled. It has been stated that we owe the town people an apology for keeping them in the dark and feeding them on BS. At the time the comment was made I paid it little credence, but having had time to ponder it I wish now to reply in case others are also feeling the same way.

At no time was the town kept in the dark. Each fortnight John Brown put an update in the Valley Voice, the Hospital Support meeting conveyed information as they saw fit. If this was not enough then you could always do as we did and phone the Council and ask for yourselves as the then Mayor, Mr Legge pointed out to those who gathered at a meeting prior to Dr Shah's departure. The old *'ask and you shall be told'*.

Part of applying for a position is the fact that most people for their own reasons do not want it around that they have indeed applied. We were asked to keep this confidence and we did so with respect. Some are saying that Pravesh spoke about the fact himself, that was his to do, not ours.

We have all suffered for the want of a doctor, we have one now and not only that but one we know and are looking forward to having back. Pravesh had to reapply for this position, go through all the interviews etc. he did not simply walk through the door. I have always been outspoken about silent back door 'gatherings' but I maintain that in this issue all you had to do was ask and you would have been told as much as was permitted to be released at the time. It was not a case as has been in the past of people saying that all is under control, things are being done, when in fact they were not. There was a tremendous amount of work done on this and it was constant.

Pravesh left under difficult circumstances and we respected his request to maintain his anonymity. Basically that was the only piece that was kept from anyone, everything else was open knowledge.

The best Christmas present this town could get this year, in my opinion, was a doctor and we've got one. Our hospital is well under way, 'tis the season to be jolly' ho ho ho etc. Have a wonderful Christmas, safe and happy New Year. We hope that you will see Pravesh and family to welcome them back once they arrive, on a personel basis and not a medical one though!

Wendy Bantick St Marys

People with disabilities to have their say

The Minister for Community and Health Services Judy Jackson MHA, appointed a committee of people in the disability sector to review and reshape the Disability Service Sector in Tasmania under the title of Sector Reform.

The Minister wishes to see the Services meet the needs of People with Disabilities and their families in line with the changing societal expectation and inclusion of People with Disabilities into the community.

Already the Committee under the Chairperson of Mary Guy has held a statewide visit of regional areas to talk to stakeholders and the next visits will be held from December 3rd to the 11th, visiting Launceston, Scottsdale, Ulverstone, Smithton, St Marys and Glenorchy.

The committee wishes to meet with People with Disabilities, Families, Service Providers, Organisations and interested people.

Mary Guy is a person with a disability and has worked extensively in the area of people's rights and has been an advocate for over twenty years. Mary believes that the only way things can change and services are designed to meet needs is to have your say.

Check when the Sector Reform committee will be in your area, or if you want to meet them contact Mary Guy on phone 6272 6725 or Ingrid Gangley at Disability Services.

Letters to Santa

Santa has already received letters and lovely drawings from girls and boys in St Marys but please can parents make sure the child's name and address is shown clearly. If your SON has sent a letter this week, with pictures and drawings please call at the Post Office.

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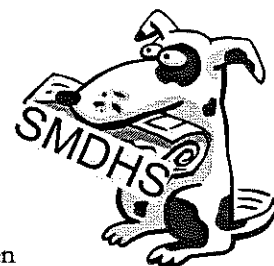
School/Community Pool

We have just purchased new covers and a frame for the pool. This was at a cost of \$2998 and follows the spending of \$20000 for resurfacing last year. We hope that community members enjoy the use of the pool over the Christmas holiday break. The number of keys sold for the holiday break is a little disappointing at this stage as the cost of running the pool over the holiday period outweighs the money raised from key holders. We hope that numbers pick up by the end of the school year.

JOHN MARSHALL

2000 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

After many hours of hard work, the 2000 school magazine is at the publisher, ready to be printed. This year's magazine is filled with highlights from the first year of the new millennium at St Marys District High School.



You may recall that you were given the option of paying for the 2000 school magazine when collecting your books at the beginning of the school year.

If you did not pay for the magazine at the start of the year and wish to order one now, please complete the order form below and return it with your payment of \$12.00 to the office. There will only be a limited number of spare copies available, so place your order quickly. If you are not sure if you paid for your magazine at Book sales in February, please contact the office to find out.

I would like _____ copies of the 2000 school magazine..

Please find enclosed my payment of _____.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

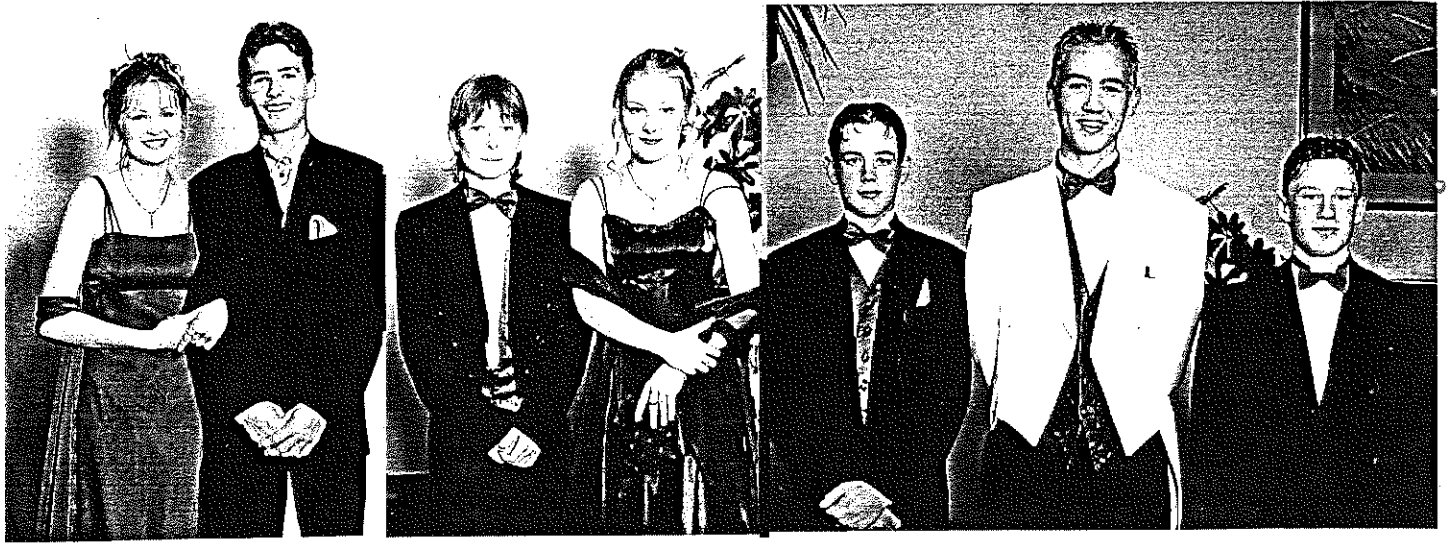
KINDERGARTEN 2001 ENROLMENTS & ORIENTATION

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten. Your child must have turned 4 years of age before January 1st 2001 to be eligible. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Kinder Orientation: 11 DECEMBER 1.30—3.00 at the St Marys District High School Kindergarten. All parents of 2001 kinder students are invited to attend.

Parent Child Sessions: are on Monday 4 and 11 December 2000 from 1.30 - 3.00pm.

GRADUATION DINNER



Australian Red Cross St Marys Branch President's Report 1999/2000

On behalf of the St Marys Red Cross Branch I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who kindly gave their time to help with our Red Cross Doorknock Appeal this year which raised approximately \$2,500 throughout the Valley and part of the Coast.

Thank you also to organisations which gave generously to the Red Cross Ambulance Service for getting new equipment for the two vehicles serving the area.

A special thankyou to all Volunteer Ambulance Officers for their time and support throughout the past financial year and also a special thanks to their wives and husbands who are sometimes inconvenienced at short notice when the pagers go off. There has been times when we have been scratching to get two crew members to go on call and that is why a new recruitment drive is under way and what I believe is starting to look good.

Many thanks to Julie Severin, Jonathan Field and relieving Paramedics from Scamander who have assisted us on call outs and also on-going training. Jonathan has left the area now and has taken up a position in Launceston with the Ambulance Service and we wish him well.

Thanks also to nursing staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre for their support and assistance when called upon.

I thank the Red Cross Committee for their support and look forward to working with them and any new members that join our Red Cross Branch here in St Marys.

Neville Peake President



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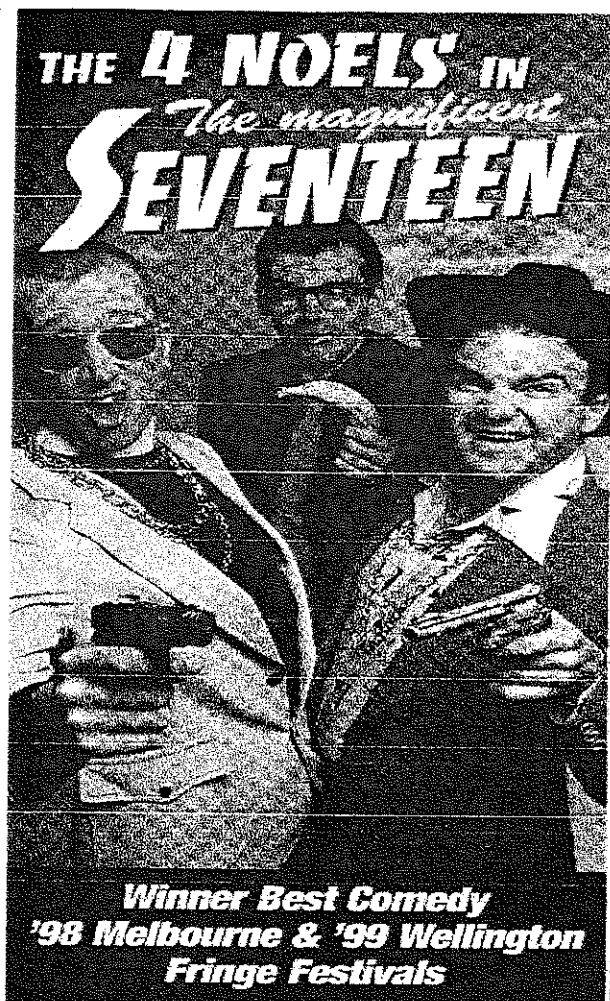
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More tramping the Inca trail

It has been another cold night but the hot pancakes with bananas and lime juice, toast, jams and hot drinks for breakfast soon had us ready to move on again. Another pass to tackle, just a short hike up to this second pass, Runkuraqcasa a mere 13,000 feet !! - we then descend to the large ruins of Sayacmarca and on to the last pass at 12,450 feet.

Most of us were by now wishing that despite the demanding climbing, that our trek could go on for much longer instead of only two more days.

On reaching the top of the pass and a short spell and photos, we tackle the very steep descent. From here we get great views down into the forested gorge of the Urubamba River set more than a vertical mile below. This day has certainly been easier and we had walked through some beautiful cloud forests and more of the impressive moss covered trees that line the stone paved tracks, through a rock tunnel and along a good track but with a sheer drop down to the left. We had reached our lunchtime site early and even though it was only 11.30 am we decided to eat, a pasta and vegetable dish, olives, cheeses, fruit and flat breads all waiting for us. Not much chance of us losing weight with all the strenuous hiking while we were being fed so well.

The afternoon took on a more relaxed atmosphere as the track got easier and the campsite for the night was not far away, then to our stunning campsite so

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Christmas Market 10am to 2pm

Saturday Dec 9 :

The 4 Noels at 8pm

Sunday 17th December:

'Brackets and Jam' 1-5pm

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aptly named the 'City of the Clouds'. Our tents appeared to be set up on top of the world amongst the majestic cloud wisped peaks.

It was always good to shed our day packs each evening, as they had almost become a part of us like a snail's shell. Hot cups of tea, a chance to wash our feet and change boots for a while, write up diaries, then time to explore around us before dark and the evening meal. This would be our last tent meal together on the trail, for the next day we would arrive at Machu Picchu. The meal was good and plentiful and once again with a 'strange' desert, but the cooks were obviously trying hard to serve up a complete meal for us gringos. While we were in the dining tent there would be a 'tent guard' on patrol out in the dark to make sure there were no unwelcome 'visitors' prowling around. At some campsites there would be other groups camping as well as ourselves. We all readily agreed to throw in tips for the

cooks and porters who would depart in the morning after breakfast. By the time we came out of the dining tent to head back to our beds for the night, we had a job to find our way, the cloud was so low and thick and it was interesting to listen to others as they stumbled finding their way to those 'little red tents'.

During the night thunder was heard rumbling through the mountains and we all hoped that there would not be rain on our last day. So far we had not needed the wet weather gear that we carried in our packs.

Climbing out of tents in the morning we were greeted with thick cloud swirling around our campsite and were told not to wander too far away because of the steep drops around us. After breakfast we went outside to thank and say goodbye to our group of porters who were lined up and looked impressive with their bright red woven ponchos and their dark sun browned smiling faces. They were tough hard working men, most of them having small farm holdings and the money earned from these treks was a bonus to help their families.

By the time we were ready to depart there was a very fine rain falling, but it was so humid that I soon chose to shed the rain gear. The porters raced downhill past us with huge packs on their backs and only open sandals on their feet. Their trek work was finished when they delivered the gear to the train at Aguas Calientes, the station at the foot of Machu Picchu and at the rate they were moving they would be there many hours before the rest of us.

This morning we walked through some beautiful slender bamboo forests, and along the track saw many flowers, proteas, orchids, impatiens, lupins, geraniums just a few. The misty rain had gone and the day now warm and clear, still more climbing just when we thought it was all behind us. The tracks were well preserved with great white granite slab walls and staircases all impressively set in high jungle. On the way we explored the recently cleared extensive ruins of Wifay Wayna. We would soon arrive at Punku the 'Gateway to the Sun' from where we would get our first sighting of the lost city of the Incas - Machu Picchu.

So much for the Gateway to the Sun, just as we climbed the last steep steps up to it, down came the rain. It was so heavy that we could barely distinguish the truly lost city below us! The track down to Machu Picchu was lined with beautiful orchids and in spite of the soggy boots and pack it was an awe inspiring occasion as we walked into the wondrous place.

We had the following day free to return to the Lost City so decided that going down to the hotel with hot showers and dry clothes sounded the best option.

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More tramping the Inca Trail *continued*

Aguas Calientes means 'hot springs' and these were close to the quaint little town nestled at the foot of the towering mountains with the fast flowing Urubamba river running along side. This town with the railway running through it's centre was a colourful hive of activity with tourists and locals and shopping galore. There was even an Australian flag flying above a recently unveiled bronze sculpture in the town plaza, the last thing we expected to see deep in the mountains of Peru.

The Sculptor who had created the bronze story of the Inca civilization was Andrew Rogers from Melbourne and the local authorities had done us proud with Advance Australia Fair and the Flag even if something did not quite look right with it - perhaps it had an extra star and was only printed on one side but we thought it was a terrific effort on their part.

That evening we dressed up a little and went down town to a outdoor restaurant and were all hungry for some different food after our days on the trail. An Andean band came along and played to us while we dined in the warm evening, there was a wonderful feeling of achievement amongst us now that we had completed and survived the Inca Trail and Pepe made sure we all had some 'Pisco-Sour' to celebrate.

I had rung home earlier in the evening to share my excitement and let them know that I had indeed made it! That night I found it hard to sleep, was it the roar of the flooded Urubamba River or was it the disbelief of being at Machu Picchu on the other side of the world. Next morning we would go back up the mountain and spend the day there with a local guide who would tell us the history of this ancient city, but for now I would just relive the past few days in this amazing country with such wonderful people and spectacular scenery. *Audrey*

St Marys Tennis Club News

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle of an iced and decorated Christmas Cake, bottle of wine and chocolates are available from the St Marys Newsagency, BP Scamander, St Marys Police Station or from any club member for \$1 per ticket.

This raffle will be drawn on Christmas Eve at the Parade. Many thanks to Linda Faulkner who once again has done a superb job of decorating the cake.

Tennis Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th January 2001 at the Clubrooms after Twilight Tennis.

Christmas Function

All members and their families are invited to a Christmas barbecue on Friday 15th December at 7pm. Please bring your own meat and a salad or sweet.

The club will be providing some refreshments (beer and wine). This function will include the presentation of the Night Roster prizes.

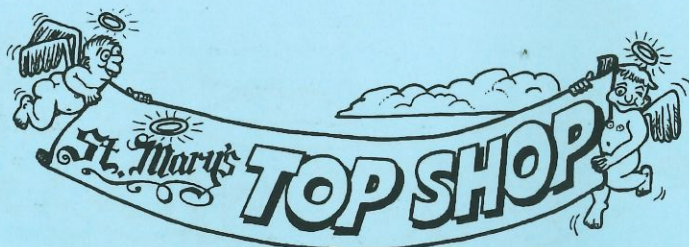


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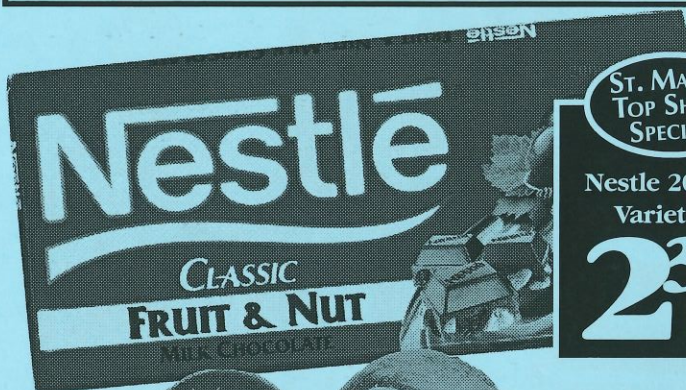
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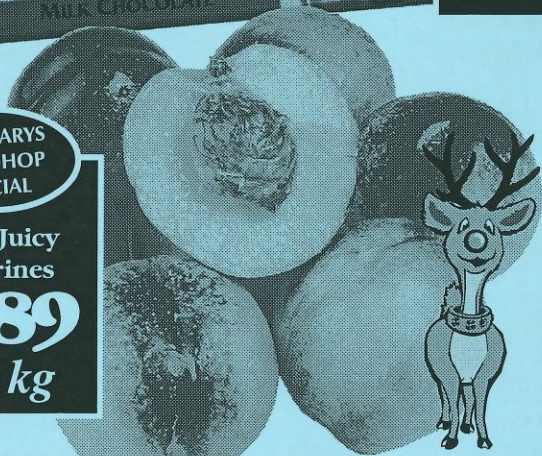
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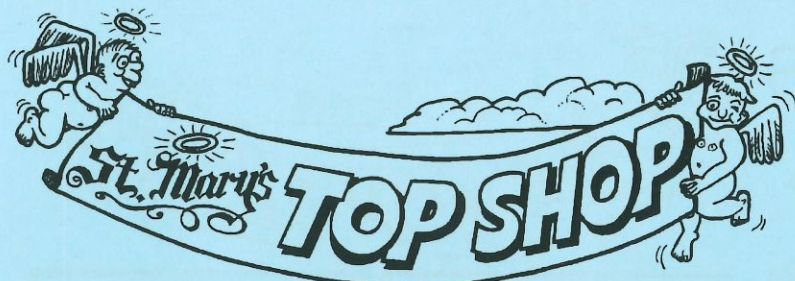
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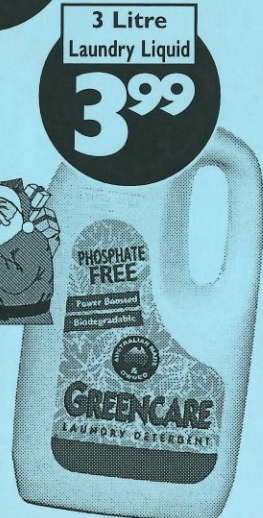
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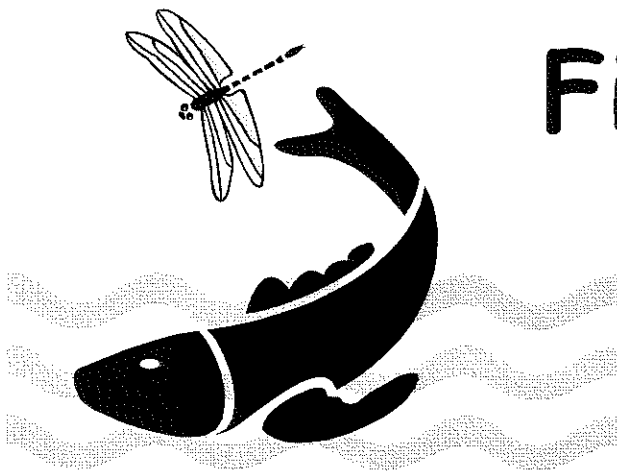
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Floods

Break O'Day River
Meeting
Wednesday Dec 13
7.30 pm St Marys Hall



Fish

Willows

...and lots of tiny bugs in the river

A rivercare plan has been developed by the Fingal Landcare group covering priority works needed in the stream system: addressing water quality, erosion, willows, and floods.

We will outline the plan and priorities:
what should be done, when, where and how

Come along and have your say about a
setting up a River Management committee to
seek funding for works and make sure that
the works are maintained into the future

Contacts: Fingal Landcare Group - Tim Rhodes 6372 2449
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The Schier Family - Jean, Michael, David, Val, John, Murray, Robert
invite their relatives, friends and descendants of the Schier, Walker, Targett and Lohrey families
to a

REUNION and MEMORIAL CEREMONY
for **Jeanette Schier (Grandma Lewis) 1825 - 1897**
(who is buried in an unmarked grave at the old Falmouth cemetery)
and **Louis Gilbert Schier 1923 - 1999**
to be held at the old cemetery at **Falmouth** on
Sunday 7 January 2001 at 11.30 am
Then afterwards at the Falmouth Community Centre for a picnic, barbeque, afternoon tea,
sharing of old photos and reminiscing.

Background to the Celebration

Jeanette Schier (nee Stuart 1825 - 1897) who is buried in an unmarked grave near the old cemetery at Falmouth, was born in Scotland. In 1854 at Collingwood Victoria, she married Ludwig Schier (1830 - 1865) who had been born in Hamburg Germany in 1830 and had arrived in Australia the previous year. Ludwig was a builder and contractor and also an undertaker. Jeanette and Ludwig's only surviving child Ludwig Gilbert Stuart Schier (1857- 1934) was born at Campbell's Creek near Castlemaine in Victoria. When Ludwig died in 1865, Jeanette remarried a Mr Lewis, hence the name 'Grandma Lewis'.

Ludwig Gilbert Stuart became a saddler before marrying Mary Winstanley in 1877. He came to the east coast of Tasmania in the 1880's where he was joined by his mother. He lived at Fingal where he was a police constable and at St Helens where he was a saddler before settling at St Marys where he was proprietor of the St Marys Hotel and established a successful saddlery business.

Ludwig and Mary's children were: (these dates and spellings need to be checked.)

- ♦ Minna Winstanley (1878 -1966) married William Walker.
- ♦ Mary Jeanetta (1880 -1967) married Alexander McMurray
- ♦ Clara Isabel (1882 -1978) married Sydney Targett
- ♦ Barbara Louisa (1885 -1979) married George William Walker
- ♦ Ludwig Selwyn (1888 -1961) married Beatrice King and Edith Hughes
- ♦ William August (1891 -1971) married Lily May Munday
- ♦ Bessie Vera (1895 -1911)
- ♦ Effie Ella 1895 -1986) married Percy Lawrence Lohrey
- ♦ Elsie Eva (1899 -1911)

Ludwig Selwyn (Ludie) and Edith Hughes, a descendent of John Allen a pioneer farmer who settled near Bicheno in the 1820's, had only one son, **Louis Gilbert Schier (1923-1999)**. Ludie, Edith and Gilbert lived at Gray until 1939 when they moved to St Marys where Gilbert worked as a mechanic.

Gilbert married Jean Connelley and settled at Falmouth near to the old cemetery where Jeanette Stuart Flint Schier Lewis had been buried. They had 6 children- Michael Gilbert 1947, David Leslie 1948, Valerie Jean 1950, John Selwyn 1952, Murray Louis 1957 and Robert Scott 1961.

On the anniversary of his great grandmother's death in 1997, Gilbert Schier had planned to erect a plaque in her memory on the humble, stone ringed grave but was unable to complete this task.

In his memory and in the memory of Jeanette and Ludwig Schier, from whom 5 generations are now descended, we will gather at Falmouth on 7 January 2001 to honour Jeanette and Gilbert, talk about our heritage, meet again with family, friends and distant relatives, yarn and keep alive the stories.



Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

First to bowls and unfortunately no wins in pennant to report and a spot in the finals is by no means assured. The team is really struggling at the moment and this weeks meeting resolved to specify Wednesday nights at around 6pm to officially practice from now on and each skip is expected to try and be there so that the teams can be selected. Each player is urged to make their best effort each week to comply.

Also some grace has been given with the pairs championships because of several weeks of wet weather that made the first round difficult to complete but it is to be noted that the green will always be cut each Tuesday to allow midweek games, so please try and get your games played.

Don't forget the upcoming Triples Carnival on December 31st and the locals are urged to get your teams on the board as soon as possible.

To golf and on the one hand our Saturdays have been very poorly attended even with flexible starting time sheets but on the good side the Sunday events have been really well patronised. Beth and Jim Haas Cream Cake Day was a big success and then last week the Business Team Challenge was a really good day indeed. A special mention to Raz McDonald, Smokey Dawson and Wendy Maher for their efforts on that day.

This weekend is the popular Ham Day commencing 12md with two nice Christmas hams available to be won. The following Sunday will be the Turkey and Poultry Day also at 12md start with two turkeys as the main prizes. Hopefully both Sundays will pull good fields.

Smokey Dawson asks that anyone wanting to attend the club spit roast on Friday December 15th must have their names on the board by this weekend, no later than 10th December, we need a maximum of twenty people to make it a goer.

Finally to subs again and hopefully most are in now. If you have yet to pay could you try and do so as soon as possible.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling.

Football - 'Steady as she goes' for Tigers

At the AGM last week the following positions were filled on the committee:

President: Kevin Faulkner

V. President: Bob Hersey

Secretary: Glenn McDonald

Ass. Secretary: Graham Saunders

Treasurer: Mark Carrick

Public Officer: Paul Aulich

Patron: Bob Wrangmore

The club is especially pleased that all vacancies were filled, as times get tougher so do clubs find it increasingly difficult to fill such responsible positions. More importantly, all of the previous seasons coaches were re-appointed, Adam Johnson U/16's, David Haberle the Reserves and Robert Coker the Seniors. News later on commencement of training and recruitment.

Sour note: Unfortunately someone decided to break into our clubrooms and take all our footballs, a very expensive stretcher (one of a kind) spinal board and some jumpers (bumble bee) also one of a kind.

If anyone has some knowledge of their whereabouts could you contact the club or police.

State juniors manager appointed

The Tasmanian Golf Council has appointed Andrew Wright as manager of the State junior team when they travel to Cottesloe Golf Club Western Australia in April next year. Andrew was a member of the St Marys junior team and pennant player before moving to Launceston. He now plays at Riverside off a handicap of 1 where he was the club champion last year.

He is looking forward to the national contest in W.A and the experience of travelling with the State Juniors.

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