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Bicheno 2001 Festival

This two day festival will begin on Saturday 24th February and there will be something of interest for all ages. Held over two days and in several different venues around Bicheno, it has been organised to raise funds for a new health centre.

Redbill Beach will come alive on the Saturday when the Beach Volleyball Association will hold exhibition matches and coaching sessions then during the day children and adult matches will be held on the beach - all players invited to join in.

If you have always wanted to learn to surf then this is your chance, coaching will be available over the weekend and even a surf board can be supplied, but you must register before Monday 19th February with the Bicheno Information Centre 6375 1333. Also on Redbill Beach will be the sand sculpture competition which is always a lot of fun.

Around town you can visit craft stalls, an art exhibition, sample food, take a helicopter ride or watch the chainsaw carving demonstration and much more. The Golf and Bowls clubs welcome visitors over the weekend.

Check the posters around town to get more details of special events or contact Festival Coordinator Margaret Hayes on 6375 1079

'The character of the whole town threatened'

'Today the Break O'Day Council passed an application for the clear-felling of bush towards the top end of Lower German Town Road and for the rest of the cleared land on that property, about 160 acres in all, to be planted into single species plantation'. 'If this so called 'development' goes ahead, a dangerous precedence is set.'

This is just a little of the strong feelings around St Marys when this application was passed on Monday 12 February 2001.

Full letter inside this paper.

Inside reading:

- Paul thanks St Marys.
- Tree farming near you?
- Meeting for Child Care
- Tennis roster
- Weighing up GMOs
- Footy training

A stronger voice for Tourism

The Break O'Day Regional Tourism Association has a busy year ahead if it's increasing membership is anything to go by.

Membership of the Association has hit an all-time high with over 40 businesses joining in the last five months bringing the total membership to over eighty. This makes the Association one of the biggest and most representative organisations in the municipality.

The Association's Executive Officer, Stephen Smyth, said that businesses in the region were keen to join forces and 'promote the area in a cooperative fashion. 'We have had no trouble getting people to join the Association,' said Mr Smyth.

'It is clear that both tourism operators and business people are keen to actively promote the region. By joining an organisation such as the Tourism Association they will have a louder and more persuasive voice.'

The Chairman of the Association Barry Aulich, said that the new faces on the Association's Executive made it more representative and attractive to prospective members.

Other Executive members are Vic Cato (Pelican Sands Holiday Units), Geoff Anyon (Scamander Beach Resort), Christine Dewar (St Helens Travel Centre), Jana Monnone (The Wok Stop), John Healy (Pyengana Dairy Corporation), as well as Break O'Day Mayor Stephen Salter and Councillor Tony Rawnsley.

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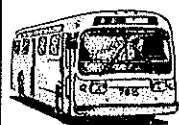
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Welcome to St Marys

Luke and Claire Rockliffe have only been here about 2 weeks and Luke is at work as our new policeman stationed in the town.

Before choosing to come to St Marys (as opposed to a compulsory transfer) he has been working in Launceston Uniform, a short time as a plain clothes licensing officer, time at the Newnham Police Station and has also been a member of the Police Northern Search and Rescue Squad.

Prior to joining the police, Luke worked as a pastry cook at a café/takeaway, a sheet metal worker and powder coater, a civilian cook in the army and has been involved in the Voluntary Fire Brigade for 5 years. He spent much of his younger life moving around country towns as a result of his father also being in the police service.

Claire is a qualified Children Services Worker (childcare) and has been involved in this work for several years.

Both Claire and Luke are originally from Launceston and are looking forward to their time in St Marys and becoming involved in community activities.

Welcome to our town.

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Christmas Stocking raffle raises \$750.

The Lions Club of St Marys wish to sincerely thank all who supported this raffle which was won by Paul Rowlings of E.Devonport.

St Helens Writers Group will be holding it's monthly meeting at St Helens Neighbourhood House, Circassian St on Saturday 24th February, 12 noon start, \$2.00 and food to share. If you are interested in writing please do come and join us. Homework - 'Christmas Gathering' or 'An Encounter with a Bush Animal'.

Dooloomai Youth Project

'Thank you to the Combined Charities of St Marys for your generosity in donating a number of woollen jumpers that will be used by people participating in Dooloomai Camps. Your assistance is much appreciated and we believe that you deserve recognition. Thanking you.'

Yours sincerely, Pete Hendley Secretary

Bicheno 2001 Festival:

Weekend 24th & 25th February.

Beach volleyball and surfing on Redbill Beach.

Heaps of entertainment and activities around town. St Marys High School Band '**RELAPSE**' will provide music over the two days. Mr 'Le Frog' rides. 'Pawforming Pals' dog display team.

BYO food and drinks to Seaview Farm from 4pm onwards on Friday 16th February and express your concerns over the current decision to allow clear-felling near the town of St Marys.

People power cannot be underestimated.

Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc.

Annual General Meeting, Guest Speaker and Dinner. Thursday 8th March 6pm at St Marys Hotel. Anyone interested is invited to attend. (You do not have to be a member).

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Generous Outlaws

Thank you from the Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc at St Marys. The committee and members of the T.L.C. would like to extend our thanks to the Outlaws Motorcycle Club for their very generous donation of \$1,000.

It is the generosity of groups like this that help to keep associations like the Lymphoedema Centre afloat.

TLC is in the process of organising a Conference to be held in St Marys in August of this year. It is anticipated that this will inject considerable business into the town. Other exciting ideas are being mulled over at the moment, we hope to have more information very soon.

Once again thank you to the Outlaws.

Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc.
St Marys

Letter to the Editor

More 'hands on'

Quite some years ago a former resident, Mrs Annette Wines, commenced the idea of a community development organisation later to be known as S.M.A.C.D.

Many great ideas and future plans including the Streetscape, Sight and Sound Playground, beautification of the Old Post Office site and other things came from that and for a time there was great cause for optimism, also the original Market idea took off and was very popular.

It was fantastic and meetings were lively and well attended.

What's happened?

With the greatest respect to S.M.C.D. in it's recent form, I do believe we are lacking something. I fully appreciate that the On-line Access Centre tie-in with S.M.A.C.D. is a good thing but perhaps it is about time that more focus was on the hands on concept again like the original S.M.A.C.D. was.

That organisation was a privilege to be part of and I feel could be again. Things have never been the same since we lost the former Westpac shopfront after the funding concluded.

Anyway I wish S.M.A.C.D. good luck but please could they consider reverting back a little more to projects like our original ones. I'm sure there would be plenty of people that would be glad to get their hands dirty again.

Rodney B McGiveron
(a former Secretary)

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A stronger voice for tourism

Continued from front page

'There is no doubt that the new look of our Executive has helped boost membership' said Mr Aulich. 'We now have a good balance between tourism operators and business people which I think more accurately reflects the aspirations of the region. Mr Smyth said that all members will receive a monthly newsletter from February carrying news on the Association's activities and relevant information from other sources.

Anyone wishing to join the Association should contact Stephen Smyth on 6376 2899



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Meeting accepts proposal

A meeting was held in the St Marys Community Hall last Tuesday the 6th February 2001 as a result of certain events as mentioned below.

The following notice had been left for collection after Mass in the foyer of the Catholic Church at St Marys.

"Child Care for St Marys. Given that the Catholic Education Office has no Catholic School in this Parish, the Director Paul Stevens indicated that his office, in order to have a presence in the district, might sponsor Child Care if there was a need. After the Parish Council had discussed the proposal it was passed on to Patsy Burgess who had already conducted a survey indicating such a need.

Meetings followed.

At a recent meeting with Paul Stevens, his secretary Therese Phillips, Phillip Morris District Manager for Aged, Rural and Commonwealth Health North East, Patsy Burgess and P.P., further discussion occurred re- the establishment of suggested facility.

Suggested name is St Marys Parish Child Care Centre, situated in the brick flat at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Alterations to comply with Child Care Standards will be funded by the Catholic Education Office up to \$20,000. The lease agreement is being formalised with the Department of Health and Human Services. This parish might need to sponsor at \$1,000/year and supply a representative on the Board of Management.

To begin on 1st May 2001. Everybody wins"

As not everyone was in favour of the suggested venue, a public meeting was called by the St Marys District Hospital Support Group.

No community consultation on any new development at the Health Centre had taken place as promised and although everyone was in favour of a Child Care Centre, many believed the site chosen was inappropriate. A public meeting was then called by the St Marys District Hospital Support Association so that the community could discuss this proposal with Paul Stevens and Phillip Morris.

After much discussion the well attended meeting favoured the establishment of a Child Care Centre in the brick Flat on the St Marys Health Centre Campus.

The facility will be licensed to care for six to nine children.

Answers given to other questions:

- 1 The word 'HOSPITAL' will be retained in the name of the new facility.
- 2 All new positions will be advertised.

Cheryl Hendley Secretary
St Marys District Hospital Support Association.

COORDINATOR BREAK O'DAY FESTIVAL 2001

We need an energetic, community-minded coordinator for the next regional Break O'Day Festival which will take place on the November long weekend.

There is some remuneration already available, however a main part of the coordinator's tasks will be to secure further funding for the position and sponsorship for the event.

This is a part-time position requiring 5 hours per week until July and then 15-20 hours per week up to the Festival. You will need to be able to work from home and you will also need your own transport.

This is not a job
for the faint-hearted !

If you would like to discuss the position further, please call Stephen Smyth on 6376 2899. Otherwise, just send your resume and a letter expanding on your suitability for the job to:

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The death of a town ?

I bought my first block of land at Lower German Town in 1986 to establish my place in a town that I fell in love with. Not only because of the friendly locals but also because of the extreme beauty of the native bush in and around the town for miles. For years I did backbreaking work to establish a magnificent garden - a garden surrounded by a most wondrous setting that helped me deal with the slow death of a son.

The whole character of St Marys spelt calm to me, a serenity and certain old fashioned charm that is lacking in most places of the world today. That character is now threatened. If it goes - so ultimately does the town.

Today the Break O'Day Council passed an application for the clear-felling of bush towards the top end of Lower German Town Road and for the rest of the cleared land on that property, about 160 acres in all, to be planted into single species plantation. This was passed despite the fact that at least four property owners have expressed concern that their properties will be seriously devalued as a result.

However, there is a far wider and more sinister issue than the effect on a few individuals. If this so called 'development' goes ahead, a dangerous precedent is set which signals to other property owners in and around St Marys to follow suit.

If we become complacent and made ugly by uniform plantations, tourists will not stop here, people will not settle here. St Marys will be strangled to death. It has already happened to other small communities. What makes this one less susceptible?

This kind of activity is occurring all over the State. But now it hits home - literally on our doorstep. The most dominant valuable asset we have is the incredible beauty of the forests, the walks to the Sisters, Jubilee Mine, Paddy's Head, the waterfalls, the fresh air, night skies, clean water, the whole glorious feeling of the place. This does not need developing - it is here now. It simply needs caretaking, signposting and advertised with pride so we can all benefit without destroying.

I have always instinctively known this asset is valuable but since running the Backpackers at Seaview, I am constantly reminded by tourists of how special it is.

The one statement that is predominant from main-

land and international visitors is: 'This is what I came to Tasmania to see. This is the real Tasmania' It is not to see the popular icons or the scattered, pathetic little forest reserves - it is the whole experience. Encouraging more tourists - there is a vast unlimited, untapped source in Europe, Asia and North America and developing specialised horticultural endeavours, makes far more sense for sustainable and employment producing growth.

These cannot occur however, if the outmoded methods of slash chip and burn, which mostly benefit only big corporations and provide only very few short term jobs, continue at their present unleashed rate of destruction.

Must we allow our town to die for no reason other than the short term benefits to a few ?

Julia Weston Seaview Farm St Marys. 12/2/01

People power cannot be underestimated so come along to Seaview Farm, BYO food and drinks, from 4pm onward, Friday 16th February to express concerns over the current decision by the council to allow clear-felling near to the town of St Marys.



Guest Speaker at TLC meeting

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre will be holding it's next general meeting on Thursday 8th March at the St Marys Hotel at 6pm. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7pm. All positions on the committee will be up for re-election.

Special Guest Associate Professor Ian Faulk from the University of Tasmania Launceston will address the meeting. Other invited guests will also be in attendance.

Counter meals will be available, however if you think you will be requiring a meal, it would be appreciated if you could advise us prior to the meeting so that the hotel can organise catering staff. Please ring the TLC office on 6372 2900.

All current members and anyone wishing to become a new member are most welcome to join us. Membership fees are \$5 and are due for renewal. Members of the general public who are interested in what is happening within the TLC, but do not wish to become a member are also cordially invited to attend.

See you on Thursday 8th March.

St Marys Community Health Centre

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Come along for 1/2 a day if you like! It's not compulsory to stay
a full day. If you have a spare afternoon just pop in and have a
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There are no limitation to this group, all welcome!

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Stage 1 is due for completion at the
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continue to reign until final
completion around Easter. We thank
all the public for your consideration
during this time.

CHILD CARE

As you are no doubt aware Child Care will
be available on site later this year.

The Health Centre does not have any plans
to fundraise for this venture at present,
however the St Marys Catholic Parish
Council has voted to fundraise for this
project with a specific fundraising event
annually. Which will give you an opportunity
to show your support.

STAFF EVENTS

Some are on holidays, some are going on holidays and
one has joined our team. We at the St Mary Community
Health Centre strive to provide a quality service in the aim
of health and wellness. Please talk with us- any concerns
or complaints you may have.

Thank you for very happy times at St Marys

It is a quiet, cool and overcast Saturday so I find myself in front of this maze of electronic technology more commonly termed a computer. It is only quiet because my three children are in Launceston for the weekend to spend time with their mother and to see the Christmas Parade there.

I step outside my door and though there are no sounds of cars, trucks or people it is not quiet, for I can hear the rustle of the leaves of the old gum tree and there is a multitude of birds around the grevilleas in my garden and also in the trees and scrub down in the 'bush'.

High overhead as I look towards the top of Cheeseberry Hill I can see two eagles soaring. Many times in winter my son and I have stopped kicking the footy in our rough old paddock just to gaze in awe at these amazing creatures of the sky.

We all peered with cautious wonder at the large black snake we saw at the dam the other day. Our teenage neighbour saw it first and so wanted me to dispose of it. Maybe I would have eight years ago when I first moved here, but no not now as I have learnt much in those years - one thing being that snake is more scared of me and will seek refuge if it can. So I do not feel any angst over my neighbour for having that view on snakes.

These are some thoughts I have in my mind of my time at St Marys which alas is soon to finish as we are returning to Launceston. Of course yes I am quite shy and almost a loner and so may not have blended in overly well with such a close community as is St Marys, but there is still much I want to thank you all for, and most of that relates to your

friendship, politeness and willingness to assist and 'go out of your way'. I have learnt much whilst being up here and not only about myself but also about human society, the weather and the environment and especially about being a parent!

Many years ago I sheltered from the blazing sun on the Serengeti Plain of Tanzania in Africa. A week earlier I had seen the slums and Lepers and so-on of Nairobi and on one day I had just witnessed vultures on the remnants of a lion's kill and a rarely seen leopard high in an acacia tree, an hour previously I'd seen a herd of elephants and countless wildebeest (their onomatopoeic name is gnu). I learnt that long strange word from one of the teachers here at St Marys when I did 'parent help' one day last year, if however you don't know it's meaning look it up or maybe ask a student as they may know.

I think it dawned on me then under the blazing sun that if I was to have children and raise them in a loving, humble and well mannered environment where they could have the best of both worlds, good human company and a good rapport with nature then living in Launceston would have to be put on hold for a while. Thus it was that we found St Marys in 1992.

The weather has brightened up so I now take this opportunity and walk high up in the hills, it is beautiful up here as we walk past the spot where the natural spring is that my little community taps it's water from. The spring is such a godsend that I just gaze at it in amazement and praise those who found it, and also nature for making it. As I walk I think of all the farmers way down in the valley doing the best with what they have and with what the weather throws at them. Deep underneath me I

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can sense the coal miners of yesteryear and those of today. They are all of a tougher breed than I could ever hope to be. It is from where the spirit of this place comes from.

But it is not only there where the culture of this town lies. It is too in those people who run all the small businesses and everything else that emanates from them. There are too many to mention individually, but to all those who knew me and were so kind and courteous I thank you. I will not for a long time too, forget the friendly and polite manner of all the staff at the Community Health Centre. We who sit on our backsides or make excuses (and I fit the bill for both these categories) and left the job of fighting for it's retainment and upgrading to others really do need to at least say thanks to those who put in that effort. They fought not for themselves but for the community as a whole, whether we are young or old, rich or poor, employed or not and regardless of our lifestyle.

For me the most important facet of living in this community was centred on my children and the confidence and support you gave me as I struggled on essentially solitary, will stay with me forever.

If I can feel as at home in the next school my children attend as I do in St Marys District High, I will consider myself very fortunate and lucky. Also if my children can get as much support and encouragement as they get here, most of my fears and concerns over their future education will be banished. I am well aware that education does not start and stop at school so what I have learnt and gleaned living in this region I am sure will be such a good foundation for the future of my children and myself.

I think it is very hard to feel for a large city as I have learnt to feel for St Marys. I have lived most of my life in Launceston and in a way am now saddened for it, as it has seemingly got caught up in the mad commercial rush of human endeavour.

St Marys is different because having known some of you folk there, it actually has given me confidence for the the future, simply because it shows the true kind and caring side of the human spirit.

So to St Marys and it's people, my children and I say thank you.

Paul Webb (Now 24 Lorne St Youngtown Launceston)

Todd's Hall

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To the Householder

The majority of residents have co-operated with our recent water restrictions. However, overall usage is still too high to allow us to supply the whole town from the bore.

Until usage levels decline to approximately 1000 litres per person per day, we will be unable to constantly supply the clean bore water to the southern half of the town.

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David Morcom
Acting General Manager
12th February 2001

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Fuddled Flock Fleeced

As reported in the Mercury of 5th February 1859:

"the new Catholic Church which has just been erected in our little village (Cullenswood) was densely crowded. There were between 250 and 300 persons present, all of whom seemed to listen with breathless attention to the discourse of His Lordship, the Lord Bishop of Hobart Town, in which he dwelt most strongly on the evils of intemperance, a vice which is unfortunately too prevalent in this district. After the sermon a collection was made and the munificent sum of £78 was realised"

At a prevailing price of 1d per pint at the nearby 'Tasmanian Inn' just 200 yards up the road from the church, which was at the present day Cornwall turn off, a collection of £78 represents repentance at the rate of about 70 pints per head of the congregation!

About travel

Deep down we are little different from the ancient Greeks and Romans: we leave home and wander about the world to magnify our idea of who we are as human beings. It may not make us wiser, but leaving home unfailing makes us feel more intensely alive.

Meals on Wheels

Feb/March	St Marys	Fingal
Mon. 19th	Debbie Barnes	Shirley Parker
Tues. 20th	Anne Birrell	Robin Holder
Wed. 21st	Pam Jones	Shirleen Woods
Thurs. 22nd	Jean Schier	Kathy Bean
Fri. 23rd	Clive Berwick	Robyn Miller
Mon. 26th	Barbara Mitchell	Kaylene Sutton
Tues. 27th	Rhonda Cranch	June Hall
Wed. 28th	Ruth Aulich	Debbie Speers
Thurs. 1st	Debbie Dawson	Maureen Hall
Fri. 2nd	Shirley Britton	Bob Yates

I am not young enough to know everything.
Oscar Wilde.

Old age is like underwear: it creeps up on you.

Church Services

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Priest: Father Bill Egan

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

2nd Sunday 11am

Eucharistic Service

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Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

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Campbell Town	9.30am
Avoca	11.30am
Fingal	2.00pm
Mathinna	Monday 10am

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Fingal Tuesdays	12 noon
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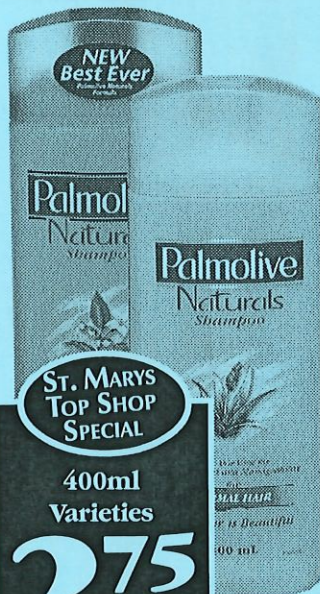
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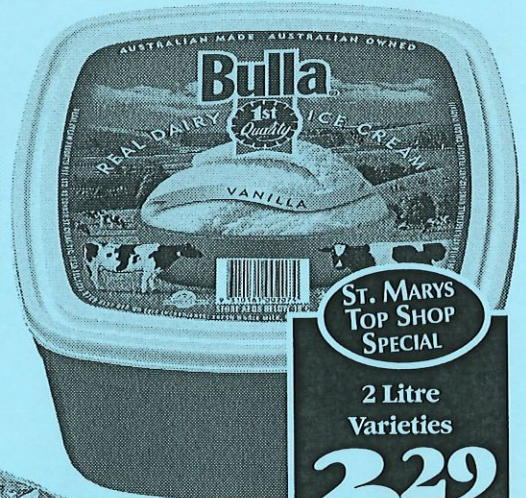
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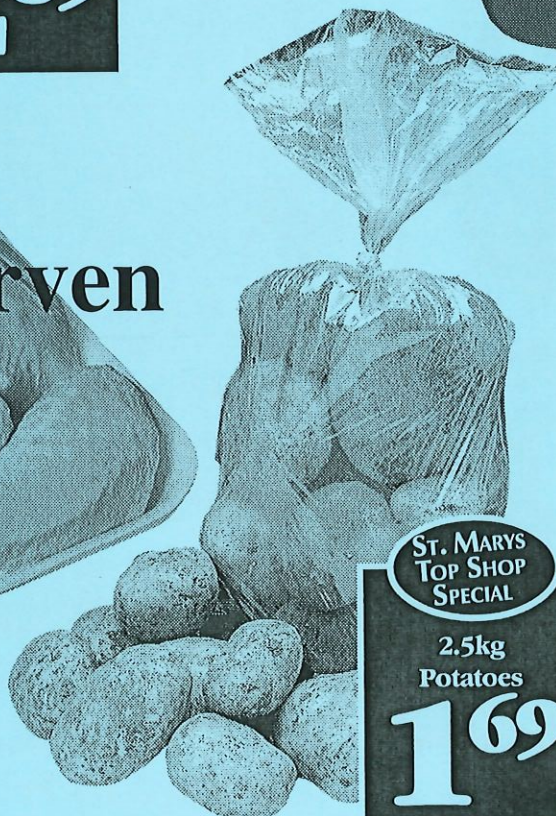
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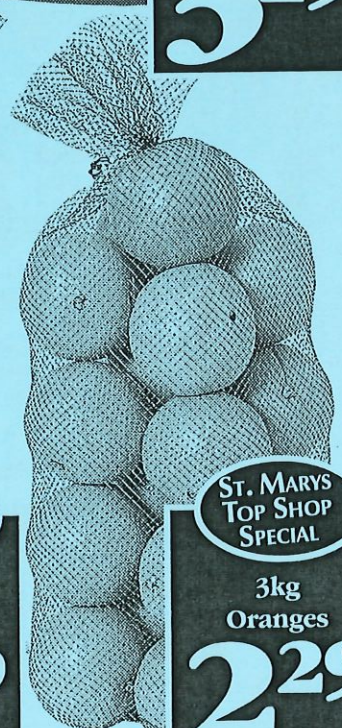
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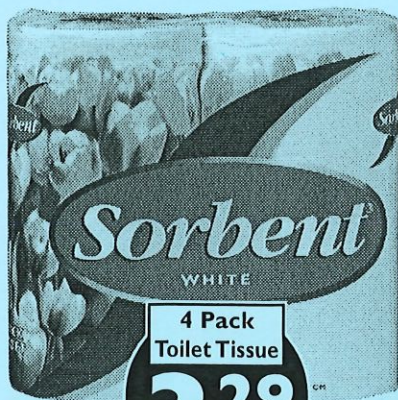
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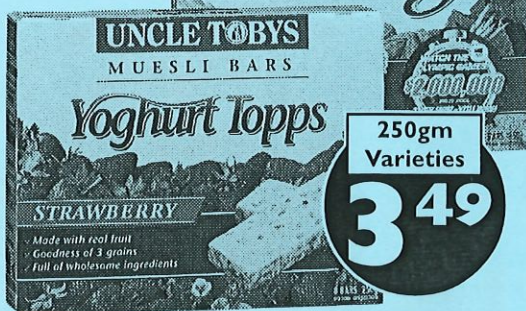
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250gm
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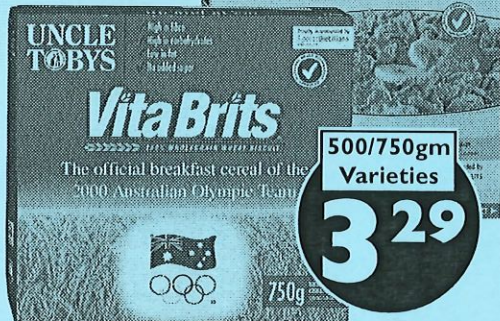
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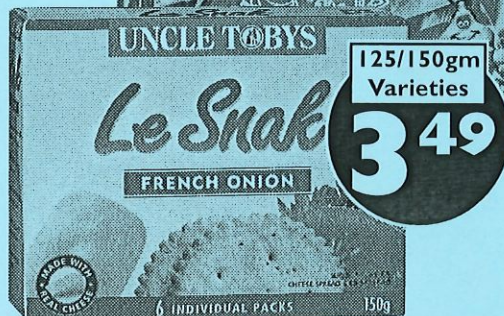
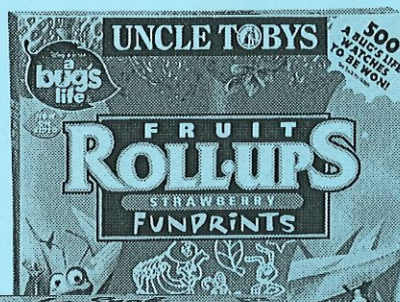
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Varieties

1⁸⁹



500/750gm
Varieties

3²⁹



125/150gm
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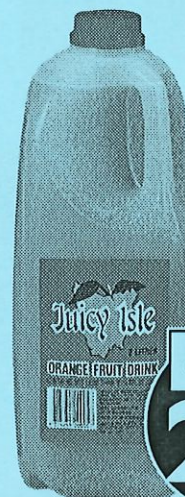
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Weighing up GMOs

The past year has seen interest in Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) increase dramatically in the Tasmanian community, in particular with regard to the use of GMOs in primary production.

Put simply, a GMO is a living thing that has been inserted with a gene or genes from other living things to create desired characteristics. Crops that have been genetically modified are created by the selection and insertion of a gene from another plant, animal or bacteria that brings a desired feature.

As I have stated on several occasions, the issue surrounding GMOs are numerous and complex raising environmental, ethical and social issues. The GMO debate is occurring worldwide. We have seen significant consumer rejection of GM products, particularly in Europe and Japan and to a lesser extent in North and South America. Governments must respond to this protest and ensure policy decisions to adopt GM technology are carefully considered and appropriate for their citizens, environment and industries.

Social concerns arise with respect to ownership of the technology and the impact of GMOs on farming systems in both the developing and developed world. Unintended environmental impacts and concerns with the safety of the food produced from GMOs have also been cause for alarm. These concerns cannot be treated with the simplicity and disregard that has unfortunately been so evident in the debate so far. The concerns are real and must be addressed.

The nature of a GMO is that once released into a farming system and the environment we cannot be sure it can be retracted. GMOs are living things.

With the undeniable benefits and risks that GMOs present, as in any endeavour, the risks need to be weighed against the benefits and appropriate protections put in place to protect against unintended and unforeseen consequences.

First, a moratorium was placed on the growing of GMO crops to ensure our environment is not compromised before all the issues can be considered. Exemptions have been issued for some contained research trials of GM poppies and canola under strict conditions relating to containment and the separation of the plants from other crops and weeds.

A group of experts has been formed, each recognised specialists in the main areas under discussion in the GMO debate. This group will make sure the Government receives reliable independent advice on these issues. These measures are complemented by the establishment of a specialist Unit in the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment - to gain specialist expertise in scientific, consumer and regulatory issues of GMOs.

Many would also be aware that in September the Government initiated a Parliamentary Inquiry on gene technology. This Joint Select Committee is inquiring into and investigating issues arising from the use of gene technology in Tasmania and will report on these matters in March 2001. This Parliamentary Inquiry is another method by which Tasmanians can have input into and receive credible information on GMOs and the implications that arise for Tasmania.

I believe that due caution is not only warranted but is essential in order to allow the issues GMOs present to be properly investigated prior to exposing our people, environment and farming systems to altered genetic material.

David Lewellyn Minister for Primary Industries, Water & Environment

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Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

Unfortunately the bowls team will miss this year's finals but they left no stone unturned in the final round trying to make it.

The washed out games and two really close losses cost dearly but it really looks promising for next year particularly in regard to host club status.

You will notice big changes to the green in the coming weeks mainly with the lengthening of the North-South rinks and the new resurfacing ready for the host year. All members are asked to give some time on the working bees to help keep costs down and naturally make the job easier and finished before winter hits. If everything goes to plan it should be a top season in October.

We anticipate a great singles final between Chris Davern and Clive Berwick. Both these blokes deserve fully to play off and incidentally they are the two leading skips in the pennant team this year.

Congratulations to Glen McDonald and Tony Blake for making the semi-finals. Well done.

Sorry to start golf off with a downer but the fields over summer have been dismal to say the least even with optional starting times. We just simply do not have enough members at the moment to cover bowls and golf at the same time. All focus must now go to golf and hopefully the lack of Saturday competition will be reversed.

Many new events will be run this year along with all the old favourites. Club Championships will revert back to their conventional formats provided there are no major obstacles.

February 25th will begin the official year with Opening Foursomes Day with Mens, Associates and Mixed Foursomes. We really need good fields.

Hopefully most of us will be able to support other local Club events too because our own events may not be patronised as well otherwise. Finally, we welcome Andrew 'Skeeter' Webb as our new greenkeeper. We thank 'Speed' Maher for all his efforts in the job too.

Best wishes to Janice Tapp and we hope everything goes well for you and Jack the next six months. Thanks too for a top job as bar steward.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Stop press !

Clive a real champion

The St Marys Bowls Single Championship was played off on Tuesday evening between Chris Davern and Clive Berwick.

Congratulations to both players for making it through to the final game and especially to Clive Berwick for his win.

Clive has been a very successful bowls member for St Marys over many years and is sure to have a lot more to come.

Hard to believe that Christmas is already so far behind us and we are back on the paper again. Rodney and Glen as usual can be relied upon to regularly come up with their sports notes. Any other club that would like their activities published are invited to send them in.



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ST MARYS FOOTY NEWS

from OLDE TIGE

The first report of the new season is about our successful Golf Fun Day at the Sports Centre on Australia Day.

Not only did both clubs benefit financially but it seems that everyone had a great day. Pity about the weather, but 68 participants ensured a busy time on the course and off. Thanks to the helpers on the day who catered for and fed all in the clubhouse, thanks to the committee of the Sports Centre and we hope to have the opportunity to utilise the facilities again.

With the new season brings the usual doubts about the roster and the beginning of the games proper, as in the past we were not notified until almost the start of where our first game would be. Not so this year, the proposed roster is already out and if players think there is ample time to get ready with pre-season, think again !!

The first game is against Old Launcestonians in town on April 7th, yes that's right just seven weeks away and judging by numbers at training we need a big lift in numbers to fulfil the obligation of three sides in the first game. Don't leave people in doubt, if you are intending to play, hit the track now and don't let last seasons improvement be wasted.

Training 6pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays

If there is enough interest we will again use the option of a bus to the coast for a beach run and BBQ, but there will have to be an improvement in numbers first.

It's up to you.

I know it is hot at present and it does not feel at all like footy season but fundraising is under way and with the cricket roster winding up and the early start to the season we will all have to get on our bikes !

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