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Officially back in business

Although the St Marys Community Health Centre has been operating as a 24 hour hospital since November last year, the Premier Mr Jim Bacon and Health Minister Mrs Judy Jackson made it all official last Wednesday 6th February.

The water feature on the front lawn with the group of bronze sculptured Native Hens was of much interest to the crowd that were gathered for the opening. The superb work of the bronze birds was done by renown sculptor Stephen Walker.

Much credit must be given to Centre Manager Patsy Burgess and her Staff for the smooth running of the Centre since it has become a full time nursing facility, and given time for the completion of works and maintenance around the surrounds of the Centre to be completed, it will be a facility for the community to be very proud to have in the Valley.

Festival and Celebrations

Celebrations will taking place along the coast between 16th February to 10th March for the France to Freycinet Festival. Events in Bicheno 2nd March, Coles Bay 3rd March and St Helens 9th & 10th March.

There will be Music, Drama, Art, Stalls, enactments, Food & Wine, Historical Exhibitions and lots more to celebrate the Baudin Bicentenary on Tasmania's East Coast.

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Streetscape loses history

About one hundred years of history was lost when the old St Marys Electrical Store and adjacent building in Main Street St Marys was burnt down in the early hours of Monday morning.

Although the building had attracted much bad publicity and criticism over the years, the gaping hole it leaves in the streetscape, especially in the entrance to the town is perhaps even more unsightly.

The building, believed to have been built in the early 1900's, was used for coach building as indicated by the unusually high roof line. Fine old timbers, old timber mantelpieces and stained glass windows which could have been salvaged have all been destroyed. The only hope is that the gaping hole can be filled with buildings in keeping with the history of the town.

Australia Day Award winners

There was a good attendance at the Break O'Day Australia Day Awards presentation held at the Scamander Sports Complex on Australia Day. Break O'Day Mayor Stephen Salter presented the Citizen Award to Mr Denis Burr of St Helens and St Marys Race Day as the Community Event Award. Mayor Salter spoke of the contribution made by the many groups and individuals nominated.

In the absence of a Junior Citizen of the Year nomination, Council recognised Haley Gilbert for winning the Community Service category and Jennifer Binns who was a finalist in the Regional Initiative category in the Young Achiever of the Year 2001 Awards.



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Board wanted

Mature non smoking female requires board, preferably in the St Marys area, \$50.

Contact Carol C/- St Marys Community Health Centre 6372 2111

Why so long?

Why does it take so long for special event signs to be taken down after the event has been long gone? One set of hand written signs are still up, now six weeks after the event and one of these signs only a few metres from one of the main committee persons home!

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Valley Music Festival Weekend

I have just returned from a wonderful weekend at the Valley Music Festival. So where were you this weekend, people of the valley and the hills? Fantastic music, mostly home grown Tassy musos, some from interstate and overseas. Music for all tastes, a great mix from Folk to Rock to Jazz to African to Latin and music that has yet to be named. And the people did dance!

A great drum and dance workshop and games for the kids. The food was tasty and plentiful and the bar was open and great coffee to go. Have you been to Fawlty Towers, what a well kept secret, as the venue for the festival it is comfortable, well catered for and quite beautiful, situated on the Esk River with the stunning hills as a back drop. All the proceeds went to the Dooloomai Youth Project. Thanks to Dooloomai Festival Committee, Doug Kelly, Fawlty Towers and all those who sponsored this great weekend.

So next year people, don't miss it! Cathy Folios St Marys

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Craft days commence at Uniting Church St Marys, Monday 18th February at 1 pm. Bring your needles for sewing, knitting or any craft.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts AGM

Tuesday 26th February 5 pm at Todd's Hall Café All welcome

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre. Members of the community welcome to attend.

Would like your dog walked? Want your lawns mowed? Well, just phone Benjamin. 6372 2514 or 0409 407 692

Special Thanks

Would everyone who gave us support through cards, phone calls and personal visits following the sad loss of a much loved brother and brother in law, accept this as our personal thanks and gratitude. Special thanks to Mr Kevin Faulkner. Heather, Mut & Pat.

Contacts for Valley Voice

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St Marys

Appointments are available in St Marys on Friday 22nd February between 9 am and 12 noon at the St Marys Community Hall.

Scamander

Appointments are available in Scamander on Friday 22nd February between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm at the Scamander Sports Complex.

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Tests will be held during the hours of 9 and 5, Tuesday 19th February to the 26th February.

Due to the mountainous terrain of our area, two transmitters are necessary, one on South Sister and the other on Mt Flagstaff. Volunteer staff have been working long and difficult hours to install all the high-tech equipment, and as you read this, adjustments are being made to aerials and signal receivers/senders.

The Studios are at Shop 1, 9 Pendrigh Place St Helens and Manager Sam Anglesey and his volunteer staff are preparing for the Big Day!

Full time broadcasting shall commence soon after the cessation of testing and will be 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

For listeners in St Marys, Fingal, Scamander and Beaumaris, tune in to 100.3

St Helens and Pyengana residents tune in to 93.7

The Manager and Management Committee would love to hear you constructive comments, so please feel free to telephone Break O'Day FM Studios at 6376 1306 or call in at Pemdrigh Place St Helens.

Don Ives Chairman BOD FM committee.

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When you ring the free call number 1800 052 222 your call will go through directly to your nearest Carelink Centre. If the information you require is out of your local area, staff at the Centre can easily transfer your free call to any Carelink Centre within Australia. For example if you were thinking of travelling to far North Queensland for a vacation or to visit friends or family and you needed information about transport services or nursing services in the area, staff will transfer your call directly to the closest Carelink Centre to your destination.

Information provided by the Centre is free and confidential. Our hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

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Or by logging onto www.commcarelink.health.gov.au TTY and modem callers may call through the ACE-NRS by dialing 1800 555 677 (then asking for 1800 052 222)

*Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable

Christmas Parade

A special thank you to everybody who was involved with, and helped in making the Christmas Parade the success that it was. We look forward to this years parade and hope your support will continue. Regards,

Paul & Genevieve Aulich St Marys

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IF IN DOUBT: Call the SMCHC on 6372 2111 for further information.



SUN SMART

It's been more jeans and jumpers than shorts and t-shirt weather but on the off chance that summer actually arrives remember to be sunsmart.

- Try to plan indoor activities for the hours of 11am –3pm
- When outside make use of any available shade (trees etc)
- · Wear a broad brimmed hat and sunglasses
- Always wear a sunscreen with at least SPF 15+
- Wear clothing with long sleeves, and knee length or longer pants

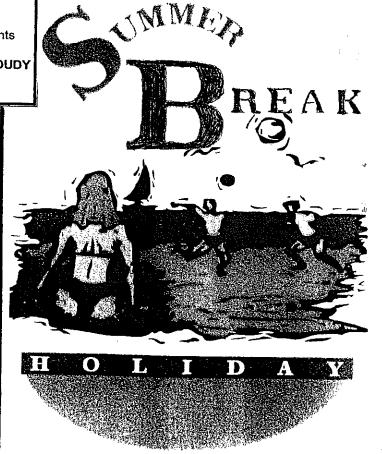
AND REMEMBER: YOU CAN GET BURNT EVEN ON A CLOUDY DAY!!!

Thank you to all who attended the Golf Day held on January 26. The money raised will be put to good use at the SMCHC.

Skin Care Find-a-word

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Hidden word list: hat, rays, beach, swimming, burn, shade, noon, peel, nose, fun, heat, oil, lotion, cream, sunscreen, face, suntan, fair, skin, sun, skin cancer, t-shirt, tan, sensitive.



Community Project Assistance 2002-2003



New NRM Coordinator for Break O'Day

The Break O'Day Council each year allocates funding and in-kind assistance to worthwhile community projects and activities in the municipal area. The Council is currently calling for submissions from community organisations for financial and in-kind assistance for community activities or projects. Applications will be considered as part of Council's 2002-2003 Annual Budget process.

Application forms can be collected from Council offices during business hours. Completed forms can be left at the Council office or mailed to PO Box 21 St Helens 7216

Closing dates for all applications is Friday 5th April 2002. For further information, contact Marissa Walker on (03) 6376 1281.

Council Community and Economic Development Officer

Break O'Day Council General Manager David Morcom has announced the appointment of Ms. Marissa Walker as Council's Community and Economic Development Officer. Marissa has been employed as Council's Executive Assistant for the past 18 months and during that time has been involved with a wide variety of Council's activities, including Community Development.

Mr. Morcom said that a major focus of the role will be to obtain external funding to assist with new projects throughout Break O'Day, in particular those identified in Council's 5 Year Community Plan.

Ms. Walker identified loss of services and unemployment as key areas that need addressing, and is keen to work with key community groups to look at ways of tackling these issues. "The Break O'Day Municipality has so much potential and I am really excited about getting to work on some projects that will provide real benefits to the community" Marissa said. "I believe that we must be innovative in our approach to increasing economic activity and employment and really focus on our strengths, the people and the fantastic natural features of the area."

David Morcom General Manager

Break O'Day Council recently appointed Peter Stafford as its NRM Coordinator to develop a Natural Resource Management Strategy for the Break O'Day region

Break O'Day Council sees the development of its natural resource management (NRM) strategy as an important next step to build on the communities existing work in the areas of weeds, coastal management and vegetation management. The strategy is to be developed over the next 6 months. It is also envisaged that the strategy will link with related initiatives including Break O'Day Council strategic planning, strategies from adjacent Council areas, the new Tasmanian NRM Strategy, as well as State and Commonwealth NRM strategies and policies.

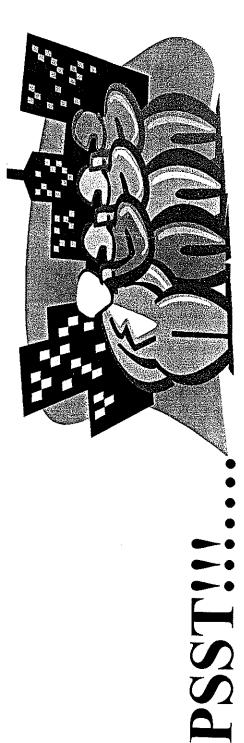
Peter comes to the job with over 20 years experience in natural resources. For the past two years he has been jointly managing the Furneaux NRM Strategy Project on Flinders Island with his wife Anne Duncan. Peter and Anne and their children Hamish and Fergus have since moved to the East Coast town of Bicheno following Anne's recent appointment as Senior Ranger, managing of Freycinet National Park.

Peter is very excited about the opportunity to work with the Break O'Day community on NRM issues. He believes that the excellent work the regional community and business has already undertaken in natural resource management will provide an excellent basis for the strategy. This will be coupled with a regional consultation process to identify other opportunities to improve the sustainable use of the regions natural resources.

Peter is working from Break O'Day Council offices on Monday and Tuesdays and may be contracted on 03 6376 1281. Peter will also be continuing with his work as Manager of the Furneaux NRM Project until the end of 2002.

" From level going we make the 1000 feet climb to the top of Mt Elephant through thick myrtle and beech and gum forest, the drop is sheer on the valley side and the views keep us silent with admiration"

From "Tasmanian Journey" 1948, Stanley Brogden.



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Calling all performers, writers, poets & listeners

The New Year is well and truly with us and Grassy Bottom Regional Arts in St Marys are heralding a new-look for 2002. The popular monthly meeting of local musicians is

now 'Brackets & Jam 2002 Backstage at Todd's

Hall'.

The session will be held on the first Saturday of each month beginning with Saturday March 2nd and will run from 2 to 5 pm. This year we are planning to have a half hour jam session from 2 to 2.30, followed by more structured brackets from local and guest performers, so be early to get a good seat.

We are also putting out the call to writers, poets and new performers of all styles and levels to come and share their work in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere ... and of course, active listeners are always welcome!

So, if you have a story to tell, a song to sing, a poem to recite or just want to be entertained by some of the finest talent in Tasmania, mark the first Saturday of each month on your calendar and come and join in the fun.

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sic and songs of Ireland to Woody Guthrie, from the music of Eastern Europe to modern compositions. On tour with Irvine is Rens Van Der Zalm, a Dutch fiddle and guitar player.

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Avoca

11.30am

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Fingal Tuesdays

12 noon

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10am

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St Marys 10am

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Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

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Thu 21st	Claire Bean	S. Smith / S. Walker
Fri 22nd	M & P Berwick	Robyn Miller
Mon 25th	P. O'Donnell	Vic Jones
Tue 26th	Annette Davey	Shirleen Woods
Wed. 27th	A. Greenwood	Debbie Speers
Thu 28th	Kaye Nailer	Maureen Hall
Fri 1st	Anne Birrell	Bob Yates

Harris Funerals

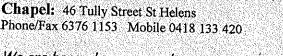
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For more information please contact St Marys Online Access Centre on 6372 2005 or call in and see one of the volunteers.

Peta

Many readers will know Peta Thomas who lives in St Marys and was best known as the local Postie until she took off for twelve months in the States as an 'au pair' (Nanny). When Peta returned, it seemed a good chance to get an interesting story for our paper, so here is her journal which will continue over the coming weeks.

St Marys to New York!

The reason why I went overseas to be an Au pair, was all because of my pen pal from France. She had spent most of the year 2000 in the United States living with a family in Virginia. She told me all the pros and cons about what was involved in being an Au pair, plus I had always wanted to go to the US, since I was 11 years old.

When my mail contract finished at the end of September 2000, and I found an advert in the newspaper for Au Pair in the United States, I made a phone call and had an information pack sent to me. After I weighed over the forms for a couple of weeks I finally completed them and went for an interview with a representative in Hobart, and about two weeks later I was accepted. After that I spent many weeks being matched with a suitable family before leaving Tasmania.

At Melbourne Airport I boarded my flight to Los Angeles, a thirteen and half hour grueling flight. When the flight finally arrived in Los Angeles (LAX), I cannot express what a relief it was to see the breakers along the coast line and the palm tree lined streets of suburban Los Angeles that early Sunday morning.

Los Angeles is a massive airport, I had to find the appropriate gate for my next flight and luckily the flight was delayed or I may have missed it. It was now up to 'Starbucks' Coffee Shop to help me unwind. An hour or so of waiting in the terminal and

it was time to leave — I could not wait to get out of that airport!

The five and half hour flight from Los Angeles to New York City was great !. I could barely keep my eyes open but there was no way I was going to miss out on all the amazing scenery below. I saw the State of Arizona, and will never forget the mountain ranges in New Mexico covered in snow, words cannot describe what it is like to see a desert state and to have it's mountain tops covered in a dense blanket of snow, then to see parts of the 'Tornado states' of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. These states are so flat, and I mean flat, there are no hills or mountains to speak of, it was flat farmland, each paddock was a different colour from the next, even different shapes, square, circular or rectangular. That flatness makes you realise how easy it is for tornadoes to rip through the communities that lie in those states.

Flying over New York City in the middle of winter, it looked so cold and bleak. Skyscraper after skyscraper stood, even the World Trade Centres-Twin Towers. Central Park was a blanket of snow amongst the buildings. My arrival at JFK International Airport was much better than the LAX. It seemed less chaotic and was much easier to move around. After grabbing my luggage I waited for our drivers from the Au pair school to arrive.

We were taken to a van in the parking lot, where we waited for the next group of Aussie Au pairs to arrive, deciding to lock all the doors in case we were mugged or attacked, it was the smart thing to do mixed with a little bit of paranoia. When the other girls arrived we were driven to Long Island University where the Au pair school was held. Being driven through the bustling streets of New York on that evening was great. I could not believe that I was in New York!

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St Marys Tennis Club

Night Roster

Our sixth Night Roster competition began the week of Monday 28th January with 48 ladies and men participating. The Night Roster fees are now due. The cost is \$15 for existing members and \$51 for new club members. Fees can be paid to Susan Miles, Maureen Bushing or Drew Adam.

Junior Club Championships

The Junior Championships will be held on Saturday 16th March for those students up to and including grade 10. Students interested in participating in this event are asked to leave their name with Mrs Bushing at the school office.

Coaching

Our Coach, Michelle Rowell, from Tennis Tasmania will again be visiting the club on Saturday 16th February. Spaces are already filling quickly. For cost and booking enquiries please contact Michelle Loane on 6374 2343. (see notice)

Break O'Day Mixed Challenge

On Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th March the St Marys Tennis Club will be hosting the Annual Break O'Day Mixed Challenge (A, B and C Grade) which will involve local and statewide tennis players.

On the Saturday there will also be games at St Marys DHS, Falmouth, Scamander and St Helens. On the Saturday night Todd's Hall is the venue for the 100 plus entrants to have their dinner function. Our club is lucky to have all the A, B and C Grade Finals on the Sunday.

We feel this is a fantastic opportunity for the club and the local community. We are hoping lots of East Coast and Valley tennis supporters will come to see some great tennis over the two days.

More details will be provided closer to the dates.

Students Super Clinic with Tennis Tasmania

The Super Clinic which was postponed before Christmas due to the illness of the coach, is going to be held mid-March (date to be advised). This will be advertised through the school newsletter and the Valley Voice as soon as the club is notified of the date and time.

Christmas Raffle

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Although Christmas seems like ages ago now, the winner of our decorated Christmas Cake, wine and chocolates was Barbara Davern from Scamander. Many thanks to all who supported the club by purchasing tickets.

Tennis Coaching

St Marys Tennis Club

Saturday 16th February 2002

\$32 per hour (Individual) \$16 per hour per person (two people) \$11 per hour per person (three people) \$8 per hour per person (four people)

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to book a time.

St Marys Olympic Soccer Club

We are organising a five-a-side soccer roster for February and March. Anyone over

14 years can organise a team to take part.

If you are unable to make up a whole team, you can be allocated to one. New and experienced players are welcome. Tuesdays Juniors 6 pm, Seniors 7 pm. Jack Foreman 6372 2034

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