

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

Volume 35 No. 20

Thursday 14 March 2002

50 cents

Successful test transmission

During the period 19th to 26th February, your new local radio station broadcasting on 93.7 and 100.3 on the FM band, successfully completed its test transmission. You will have heard music and announcements from the studio in St Helens as well as other programs from the Community Broadcasting Network.

The coverage of the transmissions from Flagstaff and South Sister was well up to expectations. Apart from a clear signal in the main centres of St Helens, St Marys, Scamander and Fingal, centres like Bicheno, Binalong Bay, The Gardens, Swan-nick, Cressy, Symons Plains and Avoca reported good reception.

If you were unlucky and unable to get the signal you expected, the reasons may have been that:

- ♦ you had a poor quality receiver
- ♦ there was no external aerial (or antenna) to your radio
- ♦ the transmission was in stereo and your radio was set for mono.

As the station develops we shall extend the range of our present equipment to overcome most of these deficiencies but obviously this is dependent on our income.

We shall soon be back on air **full time** but being able to do this is entirely dependent on volunteers both for on air presentation and for technical and other duties. If you can help in any way, we would urge you to contact Station Manager Sam Anglesy on 6376 1306 as soon as possible. If your organisation, business or group wants to assist with sponsorship, then **Sam's your man** !

Remember that throughout the broadcast area, which is really very extensive, you should experiment with both frequencies, 93.7 and 100.3.

Listeners in the coastal area are likely to find that 93.7 will be better, and those inland in the valley may find that 100.3 brings better results.

For more info: John Collins on 6376 1889

Bush fires and barking dogs

It is well and truly into another year. There has been many happenings over the summer break, in fact too many to mention. One reoccurring incident which posed the largest threat to the township and its folk were the bush fires.

As most people are already aware, we had a problem with person or persons lighting small scrub fires, some of which were rather large. The fires were lit at random in various areas of the town. There was no real pattern that emerged to predict where the next fire would begin. Over the period of summer, there were up to twenty scrub fires reported, most of which were only very minor, however some of the larger ones threatened homes and may have posed a threat to life.

Enquiries over the period have revealed a number of suspects, however because arson and unlawfully set fires are very difficult to prove, there needs to be more evidence. A number of people have already come forward with information. If anyone has any information regarding fires, as detailed or as simple as it may be, please report that information as it may be pertinent to the investigation.

On a different note, there have been a number of complaints regarding dogs. The complaints have ranged from barking dogs to dogs that are roaming free. The problem has worsened in the last three months. Under the Dog Control Act, if a dog is roaming free (or at large), it will be seized and impounded. The owner will be charged for allowing the dog to be roaming and will also have to pay a fee to the Council for the release of the dog. Dogs that are continually barking can be reported directly to the Council. Make a note of the date and times that the dog barks and then contact the Council, a hefty fine to the owner will usually follow.

If anyone has any questions regarding any matter, please do not hesitate to ask. As far as dog complaints go, if you have a problem with a neighbour's dog but are hesitant to act because you feel that no-one else has the same problem, it will usually be that somebody close by will have the same complaint and feel the same way you do.

Police report by Luke Rockliffe

The Valley Voice congratulates
The Ranch Dinner
on opening their restaurant in St Marys
and wish them a successful future
in their new business.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sun Coast Jazz Club (fundraiser for St Marys Child Care Centre) at Todd's Hall St Marys
Friday 15th March at 7.45 pm. \$10

Junior Football Meeting: Wednesday 20th of March 7 pm at St Marys Hotel Lounge

The Wrigley Sisters @ Todd's Hall
Friday 22nd March 8 pm. \$15

St Marys V St Helens practice matches at St Marys on Saturday 23rd March. 9.30 am start.

'Payne Fool Comedy Company' Rated R.
Todd's Hall St Marys (fundraiser for St Marys Football Club) Sat. 23rd March 7.30 pm \$15

Soccer mini-tournament at St Marys District High School grounds Tuesday 26th March. 5pm

Stitches Gallery- an exhibition of needlework
St Helens Memorial Hall. Saturday 30th March to Thursday 4th April 2002. More detail later.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Staff of the St Marys Hospital for their wonderful care while I was a patient recently. They were all very dedicated and caring. It is great to see our hospital back in service and we are also lucky to have two wonderful doctors in attendance. Thanks to everyone who either visited or sent messages.

A special thanks to my wonderful family for their dedication to me when I needed them. Also to John and Valda McDonald for their assistance and best wishes.

Thanks to all. Eric Bean

BIRTH : David John Escobar

Born 26th February at Launceston Hospital
Weight: 5.38 kg

Length: 55 cm

Brother to Patrick and Kenneth.

Loving son to Ray and Photjana Escobar



Designer Hair Studio

welcomes Kelly and Emma to the Staff
and a Big Welcome back to Fran

Kelly: Tues Thurs Friday

Fran: Friday 10-2

Lyn: Mon Wed & Friday arvo !

Main Street
St Marys
6372 2108

Doll and Toy Museum

Main Street St Marys

Times: 11 am to 2 pm

Admission: Gold coin donation

(proceeds go to St Marys community).

A unique display of dolls and toys kindly loaned by members of the community. **Local crafts on sale.**



St Marys Newsagency

Phone 6372 2143 Trading 7 days a week

Easter
is coming
so get your
Easter cards -
from \$2.50 ea.

Videos:

Pearl Harbor
Planet of the Apes
Say it is not so

LLEWELLYN Brian John

28 June 1938 ... 30 November 2001

We the family of the late Brian John Llewellyn, wish to take the opportunity to thank family and friends for your cards, flowers, attendances at his Funeral Service held at the St Marys Holy Trinity Church and graveside at Carr Villa Lawn Cemetery.

Brian was a devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather and son. We loved him unconditionally and miss him so much. To our very special and devoted friends Jos and Graham and family, our love and sincere thanks, also Wendy, Stephen and family, what would we have done without you all, THANKS from the bottom of our hearts.

Diane and Lindsay, you are brilliant, your love and devotion sure helped to ease our devastation at losing our Darling.

THANKS IS A LITTLE WORD WITH A VERY BIG AND SINCERE MEANING. NO SUNSHINE WITHOUT YOU. WE'LL MEET AGAIN OUR DARLING.

Jenny, Kate & Michael, Chris & Luciana, April & Greg and loved and loving Grandchildren and his devoted and loved Mother Bertie Cooke.

CLASSIFIEDS

Items for Sale

1984 Corolla sedan in excellent condition,
120,000 km. \$3,000 Ph. 0419 582 723

*

Pyrox Gas Heater \$170 ono. Phone 6372 2260

*

Buffet, solid wood, 4 drawer, 2 glass doors, glass shelf. \$60

Porta Cot. \$30

High back cane chair. \$15

Artificial plants & flowers, from \$2 to \$5

Phone 6372 2542

*

1 Single bed mattress, what offer ?

Kelvinator 210 ltr Freezer as new \$250 firm.

Treadmill as new \$75 ono.

Chair walking frame with basket as new, used only 4 times, paid \$180, sell for \$130.

Magazine racks, what offers ?

6372 2212 or 0417 367 471

or call 30 Cameron Street St Marys

House for sale at same address or contact Lyn at Designer Hair St Marys.

*

Wanted to Buy

Old style large double or queen size Bed, solid timber or iron. 6372 2242

*

Good second hand stove for rental property.

2 man Kayak. 6372 2108

or see Lyn at Designer Hair St Marys.

Cheap bunk beds suitable for hut. 6372 2465

*

Lost dog

Ratty' a Jack Russell Terrier, tan and white.

Last seen near Germantown, much loved.

Reward offered. Phone 6372 2632



Cake Decorating -

made to order.

Ring Anne for a quote. 6372 2053

HELP !

At JAM (Jesus And Me) we are in desperate need of a big cupboard with lots of shelving.

Could anyone please help us ?

Phone Melanie 6372 2099 or Pam 6372 2426



Green Corps

Young Australians for the Environment



Green Corps projects may include:

- * Bush revegetation
- * Coastal conservation
- * Tree planting and fencing
- * Constructing walking tracks and board walks
- * Endangered species protection
- * Heritage restoration

Ramble through the records

When was Mt Elephant officially called "Mt Elephant" ? Although locally referred to as such since at least 1864, the 1905 Electoral Roll still shows electors there as resident of "Mount Logie", named after the nearby 'Logie' property of Dr Alexander Thompson, the original name of Harefield, which was named such in 1843 when the property was regranted to the Groom family. The adjacent Dalmain Rd and, or Thompson's Marsh Rd, as it was called until not long ago, was also referred to in baptism records in the 1850's as "Thompson's New Country"



Rae & Partners, Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors

93 York St Launceston Ph 6337 5555

Visiting 44 Main Street St Marys alternate

TUESDAYS 9am - 10am

Accepting instruction in all legal matters.

Appointments can be made with
St Marys Health & Beauty Centre 6372 2172

SERVICE STATION

37 Main St. St Marys 7215 ABN 79 232 153 351

Ph 03 6372 2735

AH 03 6372 2233

Trading hours

Monday to Friday: 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 8.30 am to 12 noon

Rostered Sundays: 9 am to 5 pm



Community Project Assistance 2002—2003

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

David Morcom General Manager

FARRIER

Shoeing \$40
Trims \$15
Call John Treasure
Fingal 6374 2324



Red Cross Doorknock Appeal

will be held during the month of March.
Please give generously.

St Marys Child Health Centre

St Marys Community Health Centre

Open sessions: 1st & 3rd Thurs 9 am - 12 noon

Next session: Thursday 21st March 2002

Lorraine McGee RN. AH 1800 808 178

Mobile phone 0409 361 005

Ransleys Home Appliance

Services—wish to advise our many valued & loyal customers, now that we don't retail new appliances we are able to expand & concentrate on providing even better service to your appliances that need repairs or spare parts. We also have a range of reconditioned/used appliances for sale in our show room at:

41 Quail Street St Helens (next to RSL).

Ian & Narelle Ransley

Phone/Fax 6376 1811

VALUE PLUS

ST MARYS SUPERMARKET

38 Main Road St Marys

Mark Kate John Roseanne

Mon- Fri. 8am - 6pm Sat: 8am - 12 noon

Ph/Fax 6372 2240 Butcher Ph. 6372 2274

Egglicious Easter

Something for all the family

Kick off with a Newman's Chocolate Footy,
Blinkey Bill egg & chocolates,
Bonnie Bunny, Bunnies large, small or
Easter eggs by the 1/2 dozen will surely hype
the kids up!

Surprise Mum with Cadbury Favourites,
Milk Trays, Red Tulip Truffles
Dad will love a supa dupa giant egg or
Scorched Almonds

Call in now before stock hops out the door.

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron 6372 2105 Audrey 6372 2337

Fax: 6372 2172 or leave written material with

Kathryn St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

or post: C/- Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

REDLINE COACH deliver this paper.

Statewide passenger & parcel service. Ph 6372 2142

Valley Voice Advertising Rates:

Classifieds free. Small ad - \$6. 1/4 page - \$15.

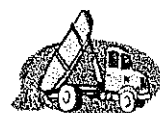
1/2 page - \$25. Full page - \$40

P & S RAWNSLEY

Building & Concreting Contractors

Excavator, Backhoe & Truck Hire

- 9 TONNE EXCAVATOR
 - OFFSET BOOM
 - ROADS & DRIVEWAYS
 - LASER LEVELLING
 - SAND SOIL & GRAVEL
 - HOUSE & DRAINAGE EXCAVATIONS
 - SERVING EAST COAST & FINGAL VALLEY
- Fax: 6372 5613 Mobile: 0419 376 747
Phone: 6372 5627



NOW OPEN

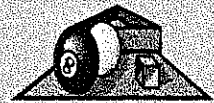
The Ranch Dinner

21 Main Street St Marys 7215
For bookings Ph 6372 2237

7 DAYS A WEEK 11.30 AM TO 9.30 PM

The place to meet your mates
Great food, good atmosphere
Try one of our giant steaks
BYO for now

Pool tables best in town !
Room to move



The Wrigley Sisters

@ Todd's Hall St Marys

Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley, twin sisters born and raised in the Northern Scottish islands of Orkney perform a sparkling blend of traditional, contemporary and original material invigorated with jazz, blues and ragtime flavours.

Combining mastery with mischief, tradition with modernity and technical maturity with youthful freshness, Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley are two of the fastest rising stars on today's international folk circuit.

The Wrigley sisters will be performing at Todd's Hall St Marys on **Friday 22nd March @ 8 pm**

All tickets \$15. Bookings 6372 2066



For information on the Wrigley sisters visit:
www.wrigleysisters.com

They are back !

St Marys Football Club Inc. (in conjunction with Todd's Hall) wish to invite you to a night of fun at:

'Payne Fool Comedy Company'

Saturday the 23rd of March 2002
7.30 pm at Todd's Hall.

A Night of Fun and Laughter

Cost: \$15.00 per person
This show is rated R

Please do not wait for door sales
as the night could be booked out !

**Reserved tickets: Bookings taken at
Todd's Hall Café or ring 6372 2066**

For your choice of company on the night,
make an advanced booking for a table of 8 or
book single seats & take your chances.

R

Top marks to new restaurant

When former well known resident, Rosemary Grose of Cornwall and St Marys, began planning her wedding late last year, the location became clear, it was to be on the banks of the St Marys Rivulet. Not so clear however was where to hold the reception. Both Rosemary and her husband-to-be Geoff, were aware of the lack of suitable facilities in St Marys and were concerned that they may have to go further afield., but then they heard of a new establishment opening in Main Street St Marys, to be called The Ranch Dinner.

After discussing it's capacity and suitability with owner Pamuela Cooper, daughter of long time local residents Ida and Roy Hjortshoj, they decided to take a chance and be the restaurant's first booking on 17th February, even though it was not due to be 'officially' opened until the following week. Well, to the delight of the happy couple and almost 40 guests, the function was an outstanding success with everyone commenting favorably on the food, service and general ambience. Said Rosemary, "No one left hungry or without having had a wonderful time".

"That's right" confirmed Geoff, " there was enough excellent food and BYO to satisfy everybody and feed back we both received afterwards was positive. Indeed we enjoyed ourselves so much that we would like people to know that The Ranch Dinner will be an excellent facility in the St Marys district. It certainly compares very favorably with similar places on the mainland".

Geoff and Rosemary Hakes are now living 'on the mainland' and have asked the Valley Voice to print this letter, giving their support to a new venture in the town.

Addlestone House B & B

19 Gray Road St Marys 7215

★★★★½ Accommodation
at very reasonable rates.



A full 'English Breakfast' is provided.

Join your hosts Charlie (Charmaine) & Bob to learn more about the great local attractions.

Ph. 03 6372 2783 Fax. 03 6372 2889

E-mail: addlestone@bigpond.com

ST MARYS HEALTH & BEAUTY CENTRE

42 Main Road St Marys Tasmania

Phone 03 6372 2172

WOW! TONKA Big 5 pack Die cast metal Ass. Cars/Trucks/Machinery only \$14.95

Book & Soft Toy sets. Read: *Pig gets stuck, The Naughty Sheep* and *Kittens Day Out*, with soft toy all for \$7.95 (ideal gift)

King Cruisers 4WD Die cast metal, pull back action, doors to open. Only \$2.95 ea.

Play Doh sets of 4 original or pastel \$10.95 set

Cute cuddley Ralph Bear only \$5.95 ea. (great buy).

Pastel multi colour Bunny \$8.95 (Easter baby gift)

New Dolphin frames from \$9.95 ea
Ceramic Kitchen hooks \$5.95

Specials

White Glo Toothbrushes with free stain lifter only \$3.50 ea

White Glo Mouthwash whitening & antibacterial 500ml with free stain lifter only \$5.50

Australis Gift Set contains:

5 eye shadows

3 lip glosses

2 lipsticks

1 blusher

1 pressed powder

2 brushes

All this for an amazing \$14.95
only while stocks last.

This is your entire make-up collection
in one compact container

East Coast Glass

Falmouth 6372 5361



- * Glass repairs
- * Security doors
- * Shower screens
- * Wardrobe doors
- * Double glazing
- * Aluminium windows

Locally owned and servicing the East Coast for over 10 years.

Call David and Anne Cannon for prompt and reliable service.

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

GP ROSTER, ON CALL:

Friday 15th March- Sunday 17th March
- Dr Shah

Friday 22nd March- Sunday 24th March
- Dr Geniola

Dr. Geniola on call Dr. Shah on call
Ph: 6374 2288 Ph: 6372 2311

Medical Emergencies Phone:
1800 008 008
or
000

PLEASE NOTE:

Doctors appointments can be made after 8:40am
of a morning on 6372 2111

ARE YOU 65 YEARS OLD OR OVER?

If so, you can receive a free flu vaccine
from your local doctor (or in some states,
your local Health Centre).

Influenza, also know as the 'flu' can lead to
illnesses which are more severe than those
caused by other respiratory viruses, such
as the common cold.

The influenza vaccine is an important way
to help protect you from catching
influenza. For further information please
see your doctor or contact the
Immunisation Infoline on 1800 671 811



WHAT'S ON AT THE MEDICAL CENTRE

14th March Breast Cancer Support Group
Please bring a plate of food.

18th March Mark Amos (Psychiatrist)
10:00am-4:00pm

4th Year Medical Students
arrive. (x3) From 18th- 29th

21st March Child Health Session with
Lorraine McGee 0409 361 005

Bob De Boar from Centapact
10:00am- 3:30pm

25th March Hearing Clinic 6331 7455

Mark Amos (Psychiatrist)
10:00am- 4:00pm

26th March Independent Living Centre
Display in Day Room
9:30am- 11:30am

OPSM 63317000

There are Gnomes in the garden at the medical centre!

A big thank you to our local Gnomes
who have put in many hours of
voluntary work in the Medical Centre
garden. Your contributions are very
much appreciated by the staff at the
Centre and the wider
community.



Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday Mass 10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Ross 8am

Campbell Town 9.30am

Avoca 11.30am

Fingal 2.00pm

Mathinna Monday 10am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Anglican Parish of St Helens 6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM 3.15pm to 4.45pm Children 5-12 yrs

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with children's time, tea and coffee afterwards.

Last Sunday of month we will share lunch together.

108 High St Mathinna Ph 6377 1234

New Beginnings Church is a branch of The Vine Church A.O.G Launceston

Meals on Wheels Roster

	March	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 18th	Jodie Anderson	Shirley Parker	
Tues 19th	Pam Lynch	Christine Woods	
Wed. 20th	Denise Dawson	Rachael Read	
Thu 21st	Claire Bean	Lynda Bean	
Fri 22nd	M & P Berwick	Robyn Miller	
Mon 25th	P & Y Davern	Debra Speers	
Tue 26th	Rhonda Cranch	Shirleen Woods	
Wed. 27th	Ruth Aulich	Barbara Saunders	
Thu 28th	Gail Gamble	Rhonda Hoskinson	
Fri 29th	Shirley Britton	Malcolm Saunders	

Harris Funerals

Lindsay & Diane

(D.Bailey & Son) A.F.D.A

Office & Residence:

114 Cecilia St. St. Helens

Chapel: 46 Tully Street St Helens

Phone/Fax 6376 1153 Mobile 0418 133 420



We are here when you need us to arrange Burial or Cremation. Pre-paid and pre-arranged funeral plans are available.



ST MARYS ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE

OPENING HOURS:

Mon/Tues: 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday: 2 pm to 4 pm

Thurs/Fri/Sat: 10 am to 4 pm

We are situated behind the Town Hall in the School NEET Centre. The Centre will be open on some evenings for your convenience.

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

St Marys Business Guide Health Centre 6372 2111	Medical emergencies 1800 008 008 or 000 Dr Shah 6372 2311 Dr Geniola 6374 2288
---	---

Dentist (St Helens)	6376 1000	St Marys Police	6372 1010
Addlestone House	6372 2783	St Marys Bakery	6372 2131
B & B Accommodation			
Aurora	132004	St Marys Hotel	6372 2181
Aulich G & M	6372 2283	St Marys Data & Communications	6372 2070
Mechanic Auto electrician		& Electrical Contractor	
Australia Post	6372 2124	St Marys Health & Beauty	6372 2172
Business Enterprise Centre	6376 2044	St Marys District High School	6372 3900
		Fax....	6372 2543
Break O'Day Council - Fingal	6374 2111	St Marys Library	6372 2114
St Helens	6376 1281		
C.A.R.S Mobile BP	6372 2735	St Marys Newsagency	6372 2143
David & Terry Evelyn	6372 2233 AH		
Caltex Garage			
JR & MC Faulkner	6372 2335	St Marys Online Access Centre	6372 2005
Coach House Restaurant	6372 2529	St Marys Sports Centre	6372 2177
Commonwealth Bank	6372 2268	St Marys Top Shop	6372 2242
Seaview Farm Accommodation	6372 2341	Smiths Valley Trading	6372 2367
East Coast Glass	6372 5361	St Marys Value Plus	6372 2240
Suncoast Glass & Screens	6372 5658	St Marys Butcher	6372 2274
Contractors:			
Faulkner DR & GE	6372 2366	The Ranch Dinner (Restaurant)	6372 2237
Freeman ML & GT	6372 2104	Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre	
Hendley TM	6372 2145	St Marys	6372 2900
Hair Design Salon	6372 2108	The Gums' Boarding Kennels	6372 2512
Harwood RG & RI Plumber	6372 2445	'Todd's Hall Café	6372 2066
Mobile	419 373 074		
Mt Elephant Pancake Barn	6372 2263	Trotter GM & CM Pumping Service	6372 2107
Purple Possum Bulk Foods	6372 2655	Wright CD & TM Dingo Mini Digger	6372 2258
		Mobile: 0417 344 209	
Shell Service Station -	6372 2184	Valley Voice	6372 2105
			6372 2337

For any amendments, additions or deletions to this list please contact the Valley Voice

Peta in North & South Carolina

Charlotte is in the state of North Carolina in the south east of the United States. The houses in Charlotte are mostly double story or even had a 3rd level. The majority of houses were all brick or were a combination of brick and weather board. All housing had air conditioning and trust me, with that humidity they should. Charlotte is very pretty, lovely tree lined streets and is about 15 minutes from the South Carolina border. The streets of the city of Charlotte are not designed on a grid but circular, there are no shopping malls or centres in the city itself but are out in the suburbs. Business, museums, galleries and a few restaurants are in the city centre.

To begin with the food and I did not get along well, and I lost 11 pounds in the first 3 weeks of being in the States, I actually had Mum send me over some survival packs of Weetbix, Tim Tams, 2 Minute noodles and other goodies. There is an abundance of fast food outlets if that is what you want. I found that I liked Chinese and Japanese food and found some favourite restaurants. For breakfast I would have waffles with maple syrup and hash browns. The price of food was much the same, except for meat, magazines were much cheaper as were the movies, clothes were expensive but I could not help myself.

Now driving in America is pretty easy, nearly all cars are automatic, you sit on the left side of the car and the right side of the road ! The only confusing part is when you are taking a highway and you need to make an exit. For example, you don't always find a sign which points you in the direction of the city you want to go to, instead you will mostly find a sign which says "485 EAST or 485 WEST or 77 NORTH or 77 SOUTH, you really need to know what to take before you set out.

The people in the South are very polite, they call you Sir or Ma'am. Crime is still a very large factor, you are taught to lock your doors as soon as you get in your car. There is a large hispanic population in Charlotte and in most banking institutes and libraries there are sections for both Spanish and English.

What can I say, but I love the American accents! They differ so much from one region to the next. I lived in

North Carolina and the Southern accent there was pretty prominent , but if you go to Georgia, the accent is even stronger.

I did notice that Americans are very much into their religious faith. Most people attend church twice a week, Sundays and usually one night through the week. There are a lot of churches in Charlotte and are very large and can hold hundreds of people. The church service which was held for Nascar driver Dale Earheart was held near my home, that church was the size of a stadium!

While living with my second family I was taken on many road trips. The first was to Blacksburg Virginia where Randy is a basketball coach. The drive took three and a half hours. Soon after we left Charlotte the temperature began to drop, being still February and in winter, the closer we got to Blacksburg the colder it got. Virginia reminded me of Tasmania and the fog that hung around was definitely like home. We spent the night at a motel and after a breakfast with a choice of cereals, eggs bacon & sausages, hash browns and grits, waffles or muffins, we went on to see University Tech play University of Connecticut. The stadium was very much like the Silverdome and I could not get into it quick enough as it was so cold ! It was pretty amazing sitting there, big screens for you to watch the game on, I was lucky as we were just seated courtside. The game itself was okay, I am not a big basketball fan but could appreciate it for what it is, University of Connecticut winning by about 20 points. After the game we went to an 'after party' and met the other coaches and some players. Later we had to go by Randy's place and pick up my car, a Buick, then had to drive Debra's car back to Charlotte and she drove the Buick. I thought I did a great job of driving all that way and was able to enjoy the scenery on the way back to North Carolina as there was no fog.

On the road again the next day, a few of us were off to Savannah in Georgia. Debra (my host mum), Kelly (my Au Pair buddy) and Blair in a mini van and my friend Leigh-Ann and myself in the car. As we headed from North Carolina to South Carolina I noticed how flat the landscape was and Georgia was much the same, but as we got closer to Savannah the area became more swamp like. After driving through some very poor areas we came to gorgeous old homes, sweeping trees with Spanish moss, these trees lined the streets and it was beautiful. We did a good job finding our way back to the highway out of Savannah then found a grocery store called 'Piggly Wiggly', bought some food and headed for a motel. Downtown Savannah was beautiful, well cared for old homes, small parks, the main street called Abercon St. River Street is full of restaurants and little shops, cobbled paving and a tram which runs through. The Savannah River runs parallel to River Street, so you see huge white/blue/red river boats docked in or steaming up the river. Savannah is a very old, charming city.

Dick Adams

Federal Member for Lyons

Ring me on 1800 811134,

Write to PO Box 50,

Perth Tas 7300

Fax me on 6398 1120

or email me at D.Adams.

MP@aph.gov.au





NEET CENTRE

MUMS AND DADS



Would you like to return to study but feel a little anxious about entering the classroom situation again?



It may be as simple as meeting a teacher weekly at your convenience and completing your work at home.



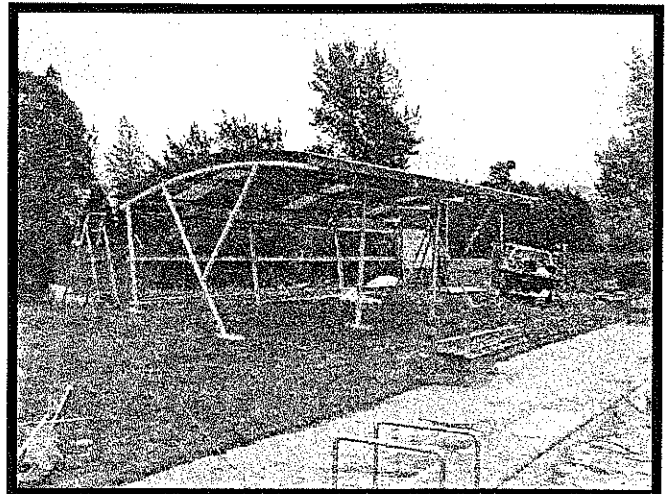
Call in and see me on Tuesdays at the NEET Centre or phone 63722175. Look forward to hearing from you.

TANYA WRIGHT
LIAISON OFFICER

POOL SHELTER

The shelter is now completed with only a few finishing touches to go and doesn't it look great!! We apologise for any inconvenience the building may have caused in the past few weeks.

The Parents and Friends Committee sincerely thanks everyone who have kindly volunteered their services at the shelter. Without so many people willing to give up their time, P&F would not have been able to afford such a project.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The new pool shelter

THANK YOU!!!

Lap Tutors Wanted

If you have time to spare on a regular basis and would like to volunteer some time we need you to work with some of our students.

Interested? Please contact
Carolyn Watson at the School on
63723900.



K-6 Assemblies

Our first K-6 Assembly was held on
Monday March 4 in the school hall.

Future K-6 assemblies will be held every
second Monday (next one 18 March) in the
school hall starting at 11.10am.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



FREE

The Workplace Standards Mobile Display Unit will be set up in the main street outside the St Marys Memorial Hall

On Monday March 18

From 12.00 noon.

Businesses and members of the public are invited to view the information and talk with the Workplace Standards Inspectors regarding safety in the workplace.

Parent/Child Sessions (St Marys District High School)

WHAT: PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS

WHERE: St Marys Kindergarten

WHEN: Mondays 1.30–3.00pm

Starting: 18th March 2002

This session is provided for those children who will turn 4 during 2002.

Parents must accompany their child, and younger brothers and sisters are welcome.

A fee of \$2.00 per child or \$3.00 per family is required to cover the cost of art materials.

Please bring a hat, a drink and a piece of fruit (for your child or children)

FIRST SESSION: 18th March 2002 an informal session (get-together) where we will become organised for the year.

SEE YOU THERE!!

Anne Bennet and Christine White (Parent/Child Co-ordinators)

ST.MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB.

AFL FOOTY TIP COMPETITION.

PRIZES: 1ST \$600 2ND \$200 3RD \$100

POINTS WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY

ALL PRIZES WILL BE PAID OUT WITHIN THE WEEK AFTER FINAL GAME.

Conditions Of Entry: All entries must be completed and handed in by Wednesday March 27th.

No entries taken without \$25 payment - Draw full points - If a tie for 1st or 2nd then pools will be combined and shared
ie Tie for 1st - 2 share \$800 (3rd \$100) - 3 or more share \$900(no other prize), One winner & Tie for 2nd - 2 or more share \$150 (no 3rd)
etc

COST \$25.00

TIP ALL GAMES NOW

NAME.....

Please Circle Your Selections.

Round 1 March 28th.

Richmond vs Collingwood
St Kilda vs Carlton
Geelong vs Essendon
Port Adelaide vs Kangaroos
Sydney vs Brisbane
Bulldogs vs Adelaide
West Coast vs Fremantle
Hawthorn vs Melbourne

Round 2 April 5th

Essendon vs Richmond
Carlton vs Sydney
Collingwood vs West Coast
Kangaroos vs Bulldogs
Adelaide vs Geelong
Brisbane vs Hawthorn
Melbourne vs Port Adelaide
Fremantle vs St Kilda

Round 3 April 12th

Carlton vs Collingwood
Adelaide vs Sydney
Richmond vs Melbourne
Brisbane vs Essendon
Kangaroos vs Geelong
Hawthorn vs Fremantle
St Kilda vs Port Adelaide
West Coast vs Bulldogs

Round 4 April 19th

Essendon vs Adelaide
Collingwood vs Hawthorn
Sydney vs Kangaroos
Melbourne vs West Coast
Bulldogs vs Brisbane
Port Adelaide vs Carlton
Geelong vs St Kilda
Fremantle vs Richmond

Round 5 April 25th.

Collingwood vs Essendon
Bulldogs vs Melbourne
Hawthorn vs Richmond
West Coast vs Brisbane
St.Kilda vs Sydney
Adelaide vs Port Adel.
Geelong vs Fremantle
Carlton vs Kangaroos

Round 6 May 3rd

St.Kilda vs Collingwood
Kangaroos vs Hawthorn
Fremantle vs Essendon
Brisbane vs Geelong
Carlton vs Bulldogs
Sydney vs Melbourne
Richmond vs Adelaide
Port Adel. vs West Coast

Round 7 May 10th

Essendon vs Carlton
Hawthorn vs Geelong
West Coast vs Kangaroos
Richmond vs Sydney
Adelaide vs Fremantle
Brisbane vs PortAdel.
Melbourne vs St.Kilda
Bulldogs vs Collingwood

Round 8 May 17th

Hawthorn vs Carlton
Port Adel. vs Geelong
Richmond vs West Coast
Collingwood vs Brisbane
Fremantle vs Melbourne
Kangaroos vs Adelaide
Bulldogs vs Sydney
Essendon vs St. Kilda

Round 9 May 24th.

Port Adel. vs Collingwood
Geelong vs Bulldogs
Melbourne vs Kangaroos
St.Kilda vs Richmond
Sydney vs Essendon
Carlton vs Adelaide
Brisbane vs Fremantle
West Coast vs Hawthorn

**Please Drop Completed Form In To The Top Shop,
Value Plus Or Hotel**

Round 10 May 31st
Kangaroos vs Essendon
Geelong vs Melbourne
Richmond vs Bulldogs
Collingwood vs Sydney
Adelaide vs Brisbane
Hawthorn vs Port Adel.
St.Kilda vs West Coast
Fremantle vs Carlton

Round 11 June 7th
Kangaroos vs Richmond
Adelaide vs Hawthorn
Essendon vs Port Adel.
WestCoast vs Sydney
Brisbane vs St. Kilda
Geelong vs Carlton
Bulldogs vs Fremantle
Melbourne vs Collingwood

Round 12 June 14th
Essendon vs Hawthorn
Carlton vs West Coast
Sydney vs Geelong
Bulldogs vs St Kilda
Fremantle vs Collingwood
Melbourne vs Adelaide
Brisbane vs Kangaroos
Port Adel vs Richmond

Round 13 June 28th
Essendon vs Melbourne
Richmond vs Geelong
Port Adel. vs Bulldogs
Brisbane vs Carlton
Collingwood vs Kangaroos
Sydney vs Fremantle
St.Kilda vs Hawthorn
West Coast vs Adelaide

Round 14 July 5th
Carlton vs Richmond
Geelong vs West Coast
Hawthorn vs Sydney
Bulldogs vs Essendon
Fremantle vs Port Adel
Melbourne vs Brisbane
St.Kilda vs Kangaroos
Adelaide vs Collingwood

Round 15 July 12th
Hawthorn vs Bulldogs
Kangaroos vs Fremantle
Collingwood vs Geelong
Richmond vs Brisbane
Adelaide vs St.Kilda
Sydney vs Port Adel
Carlton vs Melbourne
West Coast vs Essendon

Round 16 July 19th
Collingwood vs Richmond
Kangaroos vs PortAdel.
Melbourne vs Hawthorn
Essendon vs Geelong
Fremantle vs West Coast
Brisbane vs Sydney
Carlton vs St.Kilda
Adelaide vs Bulldogs

Round 17 July 26th
Richmond vs Essendon
Hawthorn vs Brisbane
West Coast vs Collingwood
Sydney vs Carlton
Port Adel. vs Melbourne
Geelong vs Adelaide
St.Kilda vs Fremantle
Bulldogs vs Kangaroos

Round 18 August 2nd
Collingwood vs Carlton
Geelong vs Kangaroos
Fremantle vs Hawthorn
Essendon vs Brisbane
Port Adel. vs St. Kilda
Sydney vs Adelaide
Melbourne vs Richmond
Bulldogs vs West Coast

Round 19 August 9th
Hawthorn vs Collingwood
Carlton vs Port Adel
Richmond vs Fremantle
Brisbane vs Bulldogs
Kangaroos vs Sydney
Adelaide vs Essendon
St.Kilda vs Geelong
West Coast vs Melbourne

Round 20 August 16th
Richmond vs Hawthorn
Kangaroos vs Carlton
Fremantle vs Geelong
Brisbane vs West Coast
Essendon vs Collingwood
Sydney vs St.Kilda
Melbourne vs Bulldogs
Port Adel. vs Adelaide

Round 21 August 23th
Hawthorn vs Kangaroos
Geelong vs Brisbane
Melbourne vs Sydney
Bulldogs vs Carlton
West Coast vs Port Adel.
Adelaide vs Richmond
Collingwood vs St.Kilda
Essendon vs Fremantle

Round 22 August 30th
Geelong vs Hawthorn
Collingwood vs Bulldogs
Port Adel. vs Brisbane
St.Kilda vs Melbourne
Sydney vs Richmond
Kangaroos vs West Coast
Carlton vs Essendon
Fremantle vs Adelaide

If You Require A Copy Please
Tick Box



FOR A BONUS \$100.00

I Think Will Win The Grand Final

BY Points

St Marys Tennis Club

Night Roster

A reminder to all participants in the Night Roster that fees are **well overdue**. It is certainly not a wonderful job for those concerned to have to chase people for their fees. The cost is \$15 for existing club members and \$51 for new members. Fees can be paid to Susan Miles, Maureen Bushing or Drew Adam.

Easter Raffle

Our big, beautiful Easer Bunny and yummy chocolate egg raffle will be on display at the St Marys Newsagency from this week. Tickets are available from all club members and some local businesses for \$1 each. The raffle is drawn on Thursday 28th March.

Coaching

Our coach, Michelle Rowell, from Tennis Tasmania will be visiting the club, on Saturday 16th March. Bookings are essential and can be made with Michelle Loane on 6374 2343. The coaching is available for both juniors and adults.

The cost is:

\$32 per hour (individual)

\$16 per hour per person (2 people)

\$11 per hour per person (3 people)

\$8 per hour per person (4 people)

* **Please note:** due to the Junior Championships being held at the Club this Saturday, Michelle will be conducting her coaching at the school courts.

Sunday Pennant

The Grand Final of Sunday Pennant between St Marys Blue (Bruce & Kaye Nailer, Maureen Bushing, Randal Faulkner, Drew Adam & Jill Faulkner) and St Marys Red (Olivier Chartrain, Michelle Loane, Kristen Kelly, Mark Williams, Susan Miles, & Luke Casboul) will be on Sunday 23rd March starting at 10.30 am. This is bound to be a close tussle so come along and see some great local talent in action.

Junior Club Championships

Students who have not already entered this event please give your name to Mrs Bushing at the school office. Championships will be held on Saturday 16th March with a 9 am start. We are keen to see some entries from the girls!

General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March at 7.30 pm at the clubrooms.

Congratulations

Congratulations to club members Randal and Linda Faulkner on the arrival of their daughter Zoe. Another tennis player for sure!

Break O'Day Mixed Tennis Challenge

The Break O'Day Mixed Tennis Challenge was held over the March long weekend at the Scamander, Falmouth, St Marys Tennis Clubs and St Marys District High School courts. The competition attracted players statewide in all the A,B and C divisions. A round robin format was played at the venues on the Saturday with all the semi and grand finals being held at the St Marys Tennis Club on the Sunday. The Saturday evening dinner was held locally at Todd's Hall and Andrew and Jenny and their staff did the community proud by putting on a delicious dinner for the competitors and their families. Therese Tanner and friend provided wonderful background music and singing throughout the evening.

What an amazing sight to see so many people at the Club come and support the event over the two days!. Entries were down in comparison to last year but many locals entered in the B and C grades to bolster up the numbers in these fields. Mark Williams and Fran Lowe, Maureen Bushing and her partner from Launceston and Randal Faulkner and Deborah Salter participated in the B grade. Randal and Deb made the semi-finals but unfortunately lost to the eventual runners-up in B grade.

The C grade had the greatest amount of locals entered, Barbara and Paul Davern, Alison and Rodney Bushing, Olivier Chartrain and Michelle Loane, Susan and John Miles, Bruce and Kaye Nailer, Chris Gunson and his partner from Launceston, John and Kayla Brown, Tracy Bean and Grant Faulkner. The C grade was a fierce competition between the local and away competitors. Pairs Olivier and Michelle, Tracy and Grant and John and Susan all made the semi-finals in C grade. John and Susan competed against a father and daughter combination from Hobart in the grand final but lost in two sets.

As well as major sponsors The Examiner and Tennis Tasmania, there was a great deal of local sponsorship for the Challenge and we would like to thank: Break O'Day Tourism Association, the Break O'Day Council, St Marys Value Plus Supermarket, St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys Australia Post, Smith's Service Station, The Coach House Restaurant, Pyengana Diary, Asmacs Supermarket and Ernest Targett Pharmacy. Thanks also to St Marys District High School for their loan of some equipment over the two days.

Many thanks to our raffle donors—Tennis Tasmania, Rodney and Alison Bushing and Mark and Louise Williams and to the local businesses who sold tickets—St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys Australia Post, BP Scamander and St Marys Newsagency. First prize of a Tennis package consisting of 2 tennis racquets, a racquet bag and a tin of tennis balls went to Emily Miles, second prize of 2 crayfish went to Barbara Davern and third prize of a bottle of wine was won by Peter Spilsbury.

The Club would like to acknowledge the help of Tennis Tasmania's Director, Grant Cosgriff who liaised with the club. His support of tennis at St Marys has been tremendous. And last of all a BIG BIG thank you to all the St Marys Tennis Club members who supported this event with catering, preparation of the club and help over the two days. Without the club members, this event would not have been the success it was!

St Marys Sports Centre

by Kackhander

Firstly to bowls and unfortunately the team missed out on going past the first semi-final, but just the same it turned out to be a good year.

On the day the Swansea side were just a bit too good and will be hard to beat from here.

Thanks to all our players this year who contributed to a great effort highlighted by our new brigade, of course the sad thing was the loss of Clive Berwick during the season but he would have been pleased anyway.

Also thanks to all our helpers and catering for a top effort and with the preliminary and grand final to come this weekend, they have almost finished an outstanding year.

To Golf and a huge thanks to all the local businesses that sponsored the recent Business Houses Challenge, without their input it would not have been such a big success. Thanks again to you all.

Next weekend is the Annual Mowbray Visit and we trust that everyone who can will support the day. It looks like being another good event. Mowbray are great supporters of our club and their March visit is always appreciated by us all.

Everyone don't forget to get your names up for the Annual Tournament on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Friday 22nd March is Ladies Day, Saturday 23rd is Men's Day and Sunday 24th is Mixed and Men's Foursomes.

This is the first year that the event has been held in March and let's hope for a good turn-out.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling

ST MARYS HOTEL

Phone 6372 2181

- ♦ EFTPOS
- ♦ KENO TAB
- ♦ SKYCHANNEL
- ♦ MEALS: *Fri.Sat & Sun*



Butterfly habitat protected

An agreement to preserve an area of private forest in Tasmania's high country will help the long term survival of a threatened species of butterfly.

The area known as 'the Den', is on Connorville Station, a property in the Central Plateau owned by Roderic O'Connor.

The land provides habitat for the Ptunarra Brown Butterfly, a threatened species found only in Tasmania.

The butterfly takes its name from the Aboriginal word for extreme cold and lives mainly in cool, high-altitude areas.

It depends on grassy vegetation like that found in the Den for its survival.

Primary Industries, Water and Environment Minister David Llewellyn said the area would be protected under the terms of an agreement signed with the Private Forest Reserves Program.

'This program is making great inroads into ensuring that vegetation types not protected in existing reserves are preserved for the future.

By working with landowners to conserve areas like the Den, the program is meeting the conservation requirements of whole ecosystems, encompassing a diversity of species, habitats and natural communities.'

The Connorville agreement protects 300 ha of Swamp Peppermint (*Eucalyptus rodwayi*) forest and several priority species targeted by the Private Forest Reserves Program for preservation, such as the rare Hooker Fescue (*Austrofestuca hookeriana*), a sedge-like grass.

The area also includes the largest known population of the vulnerable Midlands Acacia (*Acacia axillaris*), a dense and prickly shrub found primarily in central Eastern Tasmania.

A separate covenant has also been placed on 10 ha of Black gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) forest on Connorville. This rare and depleted forest community has been reduced to 2% of its original distribution in Tasmania.

The program has now secured protection for more than 11,000 ha of native forests on private land, through the purchase and donation of 14 properties, conservation covenants on the titles of 44 properties and management agreements on two properties. The program is currently negotiating with 400 landowners to secure protection for a further 43,000 ha of targeted forests.

Junior Football Meeting

The meeting that was to be held on Tuesday 12th March has been postponed until Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm in the St Marys Hotel Lounge.

The following agenda will be discussed at the meeting:

- * Roster
- * Basic coaching day for parents
- * Bridport trip
- * Registration process
- * General business

It is anticipated that the parents of children intending to participate in Auskick this year will attend this meeting to help us get off to a good start. Leigh Spilsbury President

Tiger football news *continued from back page*

The first is for Reserves Umpire, paid \$35 per game (home & away) and a ride can be organised to away games. We would also like to gain some assistance with gate keeping and training, Brian Birrell has done a magnificent job as Trainer over many years but he does require some assistance. We do not like to see too many jobs left to a few but that is unfortunately what has happened. Please call the Secretary 6372 2429 if you can spare some time for any of the above.



Soccer

The last outdoor soccer game of the season will be on Tuesday 26th March at the school footy pitches, Juniors 5 pm, Seniors 6 pm.

We will be running a mini-tournament for this evening so everyone is welcome to come and play, even if you have not come along to soccer before. Hopefully some teams from the coast will join us for the tournament.

If there is sufficient interest, soccer will continue after the Easter holidays in the school gym, probably on Wednesday evenings.

Juniors and Seniors who wish to play can phone Jack Foreman 6372 2034

Scamander Beach Surf Shop

OPEN 7 DAYS Ph 6372 5529

www.scamanderbeachsurfshop.com.au



Surfboards & Bodyboards
Wetsuits & Clothing
Watches & Accessories



SUPERMARKET / HARDWARE

56 Main Street
St Marys 7215

Graham & Karen Saunders
Phone 6372 2242

- ❖ EFTPOS
- ❖ Local Home Delivery
- ❖ Cut Price Sams Weekly Specials
- ❖ Groceries
- ❖ Pre-Packed Meat
- ❖ Fruit & Vegetables
- ❖ Paint-Tinted to your requirements
- ❖ Cement
- ❖ Hardware
- ❖ Gardening Supplies
- ❖ Stock Feed
- ❖ Fencing Requirements

St Marys Saints ?

English Premier League Soccer Club Southampton has just built a new \$300,000,000 stadium called 'St Marys'. The newspapers now carry headlines such as "Saints rout Reds at St Marys". The St Marys Soccer Club should perhaps approach Southampton with a view to being adopted as a nursery club. They might even donate some guernseys — red and white stripes !

ST MARYS DATA & COMMUNICATIONS and ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

STEVE McARDLE LIC # C10478

Domestic, Rural & Commercial Repairs & Installations
AUSTEL Licenced voice & data cabling.
Security systems Builder of quality PC'S

NETWORKS MODEMS
PRINTERS DIGITAL CAMERAS

New systems built to order
Second hand systems from \$350

Check our new web site: www.datcom.net.au
Lower Germantown Rd Ph 6372 2070
Email: s.mcardle@datcom.net.au

Tiger becoming a Wild Cat !

The club has just learned that Adam Johnson has been offered an Assistant Coach, Senior playing role with a team in the ACT which he has grabbed with both hands. Whilst all in the Tiger den are sad to see Adam leave today we wish him all the best in his new role. He will be playing with the Western Creek Wild Cats in the ACT-AFL competition and will be coached by ex-Sydney Swans player and successful Clarence playing coach in Steve Wright. We hope to keep in touch with Adam through club newsletters etc. and will report on any developments through the Valley Voice as often as we can. Most of the rewards of the above story have come through self belief by Adam in the level 2 coaching he achieved last year and that is where he was noticed by Steve Wright. Who could question his endeavour, and some exciting times ahead we all hope. The Wild Cats have found Adam work, a house and paying for travel expenses, they are certainly keen to see him in their fold. Best of luck and thanks from Club, Committee and Players for the last 10 years.

Members chance to sponsor

The St Marys Football Club Inc is currently offering their Membership at \$25 per person, but as an extra incentive there is a new set of Senior jumpers on the way and the Club is offering individual sponsorship of a jumper (your name under the Tiger logo) and a season membership for \$50.

We currently have 16 sponsor-members, so be quick on this one as there only 25 jumpers in a set. Call in and see Mark at Value Plus or ring Macca on 6372 2429 A.H.

DINGO MINI DIGGER

- ❖ Trenching to 900 deep
- ❖ Machine only 1050mm wide and 1.2m high
- ❖ 200, 300 or 450mm augers to a **depth of 2.2m.**
- ❖ 4 in 1 bucket handy for landscaping, levelling etc.
- ❖ Can bore holes for house piers, post or verandah poles etc.
- ❖ Little damage to lawns, ideal for around the house & garden.

CD & TM Wright 1 Gardiners Ck Rd
St Marys 7215
Ph: 6372 2258 or 0417 344 209

Old Tige is back with Tiger news

We are kicking off another season with many changes from 2001. Steve Dodd, our non playing coach has injected not only a new energy around the club but has also linked us with some important key players who are pulling on the Tiger jumper this season. Among them his sons Ben and Phil Dodd, centre half forward Dean Cousens, ruckman Cameron Bugg and wingman Dean Garwood.

Our usual slow start has been replaced with renewed enthusiasm with numbers well up on previous seasons and many hitting the training track early. So far we have a practice match against St Helens on the 23rd of this month at St Marys with both U/16's and Senior—Reserves matches on the day, commencing at 9.30 am, followed that evening by the return of the 'Payne Fool Comedy Company'. This was a huge success last time round, so be sure to book a table early at Todd's Hall for this 'R' rated comedy, just ask anyone who was there last time, there were some sore stomachs at the end of the show.

We then go to the NTCA ground on the 6th of April (first weekend after Easter) for a Lightning Premiership, which involves all Division 2 clubs. A good chance to show some early form against our season rivals. We then get to the season proper with the first match on the 13th April against Fingal at the home of the Blues, followed by two home games against St Pats and then Old Scotch on the 20th and the 27th of April.

We are encouraged after the U/16's first training run when 17 boys fronted under the watchful eyes of Michael Cooke and Adam Johnson. Every year we get the usual question about how we are going to field a Junior side, this year is probably the most encouraging start to an U/16's season for several years, keep up the good work boys.

All up a great start to the 2002 season but still we have some hard work on the track to do, the only numbers that could be improved on so far are the Reserves, whose lack of fitness has cost them dearly in previous years, let's not get into that trap again.

The Club is again seeking the help of the public for some positions that we struggle to fill each season, we, like everyone else, rely heavily on our volunteers and paid members, so if you can help out please come forward.

Continued inside back page