

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## Platypus in the Fingal Valley

One of Tasmania's most picturesque rivers, the South Esk, is bustling with Platypus life.

More than 80 animals were captured, measured and released in the headwaters of the river between November 2000 and March 2001 in a study conducted by researchers from the Forest Practices Board and the Universities of Tasmania and Saarbruecken.

The aim of the study was to find out if platypuses used the small headwater streams on the slopes of Ben Nevis. The researchers also wanted to see if platypuses used streams which had been disturbed 15 years ago by clear felling.

Platypuses were found throughout the study area which covered streams and farm dams in the upper catchment of the river from its source to the Fingal Bridge. Although the platypuses were more numerous in the larger river they were also caught in the small headwater streams, even those which were dry. First results also showed that more platypuses were caught in those streams with relatively undisturbed catchments than those which had been clear felled.

As small creeks in the forest may form a large proportion of habitat in a river system for this very special animal it is important that measures are taken to protect them from disturbance.

The researchers are continuing their platypus studies this year in the Fingal Valley with thanks to further funding from the WV Scott bequest fund. This year it is hoped that more will be discovered about where the platypus prefers to make their burrows in the catchment and the time of year it would be most vulnerable to disturbance.

A team from the ABC Natural History unit is working with the researchers to develop a Platypus Documentary for 2003.

A highlight of this work was the recording of a very special sound: the growl of a platypus. This amazing sound document will be first made available for the public in the Fingal Online Access Centre. The research team wants to express its gratitude to the overwhelming support from the Upper Esk Community.



Daylight saving ends this weekend  
Clocks go back Saturday night

## Community radio on air

Our own community radio station, Break O'Day FM began broadcasting on Tuesday 26th March 2002, so tune to 93.7 on your radio dial if you live in the St Helens/Pyengana area, or 100.3 for St Marys/Scamander/Beaumaris.

Break O'Day FM Committee Chairman, Don Ives said 'It is quite unusual for a radio station to have two positions on the dial, but because of our very mountainous terrain, it is necessary so that everybody in the municipality of Break O'Day can enjoy good reception. In recent weeks our volunteers have been working really hard to erect aerials on Flagstaff Hill near St Helens, and South Sister Hill near St Marys.'

Test broadcasts have been completed and the result was spectacular—all towns in the municipality were experiencing excellent reception. Break O'Day FM's range goes even beyond the Municipality, to Bicheno and Avoca.

The broadcasting Studio is in Pendrigh Place St Helens and office hours are 9-5 weekdays. Sam Anglesey has been appointed station Manager and is at present training and coordinating his volunteer staff.

BODFM is inviting members of the public, businesses and organisations to become Break O'Day FM members so that they will be able to participate in BODFM activities and sponsorship. Because BODFM will be very community oriented, organisations in the Municipality have already been contacted and invited to become members, so that they can discuss how best BODFM can benefit their organisation and so that they can take advantage of community announcement opportunities.

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*Deidre & Ros wish everyone  
a safe and happy Easter*

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Stitches Gallery** - an exhibition of needlework  
St Helens Memorial Hall. 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday 30th March to Thursday 4th April 2002.  
Admission \$2. Children free.  
Lucky door prize. Raffle: Patchwork quilt.  
Wheelchair access available.  
Enquiries Maureen 6376 2906, Cheryl 6376 8358

### St Marys Association for Community Development. (SMACD)

AGM: Monday 15th April 2002, 7 pm at the St Marys Online Centre.  
Nomination forms for Office Bearers positions available at the Online Centre.  
*NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.*

### Brackets and Jam

Saturday 6th April, 2 pm to 5 pm at the Uniting Church Hall Storey Street St Marys.

### St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

Due to the Easter holiday, the next General meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at the Community Health Centre at 2 pm. All welcome

### TLC. Lymphoedema Centre St Marys

Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th April 2002 at 10.30 am will be held at the St Marys Community Health Centre. A light lunch will follow the meeting. Any persons interested, are warmly invited to attend.

### St Marys Child Health Centre

at the St Marys Community Health Centre

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

**Next session:** Thursday 4th April 2002

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## St Marys Catholic Parish Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday: St Marys 7.30 pm

Good Friday: St Marys 2.00 pm  
St Helens 4.00 pm

### Easter Saturday

Easter Vigil: St Helens 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday: St Marys 9.00 am  
Bicheno 4.00 pm

### Apache Wedding Prayer

'Now you will feel no rain,  
for each will be a shelter to the other  
Now you are two bodies,  
but there is only one life before you.....'

On Easter Sunday 31st March 2002, Kathleen Aulich, daughter of Barry and Marj Aulich will marry David Priestly of Carins, son of Patricia Priestly, in a Nuptial mass at the St Marys of the Assumption and St Bonafice Church, St Marys, followed by a reception at the White Sands Resort on the East Coast of Tasmania.

*Best wishes to Kathy and David  
for their special day.*

## WANTED



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

### 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

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### Valley Voice Advertising Rates:

Classifieds free. Small ad - \$6. ¼ page - \$15.

½ page - \$25. Full page - \$40

Whoever has my watch can never wear it as it is the only one made like it. Too many people know it. *M. Oliver*

## CLASSIFIEDS

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### Wanted to Buy

Electric crock pot, large or small  
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### Doll and Toy Museum

Main Street St Marys

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with cream or ice cream, or biccies and cheese  
from our great selection.

I've learned .... that everyone wants to live  
on top of the mountain, but all the happiness  
and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

### Birthday thank you

A big thank you for my 90th Birthday wishes,  
also my heartfelt thanks to those kind people who  
phoned and sent cards, also to my grandson Greg-  
ory from Launceston and Alex and Olivia. Pam  
and her family who gave me a nice lunch at the  
Pancake Barn and then all after at Pam's and  
family for a cuppa.

To Teddy, Doreen and family of Launceston for  
the lovely dinner at St Helens Hotel.

Many thanks from Marg Oliver



## Break O'Day Natural Resource Management Steering Committee

### Nominations for Community Members

The Break O'Day Council is seeking nominations for up to three community members for the Break O'Day NRM Steering Committee.

This committee is being established to guide the development of a Natural Resource Management Strategy funded under the Natural Heritage Trust. The Strategy will cover the Break O'Day municipal area.

Nominations should be sent to:

General Manager, Break O'Day Council,  
PO Box 21, St Helens 7216.

For more information please contact Peter Stafford on 6376 1281.

Nominations close 5.00 pm Friday 5th April 2002

## Cosi fan tutte

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Presented by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts  
@ Todd's Hall St Marys

Friday 19 April 8 pm

Admission: Full \$25, Conc. \$23, Regional Arts  
Members \$21

Phone 66372 2066

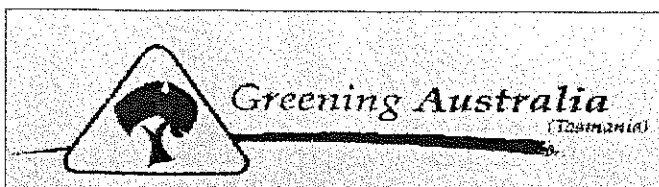
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## Grants available for Native Bush rehabilitation

Grants are currently available through Greening Australia to help restore the health of native bush and grassland on private property through fencing, weed control, scarification, water troughs in riparian zones, and certain revegetation activities. Grants are to offset costs of materials required to undertake works.

To apply, simply call Sebastian Burgess, Janet Smith or Michael Rowland on 6223 6377.

Or email: [janets@tas.greeningaustralia.org.au](mailto:janets@tas.greeningaustralia.org.au)



## Grassy Bottom Regional Arts present Brackets & Jam 2002

Brackets and Jam was a great success!

We had Guitars and Drums, Violins and Whistles, Flutes and Clarinets, original songs as well as classical and covers. Everyone enjoyed themselves, listeners and performers alike.

Well it is happening again, this time at the Uniting Church Hall in Storey Street St Marys from 2 pm to 5 pm Saturday 6th April. Come along and enjoy the afternoon, bring yourselves and your instruments. Drinks and snacks available. \$2 entry See you there ! For more info phone 6372 2086.

## 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

## Community Radio Break O'Day FM

*continued*

All businesses in the Municipality, Bicheno and Avoca will be invited to become Break O'Day FM members over the next week or more, so that they can consider Break O'Day FM's various sponsorship packages.

Sponsorship/advertising on community radio is limited by law and Break O'Day FM would never be able to accommodate every business wanting to take sponsorship, so will be working on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Break O'Day Fm plans to be on-air 24 hours a day and plans to cover local events, sporting and cultural. Break O'Day FM will broadcast weather reports, national, state and local news, and Break O'Day FM will broadcast music to suit all tastes.

If you would like to know more about Break O'Day Fm and its services, phone 6376 1306 or call at 9 Pendrigh Place St Helens.

Don Ives Chairman

## Hi ! My name is Chris and I am a Youth Missionary.

Of all of my most fondest memories, none can get close to the ones that come from the 20 years I have spent living in St Marys.

I love this town.

The people here are a people of standard.

If it wasn't for some of you here I would not be alive to write this, and to you I write, "Thank you."

I believe that St Marys will be a place where people will get refreshed, where there will be "Living water for all who are thirsty". You are people who are hungry for God. Also a people of integrity, strength and character.

Many, (you know who you are) have been in this town for more years than I have been on this earth, and you make it happen. God bless you.

From Chris, Y.W. A. M. Sydney Sth

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bronzer (2 shades)  
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### Easter trading

Good Friday: Closed

Easter Saturday: Open 9 am to 11.30 am

Easter Monday: Closed

Tuesday April 2: Open- regular trading resumes

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## St Marys State School 1942

Sixty years ago the following 54 pupils were enrolled at the St Marys School in Main Street St Marys.

The oldest was Ron Headlam, the youngest Fay Hayes.

Roma June McGiveron	Graeme Hayes
Annette Dawson	Brian Hayes
Ellen May Freeman	Betty Franklin
Kevin John Gillies	Edith Franklin
John Cooper	Betty Sanderson
Donald Gus Gillies	Donald Franklin
Peter John Gillies	Robert Raymond George
Barry Kenneth Wright	Frederick Wm. Anderson
Barbara Helen Wright	Phillip Franklin
Grace Perger	Jenifer Louise Crawford
Patrica Pryor	George Joseph Bosworth
Ronald Headlam	Russell Trickett
Bruce Headlam	Allen Trickett
Mary Gill	Irvine Trickett
Joyce Singline	John Hodgkinson
Kathleen Frances Bradbury	Nancy Hodgkinson
Fay Hayes	Cynthia Faulkner
Margaret Casbault	James White
Merlene Cecily Jones	Mavis Allen
Pauline Madden	Patrica Mary Hayes
Audrey Madden	Gary Francis Dakin
Clare McKillop	Margaret Jean Gillies
Betty Shepherd	Arnold Brown
John Brian McKillop	Thomas John Curran
Eileen Singline	Betty Saunderson
Jessie Singline	Gerald Hall
Freda Singline	Kingsley Irwin Barr

The Valley Voice would be interested to hear from any readers who have more information on the school and pupils, and wonder how many are still in our community today ?

A 60 year 'reunion' would be a good excuse for an interesting night out !

# St Marys Association for Community Development Inc.

## Public Forum held Tuesday March 12

A forum was organised by SMACD to discuss the possibility of forming some sort of 'Peak Body' with representatives of the various committees in St Marys, with the view to keeping track of what each is doing, and therefore alleviating the problem of engagements clashing. It would also enhance the possibility of resource sharing where necessary when organising major functions.

This Forum was attended by representatives from:

SMACD: Greg Loudon, Lyn Plummer, Wendy Maher, Keri Webb, John Salonen and Peter Rubenach.

Online Access Centre: Greg Cruse

Lions Club of St Marys: John McGiveron, Robert Legge and Stephen Salter, all also representing the Break O'Day Council

Chamber of Commerce: Karen and Graham Saunders  
Hospital Auxiliary: Heather Lodge and Rhonda Cranch

Break O'Day Tourism: Stephen Smyth

St Marys RSL: Colleen McGee

St Marys Fire Brigade: Michael Aulich

Youth Activities Committee: Hannah Rubenach

Resident: David Clement

Apologies: St Marys Sports Centre, Stephen Dawson. Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, Debra Manskey. St Marys Parents & Friends, Tanya Wright.

The Facilitator for the evening was Neil Butterworth from Break O'Day Business Enterprise Centre.

It was explained that some organisations in St Marys are having difficulties with membership, with some bodies being inactive as a result. Other committees are organising functions only to find they are overlapping with other events. A meeting, perhaps quarterly, of delegates from the various bodies, to put forward dates for pending events would alleviate this problem. The cost of insurance if done as a blanket policy could possibly be reduced significantly. Many organisations do not know how to access funding-resource sharing would solve this problem. There is also the possibility of combining the events of different committees into one bigger event with the view to involving the whole town. And ideas from each committee can be bounced around with the hope that everyone will benefit from each others ideas.

The forum was then thrown open to general discussion.

At this point it was asked if the idea was feasible, and what was hoped to be achieved from it. It was also pointed out that as Lions is an International body, the blanket insurance would not effect them.

The question was asked—'If we need this body to fix the problems in St Marys, what are the problems?'

Response: The need for a stronger community, and knowledge of what is happening in the town, with the possibility of pooling resources. An example of this being the Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre National Convention being organised for August this year. Maybe other committees could offer to give assistance with this and any other such events that may ensue.

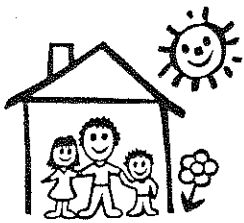
The success of the Celebration of Federation event was a good example of pulling together. The setting up of such a successful venture emitted a feeling of representation among those involved in it.

Other points raised were:

- \* The organisations in the town all do their own thing and suggested that they would probably want to keep it that way.
- \* The 'Peak Body' idea would help committees with a membership problem be allowing them to use resources from other groups.
- \* There is a need for information about what is happening in St Marys, as well as what is happening in the municipality as a whole.
- \* Quarterly meetings would deliver this information.
- \* There are tourist dollars available in the Tourism Council Budget, which are not being accessed by St Marys. If a promotions group of 10 members can set up, then this funding can be accessed.
- \* SMACD would be an asset to other organisations as a funding body, as they have had vast experience and success with grant applications.
- \* Organisations in St Marys are struggling and need to look at other options in order to keep going.
- \* Too many committees and not enough people.
- \* SMACD has become too focused on I.T. and does not fully represent the term 'Community Development' at the moment.
- \* There is a need for more cohesion amongst all groups.
- \* The need for maintenance once funding has been approved and a project developed is a problem ... the cost of maintenance is often much higher than the original set up, and it is often hard to find volunteers to put in the amount of hour required.

It was decided that each representative should now report back to their respective organisations with the ideas put forward, and also endeavour to ascertain a vision for St Marys for the next three years. Another forum should be arranged and be held in about six weeks. This will be advertised when a date is fixed.

Neil Butterworth thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the discussion at 8.45 pm.



## *Family Day Care Northern Tasmania*

With the recent resignation of St. Marys longest serving Family Day Carer, Pam Gillies, we are currently looking for suitable people who are interested in taking on a Family Day Carer role.

If you have a keen interest in the well being of young children and have a commitment to safety, hygiene and providing stage appropriate experiences for children then please contact Pam Johns on 63 449466.



Our organisation would like to take this opportunity to thank Pam Gillies for her dedication and commitment to the children she has cared for over the past few years and for providing a valuable community service.



We wish Pam all the best with her future endeavors and we hope that we will have the opportunity of working with her again, sometime soon.



# St Marys Community Health Centre

## GP ROSTER, ON CALL:

Fri 29th/3, Sat 30th, Sun 31st, Mon 1st April  
- Dr Shah

Tuesday 2nd April & Fri 5th- Sun 7th April  
- Dr Geniola

Dr. Geniola on call  
Ph: 6374 2288

Dr. Shah on call  
Ph: 6372 2311

Medical Emergencies Phone:  
1800 008 008 or 000

## CHILD CARE REPORT

On Friday evening 15th March a fundraising event was held at Todd's Hall for the Child Care Centre. A crowd of over 60 people attended and were entertained for a couple of hours by the Mahogany Hall Singers, The Mahogany Hall Jazz Band and special guests under the direction of Susanne Ives.

An excellent night was had by all as we listened to renditions of songs such as Moon River, The Old Piano Roll Blues, Alexander's Rag Time Band, Old Man River and many more. It is always a delight to experience the variety of local talent we have in this area.

Thanks so much to Sue and Co. for volunteering their time and travelling up the Mountain to share their show with us, and to Tim McManus for his talents as M.C and keeping the evening well co-ordinated. Thank you to Andrew and Jenny for the use of their wonderful venue.

Thank you to *everyone* who came along on the night to support us, to those who helped providing supper, selling tickets, donating prizes, organising performers and assisted in any way in making this a successful event.



## St Marys Community CHILD CARE CENTRE RAFFLE RESULTS



- 1st Meal to the value of \$50.00.  
Donated by: Mount Elephant Pancake Barn  
Won by: Joan May
- 2nd Bottle of Wine to the value of \$30.00  
Donated by: Silver Sands Resort  
Won by: Ros Smith
- 3rd Hair Care Wet Pack to the value of \$30.00  
Donated by: Designer Hair Studio  
Won by: Frank Giles
- 4th Petrol to the value of \$20.00  
Donated by: Caltex St Marys  
Won by: Janie Whitney

Congratulation to these people and a big thank you to all who helped support the Child Care Centre.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE MEDICAL CENTRE?

- 8th April Mark Amos, visiting Psychiatrist  
10:00am-4:00pm
- 9th April T.L.C. AGM at St Marys Health Centre  
10:30am- 1:30pm
- 11th April Centapact, Margaret.  
9:30am- 2:30pm
- 12 April Centapact, Bob De Boar  
10:00am-3:00pm
- 15th April Mark Amos, visiting Psychiatrist  
10:00am-4:00pm
- 15th April Diabetes Educator, Sue Hayes
- 17th April Podiatry, Perry Daly, Lightfoot Podiatry

## 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

April	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 1st	Debbie Barnes	Carole Woods
Tues 2nd	Trish Pyke	Joan Lowe
Wed. 3rd	Mick Sharman	Lynda Bean
Thu 4th	Kath Read	S.Smith / S.Walker
Fri 5th	Anne Birrell	Julie Claridge
Mon 8th	Tina Floyed	Kaylene Sutton
Tue 9th	P.Berwick	Robyn Holder
Wed. 10th	Wendy Aulich	Mim Woods
Thu 11th	Heather Griffiths	Sue Woods
Fri 12th	Tracy Bean	Robyn Miller

## Harris Funerals

*Lindsay & Diane*

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#### Office & Residence:

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**Chapel:** 46 Tully Street St Helens

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## 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.



## NEET Centre Incorporated



- What is NEET?** - North East Education and Training Inc.  
- St Marys is one campus in a cluster including Winnaleah NEET, St Helens NEET and Flinders Island NEET.
- Where is NEET?** - The NEET centre is situated at the rear of the Memorial Hall in St Marys.
- What's on offer?** - Vet courses - Vocational Education and Training.  
- (vocational is used to describe the skills needed for a particular job or profession)  
- Pre-tertiary subjects. T.C.E. subjects (Tasmanian Certificate of Education)  
- Short Courses.
- Please tell us** - If you are interested in a course, we may be able to arrange something for you.
- Expressions of Interest :** NEET Short Courses.
- Tai Chi** - with master Liu from Tai Chi Australia. A six week course at lunch time 12-30 to 1-30 in the gym. Stretching, fitness and simple techniques in self preservation. Students must have good concentration skills as not to interrupt the class. 8 yrs and up. Pre paid \$25 - \$30 for the six week course depending on numbers. Please leave names at school office.
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Whether or not these courses will go ahead will depend on numbers. Times will be negotiable, we will endeavor to choose the most convenient time for the majority. Please leave your name and phone number with Liz at the school office.

Look forward to hearing from you  
Tanya Wright

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## Automotive trades drive the online highway

You might expect those with a mechanical bent to take to the online highway with relative ease but as Rob Prior of TAFE Tasmania, jokingly observes, "There's a world of difference between a floppy disc and a disc brake."

Rob has been one of the key drivers of a LearnScope project that aims to forge stronger ties between TAFE Tasmania and the State's remote schools by applying new learning technologies. LearnScope is a national, ANTA-funded professional development program that funds work-based learning projects to help teachers and trainers develop skills in applying educational technology to learning.

The Tasmanian project has pivoted on a partnership between the Institute of TAFE Tasmania-Automotive Training Centre in Launceston and St Marys District High School in the remote north east of Tasmania.

Three teachers from the Launceston centre—Rob Prior, Geoff Elmore and Greg Webb—have been working since May on piloting online training at St Marys for Year 11 and 12 VET in Schools' automotive students. Students undertake Certificate II in Automotive from the Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair Training Package.

The three TAFE teachers have acquired a new set of skills including using discussion boards, techniques for identifying good web-based sites, how to get the best out of WebCT and how to differentiate information based training from learner-based programs. At St Marys the automotive trainer has learnt about discussion boards, facilitating online learning and gained some essential computing skills.

Tasmania's LearnScope manager Elisabeth Todd says the project is part of a longer-term exercise.

"Our long-term vision is to deliver online accredited TAFE automotive training to students in Tasmania's far flung corners," she says.

TAFE Tasmania automotive and electrical State manager Terry Powell says the technological focus of the LearnScope project links well with the future of the mechanical trades.

"The mechanics of the future will be an expert in automotive IT with advanced computing skills and understanding," he says.

The project has also fostered a change in emphasis for the TAFE automotive trades teachers. "With the rapid and continual changes in automotive technology, trainers can no longer expect to be able to provide students with the information about how something works," he says.

"We have to teach the how to use information for lifelong learning so they are equipped and comfortable with learning new skills every day in the workplace."

These days, says Rob, industries want their employees off the job less but still want them to be skilled in the new technologies that are increasingly replacing spanners and screwdrivers.

"Online course deliver for some of the course components means workers do not need to be off the job to the same extent as attending a formal course at a set time and have a greater flexibility in when they actually study," says Rob, "so this is an industry-friendly approach."

Some of the materials used in the automotive program are currently available at <http://webct.tafe.tas.edu.au>. To log-in, use the ID *tas.learnscope* and password *learnscope*.

For more information on the automotive trades project contact Margaret Forsyth VET Co-ordinator on 6372 3900.





## Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

First of all thanks to all our workers who put on a good Tournament last weekend. Unfortunately numbers were down again but this being the first March Tournament was to be expected.

Congratulations to Bob and Skeet on having the course generally in top nick. Unfortunately without the pump which broke down recently, the greens were a bit harder than usual but this was unavoidable where is the rain when you really need it ?

Hopefully a new and improved pumping system will be in place in the very near future so players please be patient.

Congratulations to all the winners over the three days and a special mention to Rod Field with his win. Well done Rod.

In a couple of weeks time, April 6th, we will be holding the Secretary's v Presidents Challenge and the entry sheet is filling nicely. Also pennant is not all that far away and players intentions would be appreciated. There are heaps of great golf events to look forward to so let's see you there.

To bowls and as the season draws to a close it's great to report anticipated good upcoming events in knock out pairs, Pennant fours challenge, trophy night and best and fairest count all to look forward to.

A trip to East Launceston in a few weekends time is going to be very popular. It's anticipated that this will be an annual event and the Clive Berwick Commemorative Shield will be it's highlight.

Also keep an eye out for our big Seafood Night in April or early May.

Anyway until next time, have a great Easter and good hitting and rolling.

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## Peta visits Savannah & Seattle

In the afternoon we headed to Atlanta, Georgia, very big and confusing ! Overpasses everywhere and I instantly didn't like. We stayed the night, and next morning Leigh-Ann, Blair and I headed back to Charlotte, Debra had a business meeting so she and Kelly stayed. Leigh-Ann and I navigated our way back out of the city onto our selected highway and were doing well until we pulled off onto an exit to stop and get something to eat, we pulled out again we thought we were going in the right direction but were actually heading back to where we had come from ! About 4-5 hours later we came to Charlotte. The worst part was knowing that we were in the right city, but just kept missing the exit to get onto 485 South — our exit, we eventually got onto the right exit and home.

My next road trip was in March, down to Myrtle Beach South Carolina. This trip was in aid of a cheerleading competition for Blair. Blair is seven years old and does competitive Cheerleading for the 'Charlotte Allstars'. It takes about three and a half hours to drive to Myrtle Beach from Charlotte. We stayed at the Landmark Hotel (hard to miss as it was a funky green!) where all the other cheerleading competitors were staying , and believe me it is not a good idea to stay in a hotel full of 6—18 year old cheerleaders !

I must say that the cheerleading competitions were a bit of a culture shock for me. Watching these girls, I have never seen a sport which was so equally focused on the looks and appearance of competitors as it was on their sporting talent. The girls had to have exactly the same shoes, socks, skirts, tops, bloomers, ribbons, even their hair had to be placed in a pony tail and curled in such a specific way that the hair did not touch the shoulders. It was all too neurotic for me and I had to endure seven hours of it and was glad when we were able to head home.

In April we travelled back down to Savannah, this time we were taken on a horse and carriage ride around the city, along the beautiful tree lined streets. We were told about the interesting history of Savannah, saw the Forsyth Park Fountain (a replica of the 'Place de la Concord' in Paris, the John Wesley Statue and numerous old Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist churches and Israeli Temples.

A lot of movies have been filmed in Savannah,

'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil', and the 'Legend of Bagger Vance' are just two of them. Another interesting fact is that Juliette Gordon, the founder of Girl Guides in the United States, was born and raised in Savannah.

I loved Savannah and can recommend that anyone who goes to the United States should visit there.

### Seattle

My next trip was to Seattle, Washington which is located in the North-west of the United States, near the border of Canada.

The flight from Charlotte to Seattle was a 5 hour flight, my plane departed at 8.30 am and I arrived in Seattle at 10.50 am, now that does not sound like 5 hours, but there is 3 hours time difference between the east and west coast of the United States. When my plane landed at the Seattle Tacoma Airport it was raining, typical Seattle weather as it is supposed to rain 9 months of the year there. After I got off the plane, I had no idea where I was going, so I just followed the majority of the passengers onto the shuttle tram which lead me to luggage collection.

After that I waited for my friend Meilyana to pick me up, she arrived shortly after and we headed back to her condo. Travelling from the airport into Seattle was a lot like Tasmania, lots of hills and trees. We bypassed the city and went straight to Northgate— a suburb of Seattle. Meilyana's condo was in this great little apartment complex which included a spa, pool and gym. I dropped off my bags and we headed out again. I went to Northgate shopping centre while my friend went back to have a business meeting. I love the shopping centres, they are just so large you can spend hours wandering them. A couple of hours later she came back and we went shopping for dinner.

The next morning, my friend gave me a bus schedule, showed me where the bus I was supposed to catch was and away I went. I had to catch bus number 41 into Seattle from Northgate. The bus ride in was pretty nice, I caught all the lovely scenery, included a couple of lakes. The first stop was the famous Pike Place Market, which was shown on the movie "Sleepless in Seattle". It contained a lot of stalls a little similar to the Salamanca market only this is enclosed and sells a lot of fresh fish. And it has an abundance of little cafes and restaurants.

*Next paper, Peta will continue in Seattle*

## St Marys Tennis Club

### Night Roster

There are still outstanding Night Roster fees to be paid with 3 rounds to go. Please give your money to Drew Adam, Maureen Bushing or Susan Miles.

### Junior Club Championships

On Saturday 16th March the Junior Club Championships were held. As there were insufficient entries from the girls, a boy's competition was held with 8 boy entries—Shaun Cannon, Daniel Cooke, Riley Gunson, Luke Casboul, Todd Spilsbury, Corey Floyed, Blake Faulkner and Joel Salter (and 1 girl, Kayla Brown who competed against some of the boys). A round robin format was played on two courts. Todd Spilsbury won on one court and played Luke Casboul, the winner on the other court, in a very very close grand final. Luke ended up beating Todd 11 games to 9. Congratulations to both boys.

It is wonderful that the Cornwall Coal Company continues to sponsor the Juniors at our club in this event—thank you. We also appreciate those club members who volunteered their time to assist with the running of this event.

### Club Dinner

All Night Roster, Midweek ladies, Pennant players and club members are invited to attend our annual dinner at the Ranch Dinner on Saturday 13th April, 7 for 7.30 pm. We require definite numbers to confirm our booking so please give your name to Michelle Loane 6374 2343, if you are interested in attending. We are hoping to have lots of members present! The Club Championship prizes will be given at the dinner.

### Sunday Pennant

On Sunday 23rd March the St Marys Blues team of Bruce and Kaye Nailer, Maureen Bushing, Randal Faulkner, Drew Adam and Tracy Bean had a convincing win over the St Marys Red team of Olivier Chartrain, Michelle Loane, Kristen Kelly, Mark Williams, Susan Miles and Luke Casboul, although many of the sets were close. The prizes will be presented at the Pennant Fun Day on Sunday 28th April. Our thanks to the representatives from Falmouth and Bicheno Tennis Clubs who came and umpired.

### Pennant Fun Day

There will be a Tennis Fun Day at the St Marys Tennis Club for all Pennant players and other members who would like to participate on Sunday 28th April, 10 am start. Participants are asked to BYO meat for a BBQ and drinks, and contribute a salad or sweet. Partners will be drawn on the day.

### Club Championship Results

Our Club Championships were held on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th March. On Saturday there were the Singles and Mixed Doubles and on Sunday there was the Ladies and Mens Doubles.

#### Ladies Singles:

Winner, Francine Lowe, Runner Up, Kristen Kelly

#### Mens Singles

Winner: Mark Oliver, Runner Up, Randal Faulkner

#### Mixed Doubles

Winners: Deborah Salter and Randal Faulkner

Runners Up: Susan Miles and John Miles.

#### Ladies Doubles

Winners: Annette Davey and Vanessa Spilsbury

Runners Up: Tracy Bean and Judine Lynch

#### Mens Doubles:

Winners: Chris Gunson and John Miles

Runners Up: Mark Oliver and Bruce Nailer

Thank you to all members who umpired and made line calls!

### Court Resealing

The firm doing our resealing visited the courts on Friday 22nd March to look at the drain and do some repair work. There is some more preparation work to be done over the Easter break and hopefully (if the weather remains fine), our courts will be resealed the week beginning 11th April. The club will notify Night Roster and Midweek competitors when this has been confirmed.

### General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7.30 pm at the clubrooms.

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## Footy news with Old Tige

Our thanks go to St Helens for making the trip up the Pass for a practice match last weekend, making a game for both the U/16's, the Seniors-Reserves. The U/16's was the surprise package of the day, with the Tigers triumphant by around 6 goals. The great thing about this was the fact that some boys had been worried about our lack of height, but how well the smaller players went!

Footy through the underage competition really showed out as the 'Flea Brigade' went to work on their opponents. Congratulations to the boys who proved they will be more than a handful for most oppositions.

The Senior/Reserves game started at a furious pace with both sides going in as though there were points up for grabs, no quarter asked or given as the Tigers, although inaccurate went to an early two goal lead. The game continued at a frantic pace until three quarter time when the heat took it's toll on both sides and the five term game was reduced to four, where the Tigers ran out comfortable thirty-five point winners. Some great signs from our recruits who put their best feet forward but also the locals Randal Norris, Kyle Bean and Brent Leedham until injured, played serviceable games.

Coach Steve Dodd was more than happy with the hit out as he is still working out playing positions for most. He did compliment those who turned out just for a run and played admirably in positions they probably were not used to, Andrew Russell in the ruck!! yes, and did an admirable job, after all, that is why they call them practice

## Football continued

matches. The day, as if it was not long enough, finished with a few relaxing ales at the Hotel, then to Todd's Hall for the Comedy Company show that night for more enjoyment.

A successful day for both clubs we hope and thanks again to the Bay boys for the game, who knows, maybe the door is open for them to join the NTFA competition — wouldn't that be great for footy in the area.

Next hit out, the **Lightning Premiership at the NTCA Ground Saturday 6th April.**

The Tigers first match on the No 2 at 10 am.

## Soccer



The last outdoor soccer was held last Tuesday at the school. It has been good to see a few more kids come along in recent weeks and hope that all have enjoyed playing the beautiful game.

Soccer will continue after the Easter break at the school gym on **Wednesdays at 5 pm**. The first practice will be **Wednesday April 10th**. We hope to have a senior game as well as junior practice so please phone me on 6372 2034 if you wish to come and play. All juniors and seniors are welcome to come and play if you wish to have a go.

St Helens soccer starts Saturday April 27th at 9.30 am. With soccer clubs being formed in Bicheno and Swansea we hope there is a bright future for East Coast soccer.

*Jack Foreman*

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