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Blues on the road

Just returned from another successful mainland tour is the band Pete Cornelius and the DeVilles who this year were invited to play at the Byron Bay Blues Festival which is considered the biggest festival for blues music in the southern hemisphere and is now on the international touring circuit, with Buddy Guy and Steve Earl there from the States.

This was the 8th mainland tour for the DeVilles and Pete was thrilled to play at such a high profile venue before

big audiences. The boys did a follow up tour in Melbourne, Sydney and Mouruya with Michael Hill's Blues Mob from New York.

While in Sydney the DeVilles were guests at The Basement Studio with Doug Mulray and appeared live on the internet which was a great experience.

It will be the band's fourth appearance at the Narooma Blues Festival when the boys do a national tour in a couple of months, heading up the East Coast, some of the Centre and W.A.

Pete was extremely happy with how well his new CD 'Gotta' Live' sold while away on the mainland, and for the moment the boys are just happy to be back in Tas, to catch up with sleep and some home cooking and Pete is keen to get down to some more song writing.

Next paper day early

The next issue will be out on Wednesday 24th April due to the usual Thursday being Anzac Day. Contributors are asked to please have articles in by early Tuesday.

Drugs on our doorstep

This is an issue which has been apparent for longer than any of us can think of, unfortunately it is an issue which often brings this town into disrepute. The East Coast, and in particular St Marys, is well renowned for the growing and the sale of cannabis or others may know it as marijuana, dope or hemp. A number of factors may contribute to this including the climate, large areas of secluded bush and those people who do not work and believe they can make a living from growing and selling.

Northern Drug Investigation Services keeps a close eye on the larger operations in and around our area, however, the smaller operations often get over looked. These operations often affect the kids who are experimenting with the growing of the plant and the subsequent selling. This in turn has an affect on their education, social and family life, and health — which in turn will affect their lives in general in the long term.

Any sort of information regarding cannabis, be it the location of a crop or who may be selling it, can be reported and treated as absolutely anonymous. As I've previously suggested, the information can be passed via St Marys Station or via the Crime Stoppers phone number. Contact can also be made directly to the Northern Drug Investigation Services by phoning 6336 3701 and requesting that section.

As I've stated to people in the past, I believe that St Marys is one of the quietest towns in the northern part of Tasmania, in respect of police duties. The number of reports of crime etc are statistically less than many other towns in Northern Tasmania. It is also pleasurable for living and working, however I am aware of the drug problem as are many other residents. Police can only act on what they find themselves, it is the local people who can help to stop the larger problem. You may even be entitled to a reward !

Police report, Luke Rockliffe

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The reward for 30 years of playing golf has come for Bob Hersey, a member of the St Marys Golf Club where he is Captain of Men's golf and voluntary Course Manager. It was actually by noticing the golf course which is opposite a house with potential that was for sale, which may have been the deciding factor to buy the house!

Bob recently achieved the dream of all golfers—a Hole-in-one. The excitement happened on the 11th Hole- par 3, about 180 metres. Bob used a 5 wood to hit from the tee, the ball landed nearby and rolled into the hole. Bob did not see the ball go in but another group did and yelled out to Bob that he had scored a hole in one.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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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.

COSI FAN TUTTE

W.A. Mozart Co Opera is coming to Todd's Hall St Marys Friday 19th April 8 pm

Bookings phone 6372 2066

Presented by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

ANZAC Day Service

Members of the community are invited to attend the 6 am Dawn Service and the 11 am Service which will be held at the Cenotaph, Main Street St Marys.

If you or your organisation wish to lay a wreath, it would be appreciated if you could please contact Polly McGee on 6372 2129

St Marys Lions Club Easter Raffle:

Winner: Di Field St Marys

Thank you to all who supported this raffle.

St Marys Child Health Centre at the St Marys Community Health Centre

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

Next session: Thursday 18th April 2002

Lorraine McGee RN. AH 1800 808 178

Mobile phone 0409 361 005

Contacts for Valley Voice

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Street Stall Targa day !

St Marys

10 am Thursday 18th April

A fundraising street stall is to be held for the St Marys Lymphoedema and Laser Centre and their National Convention being held in St Marys in late August.

Contributions for this stall- *anything at all* - will be very much appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations
to

Miss Linda King
who will celebrate her
99th birthday
on

Friday 12th April 2002



New Parent Group

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Rural Health Workshop

Local student Kayla Brown has been one of twenty students selected to take part in a University Department of Rural Health's Careers Workshop which is held yearly for year 10 rural high school students.

Kayla will attend the workshop from 13th to 17th May at Camp Clayton Ulverstone. The 2002 sessions will include Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Dentistry, Speech Pathology, Dietetics, Ambulance. Students receive a certificate of participation.

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Good news for St Marys Rivulet

As part of our Council's commitment to the Break O'Day Rivercare Plan, we have successfully applied for State and Commonwealth funding for flood mitigation works around the St Marys township. We will be undertaking works including removal of cracked willows and channel expansion of a 200 metre section upstream of the Gray Bridge.

We will also be revegetating and rehabilitating parts of the waterway to reduce sediment movement. The work will be undertaken in a staged approach, as we wish to maintain the aesthetic and environmental aspects of the creek.

Works will commence within the next 2-3 weeks.

LEST WE FORGET RUN

St Helens Sunday 28th April 2002

Athletics Australia and the Returned Services League of Australia are proud to welcome you to the inaugural Lest We Forget Run, a national fun run series that will be held annually on the first Sunday after Anzac Day.

The Break O'Day Sport and Recreation Committee are organising this 8 km event which will start at 9.00 am at the St Helens Memorial Park and finish at the St Helens Golf Club.

For further information or to enter the event go to www.lestweforget.com.au or contact Matt Osborne on matto@tassie.net.au or 6376 1772

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Break O'Day Council

A more equitable approach to funding Township Projects

At its meeting of 8th April 2002, the Break O'Day Council decided on a new approach to funding township projects. For several years, Council has operated four 'township committees' operating in St Helens, St Marys, Fingal and Scamander. Each of these committees has had a budget to carry out township projects and have also made recommendations to Council on maintenance and capital works issues. Unfortunately, some of our other townships (Mathinna, Cornwall, Binalong Bay, Beaumaris etc.) tended to 'miss out' as the focus was more on the larger townships.

As a result Councillors agreed that the system was due for review and during a Council workshop held in March, a new system was formulated which was ratified in the Council Meeting held on 8th April. Under this system, separate budget allocations for each township will no longer be made, rather there will be a 'pool' of funding available for township projects that can be accessed by all township groups in the municipality.

An amount of \$12,500 per quarter will be allocated for township projects and all community groups will be able to apply for funding with submissions being assessed by Council. Projects for which funding can be sought include landscaping, information signage, seating, township beautification etc. A good example is the avenue of trees that has been planted at the western entrance to St Marys.

Council believes this will provide a more equitable approach to allocating funds to specific township projects throughout the municipality. All groups will have equal access to Council funding and the onus will be on the communities to develop their own proposals to submit to Council. All groups will also have the opportunity to make recommendations to Council each year regarding capital works projects.

St Marys Water

While St Marys water has recently become fairly topical in The Examiner, we have for some time been conducting some intensive tests on the water quality with one of Tasmania's leading water experts.

Preliminary tests have indicated that the quality of water leaving the treatment plant pass Australian Water quality guidelines. Anyone interested in seeing these laboratory results can obtain a copy from our Works and Infrastructure Department. However, there is no escaping the fact that the 'hardness' of the water and the mineral content are continuing to cause some real issues for residents and that something needs to be done.

To this end, we have already begun tests on a new bore we believe may be a superior source than the existing bore. We expect these results to be available within the next two weeks. If this supply is superior, we will immediately switch to this new bore, and advise all St Marys water users via a 'letter-box drop' of the change.

If test results indicate that the new bore is no better, then Council will give serious consideration to reverting back to surface water (i.e. creek water) for a period of time. This will involve issuing 'boiled water' notices to St Marys residents, but the feedback we are getting is that this would be preferred over the existing bore supply. If we go down this track, we will of course advise residents via a 'letter-box drop'. Council may then review options of treating the creek water utilising the existing treatment plant. While many residents may think that this is the obvious option, we only have 300 water connections in the town, and we simply cannot achieve the same 'economies of scale' of bigger towns and cities. We have also received strong feedback that residents do not wish to pay significantly increased costs for water, so we need to find the solution which provides a decent water supply at a decent price.

Council will keep residents informed through the Valley Voice, our Newsletter and our new Community FM Radio Station of our progress — have you tuned in yet ? 100.3 FM

General Manager Break O'Day Council

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DENTAL SERVICE INFORMATION

For the BREAK O'DAY COMMUNITY

Dr Tony Eldridge at the St Helens Dental Centre, St Helens District Hospital.

Access to a restricted Public and full Dental Service will commence part-time at the St Helens Dental Centre from 14th March 2002.

Private Patients:

All members of the Community may access Dr Eldridge for Private care. Full fees will be charged. Please contact by telephone on 6376 1000

Public Adult Patients- i.e. recipients of Health Care Card/ Pensioner Concession Card holders (18 years of age and older): *Limited to urgent dental care only*

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Children:

Please contact 63761713 on every alternate Tuesday or Wednesday. Children aged 16-18 will need to contact Northern Dental Centre for treatment.



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WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?

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| 11 April | Margaret, Centrepact
9:30-2:30pm |
| 12 April | Bob De Boer, Centrepact
10:00am- 3:00pm |
| 15 April | Mark Amos, Psychologist
10:00am-4:00pm |
| | Sue Hayes, Diabetic Educator
10:00am-3:00pm |
| 17 April | Podiatry , Perry Daly
(HACC Funded) |
| 18 April | Child Health Session
9:00am-12:00. 0409 361 005 |
| 22 April | Mark Amos, Psychologist
10:00am-4:00pm |
| 24 April | Hearing Clinic , for appoint.
phone 63317455 |
| 29 April | Pap Smear Clinic with Dr
Libby Reeckman. For
appointments phone 63722111
A waiting list is available. |

Volunteers reviving Bicheno wetlands

Denison Rivulet wetlands at Bicheno will be receiving practical help from the 8 to 12 April from a team of volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia as part of *Revive our Wetlands*— one of Australia's largest national wetlands initiatives.

Since European settlement in Australia, it is estimated that more than half of Australia's wetlands have been destroyed.

Wetlands are an important focus for Conservation Volunteers Australia as they are among the most important life support systems on earth. They are vital for ecological sustainability.

Wetlands provide critical habitat for water birds, fish and hundreds of plant species. They also help to filter water, curb flooding and control erosion.

Revive our Wetlands is a joint effort between Conservation Volunteers Australia and BHP Bilton to help address the degraded state of many of Australia's wetlands.

Denison Rivulet wetlands has been selected as one of the 100 *Revive* wetlands.

From the 8th to 12th April, a team of Conservation Volunteers Australia volunteers will be undertaking activities at Denison Rivulet which will include weed removal, planting of native species and seed collection. This will assist with improving water quality and biodiversity within the wetlands.

Volunteers with Conservation Volunteers Australia enjoy the outdoors, meet new people and learn new skills— while making a difference to the environment.

To organise footage or a photo opportunity or for more information about Revive our Wetlands project at Denison Rivulet, contact Steve Bailey Regional Manager Conservation Volunteers Australia on 03 6231 1779 or Bob Boughey Denison River Landcare Coordinator on 03 6260 4544.

For more information on the Revive our Wetlands program contact Libby McIntyre Revive our Wetlands Manager on 02 6882 5988 or visit,

www.reviveourwetlands.net

Warning on Ross River Virus

The State's Public and Environmental Health Service has warned all Tasmanians to be vigilant in protecting themselves from mosquito bites following a significant rise in the number of Ross River Virus cases this year.

Acting Director of Public Health Dr Avner Misrachi said today that 37 cases of Ross River Virus— transmitted via mosquito bites— had been notified to the Public and Environment Health Service so far this year, compared with just 12 for the whole of 2001.

Dr Misrachi said that the number of cases appeared to be at a peak at present.

'Of the 37 cases so far this year, 25 have been notified during the past week' he said.

'It is often difficult to predict periods of high risk, as this depends on conditions suitable for mosquito breeding, although the number of cases usually peaks in mid-late summer'.

Dr Misrachi said that the main areas of the State where infections had been reported this year were the South East—including the Huon Valley and southern coastlines of the municipal areas of Sorell— the East Coast and Flinders Island.

Ross River Virus cause a wide variety of symptoms including headaches, muscle and joint pains, rashes and fever.

'In most cases, symptoms can last from one to two weeks, although in a small number of cases they can exist for a few months,' Dr Misrachi said.

'Infected people recover and develop life-long immunity to further infections

'However, people can avoid being infected in the first place by ensuring that they do not get bitten.

'For example, it is advisable to wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers if outdoors—particularly at dawn or dusk.'

Dr Misrachi said that it was also important to take other preventative measures such as:

- * Using an insect repellent containing a chemical called DEET;
- * Ensuring insect screens are in good order
- * Using a knock down insect spray inside house when necessary and,
- * Clearing any objects from around the house which could collect water and provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes

For further information:

Dr Avner Misrachi

Acting Director of Public Health

Tel. 6233 3775 or 0409 977 160

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

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St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

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

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

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St Helens 11am and 7pm

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Wed. 17th	Audrey Wright	Barb Saunders	
Thu 18th	Claire Bean	Patsy Death	
Fri 19th	M & P Berwick	Mac Saunders	
Mon 22nd	Annette Davey	Vic Jones	
Tue 23rd	Ruth Aulich	Chris Woods	
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For more information please contact St Marys Online Access Centre on 6372 2005 or call in and see one of the volunteers.



Local Green Corps project kicks off in Break O'Day

The local environment along the East Coast will benefit from the enthusiastic work of a team of young Green Corps volunteers over the next six months, local Senator Guy Barnett announced.

'These young people are among hundreds around Australia volunteering to join this Coalition Government program to fix our natural surrounds and give young Australians a taste for environmental repair work,' Senator Barnett said.

'This project will have a very positive impact on many of the East Coast towns over the next six months as it will address the objectives of the East Coast Weed Strategy. Project sites will be targeted for invasive weed removal and revegetation with local provenance stock'.

Senator Barnett announced that the group will also stabilise the watercourse of the Break O'Day River and fence it off to prevent ongoing erosion.

'The Blue Tier and St Patrick's Head walking tracks will be upgraded and given new identification markers. Drainage and bar ways will be constructed to minimise erosion on the tracks.'

Senator Barnett said that since the Liberal Federal Government introduced Green Corps in 1997, more than 7,600 young Australians had benefited from the program.

'The good news from Youth Affairs Minister Larry Anthony, is that there will be another 1,700 places this year including many across Tasmania.'

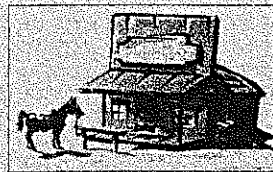
'The environment is the big winner: to date the achievements of Green Corps volunteers include planting 4 million trees, erecting 2,000 kilometres of fencing, removing 30,000 hectares of weeds, collecting 5 tons of seeds and building or maintaining 1,600 kilometres of walking track.

Senator Barnett encouraged local young people to investigate joining the Green Corps for a six-month placement, which include accredited training and an allowance of up to \$300 per week.

Senator Barnett said, 'Parents and young people who want to know more should contact my office on 6334 1755, ring Green Corps hotline on 1800 633 844 or visit the Green Corps website at:

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Peta explores more of Seattle

I next found an exit from the Pike Place market and walked down a long staircase to the bottom. Where I landed on another street and crossed over onto the waterfront. The waterfront was great, my first stop was the Seattle Aquarium. That was pretty interesting. I saw Seahorses, seals, otters, and my favourite the sharks!!

Food was my next agenda. I wondered around until I found a little restaurant and ate some lunch. Seafood is very popular in Seattle.

I visited a lot of tourist shops, my favourite was the little Native American stores which were just amazing with all the gorgeous carvings of Orca's and Temple poles.

I made my way back through the city to the bus station ready to catch my bus back to Meilyana's place. I was only back about 20 minutes before she arrived and away we went again. This time we were going to the district called Bellevue. This is a very up market area of Seattle....Bill Gates owns a waterfront home there. Meilyana went off to teach a modeling class so I went to a nearby shopping mall. I cannot tell you just how many malls there are in the United States there are just too many. So I spent about an hour wandering this mall. About 20 minutes before I was picked up, I stopped in at a near by Starbucks for a hot chocolate and sat by the open fire. Before I go any further I have to say that Seattle is a cold place as it is so close to Canada. But it is utterly beautiful!

So I was picked up, but I was the one who ended up driving back to Northgate as Meilyana had forgotten her glasses for driving. The traffic in Seattle is very busy even of a night....I would class it with the traffic in Atlanta.

We finally made it home. We watched some TV, I saw my first episode of "CSI" in Seattle and now I am addicted.

Next day was the same, took the bus into the city but this time I went to the Seattle Museum, did another tour of the waterfront and saw where all the huge cruise ships pull in and dock. And I also walked up to where the famous "Space Needle" was. The ride up was pretty good. But the scenery at the top was breathtaking. You had a 360 degree view. It covered all of Seattle - it's lakes, suburbs and the surrounding mountains covered in snow! That was a beautiful sight! Especially Mt. Rainier! So I did my trek back to the bus station and made my way home.

We went out to dinner at a restaurant which was

owned by Meilyana's friends. And one of the waiters was an Australian from Melbourne. He was nice, to was pretty good to hear another Australian voice.

Friday was a great day.

Into the city again but today I had a specific agenda.....today was to be my Yacht ride around the Bay. It was fantastic! The owner of the yacht said he was going in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. The ride was awesome. I took lots of pictures from the middle of the bay of the surrounding islands, Bainbridge and Bremerton. And the surrounding mountains covered in snow. The ride lasted about 2 hours and it was totally worth the \$23 dollars.

After that I hit a big shopping centre called "Nordstrom's". They have absolutely beautiful things there and I am now kicking myself for not buying some gorgeous perfume and a leather jacket from there! Oh well!

Tonight was the night for Meilyana and I. We were on a mission. For tattoo's. I ended up getting a silhoutte of dolphins on my arm. I thought, this is going to be soooo painful, but I have to say that it wasn't. It was about as painful as an injection. Nothing too bad.

So after that little adventure we decide to go clubbing but it wasn't until we went out that we found out that it was Salsa night and we were really in the mood for Salsa so we went out touring. We went to a really old district situated on a hill called "Queen Ann" it had beautiful views of the city and the Space Needle. After 10 minutes of taking photos we next drove all the way to the opposite side of the bay. The views were pretty different but just as great. Saturday morning was an experience. My friends religion is Buddhism so I got to visit my very first Buddhist temple. It is an experience I will never forget. I saw that you go through a whole process, a ritual, just to pay respects. Of course this was located in the Chinatown district.

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PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next Meeting Tuesday 30th April
7.00pm in the staffroom

ALL WELCOME

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The Primary assembly will be held on MONDAY 15th April in the school hall at 11.10am. All parents and friends are welcome.



NEET Centre Incorporated



Interested in doing a short course?

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PRIMARY CLASSROOM UPGRADES

The 2001-2002 Christmas holiday break saw a great deal of activity take place throughout the school. The biggest of these was a major upgrade of some of our primary classrooms. The old cloak room in each classroom was removed, as well as the dividing walls between the classroom and the corridor. This has increased the size of each classroom as well as removing the old drafty corridor that students were using as a "wet" area in the past, and has provided each classroom with a "wet" area within the room. Each room was also re-painted and fitted with new carpet.

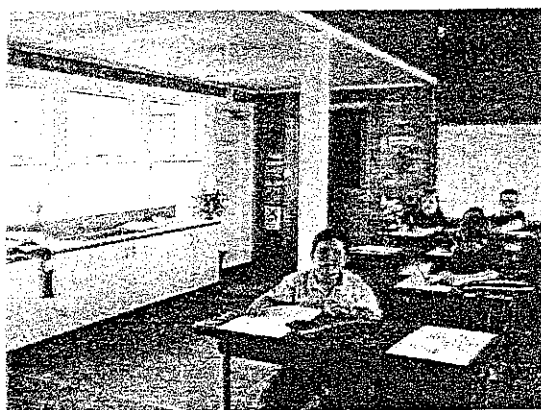
The work done to the primary area follows a number of other Education Department funded upgrades to the school in recent years including the installation of the bus turning circle, resealing of the driveway, netball and tennis courts. A fire detection alarm system and exit signs have been fitted into all rooms within the school, vastly increasing the safety of staff and students.

The School has funded the upgrades of the computer lab, secondary classrooms, resurfacing of the pool, and the primary playground upgrade. The general maintenance of the school was not overlooked during the holidays, with the school funding the painting of the exterior of the Home Economics Science, Music and Canteen blocks.



BEFORE:

The old classrooms and the drafty corridor area.



AFTER:

The new wet area. No more chilly corridor work!

Cornwall State School 1940—43

Following the roll call of pupils at the St Marys State School in 1942 published in the 'Voice' last issue, enquiries have been received from readers about their Alma Mater - so, in response to our readers request, the following pupils were admitted to the Cornwall School during 1940-41-42-43.

Frank E Watson	Alfred Scales	Grace Olive Nicholson
Ronald L Watson	John Gunton	George David Toombs
Glory Madden	Margaret Mulholland	Peter Brian Gunton
Kathleen Madden	Janice Oliver	Robin Mary Worsley
Bete Margison	Leslie Henry Toombs	Patricia Madden
Maureen Margison	Vera Johnson	Janice Fulford
Ann Coralie Margison	Yvonne Margaret Rowlings	Rita Nolan
Cora Olive (Betty) Clark	Gordon William White	Noel Reginald Toombs
Lenna May Clark	Gilbert William Scales	Sheila Kathleen Toombs
Aileen Dawn Clark	Colin Deakin	Murray Scales
Arnold Bruce Clark	Coris Elizabeth (Jill) Margison	Harry Camplin
Keith James Smith	Josephine Joy Coober	Roderick Triffet
Noel Horsley	Fay Thornbury	Patricia Mary Hayes
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Margaret Ann Llewellyn	Beverly Dawn Watson	David Newitt

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Venue: Todd's Hall St Marys

Time: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

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This is a free workshop for all ages and is being run as part of a project funded through the Office of Youth Affairs.

About Jane Tenniswood

Jane is originator of the Creative Living Centre in Burnie, a model that is currently being replicated around Australia. Jane has had extensive experience in working with communities across the state and has a background in teaching, counseling, project management and local government. She has recently written a youth policy for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

For more information on this workshop ring Therese on 6372 2846

The Break O'Day Healthy Community Project

The Break O'Day Healthy Community Project staff has commenced work out of the Healthy Community Centre in St Helens. This project is a new health initiative for the municipality, which is based on the World Health Organisation model of *Healthy Communities*.

A *Healthy Community* model is a long-term health and community development initiative that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the people. It recognises that conditions in the home, school, towns, environment, and workplace influence health status and that health can be improved by modifying the physical, social and economic environment. There is a need to create healthy public policy initiatives and to do this intersectoral coordination at a local level is necessary, (i.e. coordination with local government, education, police, industry recreation, and community groups).

Three health professionals have been employed for the Break O'Day Healthy Community Project and will work within the whole municipality to provide proactive programs for health. They will consult and work with the community to assess need, influence health policy, deliver and evaluate programs for health. As this is a new project, it will enhance, but not replace the existing health services in the area.

The Project Coordinator is Sally McDermott, who comes to us with having previously worked with the Huonville Council in establishing proactive health programs in that area. A Community Dietician, Lee-Anne Mundy, and a Specialist Rural Social Worker, Betsy Floyd have been employed to complete the team. At present, the team is being orientated and soon will meet with various community groups in the Break O'Day Municipality.

This exciting new project results from the Break O'Day Resource Association successfully obtaining funding from the Commonwealth Regional Health Services Programs. The Department of Health and Human Services has been contracted to run the project and the Manager of the St Helens District Hospital and Community Health Services administer it.



Soccer

Soccer at St Marys moved to the school gym last Wednesday 10th April. We have decided to play in the future under the auspices of St Helens Soccer Club Inc. This has the advantage of making soccer players part of the established club. Membership fees apply and any juniors wishing to play will need to pay \$10 membership fee, the cost will include insurance cover through Soccer Tasmania. The fee for senior players is \$20. Soccer players will also be able to play at St Helens whose Saturday morning soccer starts on April 27.

Indoor soccer will be at the school gym on Wednesdays at 5 pm during the school term until the beginning of September. We hope to see both new and old players. All are welcome.

Jack Foreman 6372 2034

Food for thought

Never let it be said that you can't get a top feed in our town. You could say St Marys has an embarrassment of riches now when it comes to tucker !

As always the Coach House has provided a wide and varied menu until late at night and just about anytime you go in you'll see travellers enjoying a meal there.

Just up the street and on the other side of the road you will find the new Ranch Dinner in the former RSL Hall haven't they done a terrific job and every patron has been happily greeted with again a top meal, mainly in regard to quality steak meals. Let's hope 'The Ranch' keeps finding support too.

Then just down around the pub corner you come to Todd's Hall. What can you say about Andrew and Jenny's efforts. Like the Coach House and Ranch Dinner, quality food is the order of the day coupled with the ability to enjoy a great range of entertainment from live shows to DVD cinema.

Congratulations to these fine establishments and we should all support them if we can because they are a highlight of our town and good reason for travellers to stop for a while and enjoy a rest.

Rod McGiveron



St Marys Sports Centre

By Kackhander

Firstly to golf and thanks to Umesh and Uma Pratap for sponsoring last weeks event.

Well done to his team on the strong victory over the Presidents team and congratulations to all the individual winners. Hopefully this will be an annual event to help kick off the club year, but next time let's hope the President doesn't lose the keys again, thereby missing the game altogether. Bob and Trevor have resolved to have many of these popular club events this year and we wish them well, particularly if you get nearly 30 in the field each time. Thanks again Umesh and Uma.

Pennant golf for the men is only a couple of weeks away and let's hope for a strong side to challenge the Bicheno mob this year. A sheet is up in the clubhouse for all players.

A special thanks goes to all those (mainly Smokey) who have re-routed water to the greens to help irrigate them. At time of writing we are awaiting a final quote to enable the committee to decide what pump is required. Hopefully a decision can be made at this Friday night's committee meeting.

As an oversight we forgot to mention Bob 'Bullseye' Hersey's 'Hole-in-one' on the difficult 11th, the first time ever by any player, this was at the Mowbray visit day. A big congratulations from all, particularly us envious golfers yet to score one.

Also at time of writing it seems that the club is unlikely to get the treated water that we thought would be the catalyst for the strong future of the club. Without dwelling on matters too much, let's just say that our dealings with various authorities were less than satisfactory, particularly in regard to obtaining information. Thanks to all who spent time and money on chasing up the issue and let's hope other avenues can be explored to improve our precarious watering situation.

We hope to soon be able to announce a date for the Monster Seafood Night organised primarily by Dale, should be a top night.

Good luck to all the bowlers travelling to Launceston this weekend for the interaction with East Launceston Bowls Club. Let's hope it is a successful weekend for all. Thanks to Jim Rankin for organising this event together with Drew Berwick on the East end.

Doesn't the back fence and lawn look great ? Thanks again to Peter Davern, John McDonald and other helpers who have done a top job on it. Can't wait for September to see it all open again.

Finally do not forget April 20 for the final day of bowls, Best and Fairest Count, Trophy Presentation and BBQ for all, should be an excellent day.

Anyways until next time, good hitting and rolling



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'Blues News'

We're back ! After spending the 2001 season in recess, the Fingal Valley Football Club will join the NTFA Division 2 competition for the 2002 season.

Thanks and congratulations go out to all the people who have given their time and work to reform the club. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable season on and off the field, something that the Valley missed without footy last year.

A lot of work has taken place in the last six months. A new building is currently being built which should be ready for use by early next month. A working bee was held with new fence railing being places around the ground, our change rooms have been relined and painted throughout. All is looking good for the start of the season this Saturday against the St Marys Football Club in the first roster match.

Last October a meeting was held and a committee of around 20 was formed with our office bearers being" President Michael Brown, Secretary Craig Baldwin, Treasurer Bruce Miller. Our coaches for 2002 are Seniors Craig Baldwin, Reserves Michael Cox, Under 16's Bruce Miller and Dave Arnold.

A practice game against Branhholm was played on March 23, which we won by 25 points, in a hard hit out with younger players showing promise for the year.

On April 6 the Lightning Premiership was played at the NTCA Ground, we played Campbell Town first game which we lost by 4 goals, next game against Evandale we came away with a 3 goal win. Coach Craig Baldwin was happy with the hit out of players despite some having to play out of their normal positions.

A function has been organised after the football at the sheds starting at 8 pm with Launceston DJ 'Party Nights' performing. Cover charge is \$5. '8 till late'. See you at the footy.

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St Marys Tennis Club

Club Dinner

A reminder to club members that our annual dinner will be held at the Ranch Dinner on Saturday 13th April, 7 for 7.30 pm. The Club Championship prizes will be presented at the dinner

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.

Tennis Coaching

Michelle Rowell will again be offering coaching to juniors and adults at the Club on Saturday 20th April.

There are a few spaces left so to make a booking please contact Michelle Loane on 6374 2343

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of our beautiful Easter bunny and chocolate eggs, Toni and Glenn Smith from Falmouth. We would like to thank the local businesses, St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys Australia Post and the St Marys News-agency (who made a home for our raffle), and also to the members who sold and returned their raffle books.

Council Grants

The Club has recently applied for financial assistance from Break O'Day Council for two facility enhancement projects—a new safety gate and fence to be erected from the end of the clubrooms to the St Marys NEET Centre's boundary and to concrete the area from the end of the clubrooms also to the NEET Centre's boundary to preserve the court re-surfacing. We hope to be one of the successful applicants for this grant and expect to hear from the council in four weeks.

General Meeting

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