

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Our new Inspector

Inspector John Warren is on leave and is due to retire in the next few months, and as a replacement, Inspector Fiona Lieutier has joined the team. Fiona has been promoted from Sergeant to Inspector for the purposes of filling the position.

Inspector Lieutier is the second female inspector in the state and has been involved in a variety of positions including the Criminal Investigation Branch, Drug Investigation Services and her last appointment being a member of the Internal Investigations Branch. Fiona is keen to get to know the community and is very approachable. Please make our new police member feel welcome.

Firearms

As from Monday 6th May 2002, St Marys Police Station will no longer be handling firearm applications, licences or registrations.

All firearm matters will be processed by Service Tasmania. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause. Firearms Services

Inside reading:

- * Community notices and Classifieds
- * Community Heritage Grant 2002
- * Tasbash is coming
- * Chainsaw—hours of use
- * Have your heart checked
- * Survey findings

More Aged Care places for Tasmania

Tasmania has been allocated 138 new aged care places for this year. The new places include 20 high level care nursing home beds, 62 low level care beds, and 56 community packages which enable the provision of care to people in their own home, Senator Guy Barnett said.

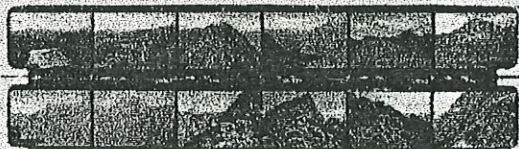
Senator Barnett has been appointed to the Federal Government's Health and Aging committee, of which he is committee secretary.

Dogs attacking sheep

St Marys Police report that there is a major problem within our town at present with dogs killing sheep. The problem began on a small scale with one or two sheep being mauled on a property along Gray Road. We now have well over a dozen sheep that have been killed or gone missing. This amounts to well over \$1000 worth of stock. The attacks have occurred between the 1 April 02 and 30 April 02. Property owners with sheep have been advised that under the Dog Control Act, a dog unlawfully found to be on their property, particularly if it is chasing stock, can be destroyed immediately. Police ask that could people please ensure that their dogs are well secured overnight and when they are not at home. Dogs found to be at large will be seized and the owners charged accordingly, as will dogs found to be chasing stock. On the same note, unregistered dogs will also be acted upon.

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Contacts for Valley Voice

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

RSL Raffle winners, drawn on ANZAC Day:

1st prize Polly McGee St Marys
2nd prize Pam Johnson St Marys

TLC (Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre) St Marys Meetings will now be held on the **3rd Monday of the month at 2 pm** at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Next meeting: Monday 20th May

♥Your Heart Community Awareness

1 pm to 3 pm Monday 20th May
St Marys Value Plus Supermarket (verandah)

'Positive futures'

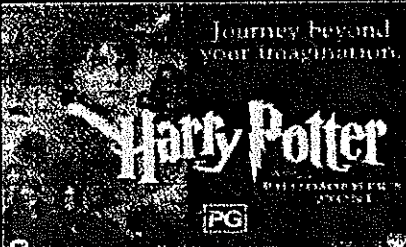
An invitation is extended to all those unemployed persons who wish to participate in the making of 'Positive Futures' for themselves.

The next meeting is to at the Council Office, St Helens on Wednesday 22nd May 02 @ 11 am.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 23rd Mat 11.30 am at Scamander Sports Complex

St Marys Football Club Inc. Ladies Committee is in need of helpers in the kiosk on home games, so if anyone can spare an hour or two, please contact Tracy Bean 6372 2494



Journey beyond your imagination.

Harry Potter

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TODD'S HALL

St Marys Ph: 6372 2066

Fri. May 17 - 6:30pm
Sat. May 18 - 1pm & 6:30pm


ALL TICKETS \$7

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* A man seen rushing to find a last minute Mothers Day gift last Saturday took some convincing when told that he was a week early !

* Kim and David, welcome to our town and we wish you many happy years in St Marys.

* Thank you Margaret for the morning teas.
The Wombat Walk Weeders !!

* Thumbs up....

...to the gentleman who has been slashing the grass on the railway walking track. The ladies who use the track regularly, very much appreciate it being cut.

* Thumbs down....

.... to the adult who vandalised newly erected speed signs in St Marys. (several 'thumbs down' were received on this).



Mothers Day Pamper Pack

One prize consisting of:

- ❖ \$100 Gift Voucher at Harmony Hairdressing
- ❖ Essential oil full body massage - donated by Sue Christianson
- ❖ Revlon Gift Pack & Dusting powder
- ❖ Champagne & Chocolates

Raffle drawn at St Marys Police Station
Wednesday 8th May and won by
Margaret Corbett Newstead Launceston

Very sincere appreciation for the wonderful support given by so many people and all who sold or bought tickets.

The raffle raised \$439.00



Tasmania Lymphoedema (& Laser)
Centre at St Marys

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

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

Next session: Thursday 16th May 2002

Lorraine McGee RN. AH 1800 808 178

Mobile phone 0409 361 005

New Parent Group

St Helens Neighbourhood House
25 Circassian Street

May 22nd, 29th. June 5th & 12th

Time: 11 am to 1 pm

Come along and have a cup of coffee and talk to other new parents, fathers very welcome to come along.

No cost. Contact Lorraine McGee
6376 1944 or 0409 361 005



ST MARYS HEALTH & BEAUTY CENTRE

42 Main Road St Marys Tasmania
Phone 03 6372 2172

To all Mums ... have a great Mothers Day

Australis Mascaras have been re-launched, Extender lash & Curl Max Mascara \$11.95 with a free Lip or Eye Pencil valued at \$7.95.

How about a special treat for Mum for Mothers Day ... a new product, Rose hip oil (value \$15.95) free with a Moisturiser \$19.95.

Great for fine wrinkles, it helps boost the body's collagen production.

Kids. Do you want to buy Mum a Mothers Day present?

We have gifts from as low as \$1.50 with free gift wrapping.

Australis Bargains still available. Most items are ½ price. (excludes re-launched items)

Preserving our documentary heritage — Community Heritage Grants 2002

'Community organisations which collect and provide public access to their documentary heritage are eligible to apply for the 2002 Community Heritage Grants' Senator John Watson said.

'Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$8,000 to eligible groups to assist in the preservation of materials, such as books, letters, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, archival records, maps, films etc., which are of national significance'

'The program which was established in 1994, is a joint initiative by the National Library of Australia, National Archives of Australia and the Commonwealth Government

Applications under this program close on 28th June 2002 and Guidelines and application forms are available at: www.nla.gov.au/chg/ or contact my office to have this information posted to you.' Contact Senator John Watson 6331 4544

The Variety Club of Tasmania

Every year the Variety Club of Tasmania hold their annual fundraising event known as Tasbash. **Tasbash** originally started by Dick Smith, is a charity drive in the country for about 100 happy friends and 20 grumpy officials. We visit schools entertaining and presenting equipment and aids to special and disabled children. All monies raised in Tasmania stays here, and about 97 cents in every dollar goes to the purchase of buses, computers, wheelchairs, walking aids, Braille keyboards etc.

For the entrants, it's a time to get together, swapping stories, jokes, and a good chance to laugh, be a kid for 8 days and compete in the Game **TASBASH**.

The Game begins with the teams all trying to cheat, steal, outsmart and outwit the other teams. Like a game of monopoly but in a car of course. This year Tasbash is sponsored by **Oasis** and starts in Launceston October 19 and finishes in Hobart on October 26.



If you need an excuse for a holiday, join us other workaholics for an 8 day drive in the bush.

Seats are available.

The Smart Car 2002 for more info ring Lyn and leave a message 0407 725 442

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Perth Tas 7300

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or email me at: D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au





Sample water accounts St Marys /Scamander

Council wishes to advise that the current sample account that has just been distributed to ratepayers/residents actually covers a six month period not three as indicated by the account.

If you have any queries regarding your sample account, please contact Council staff who will verify the reading dates and answer any questions you may have.

Council apologise for any confusion caused.

General Manager

Chainsaw use clarified

A query was received by St Marys Police from a local person regarding the use of chainsaws in our town. The person was concerned at the fact that logs were being delivered to local residents within the town boundary and subsequently being sawed up in situ, creating unnecessary noise for local residents.

Environmental Protection Act and Local Council, chainsaws can be used within the town boundary Monday to Friday between 7 am and 6 pm. On Saturdays they can be used between 9 am and 6 pm. Sundays 10 am to 6 pm.

Constable Luke Rockliffe said that he is beginning to receive complaints about peoples firewood being stolen. This constitutes a charge of stealing under the Criminal Code and is very serious. Be aware of where your wood is stored and how you can keep it secure. Any persons being found to be stealing wood can be reported directly to this station, and dealt with accordingly.

St Marys Newsagency

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Trading 7 days a week

Happy Mothers Day
wishes from the Newsagency

'Scratchies' & small gifts
available

Visit from Archbishop

The last Friday, Saturday and Sunday of April saw Archbishop Adrian Doyle make his tri-annual visitation to the Parish. This was a very enjoyable weekend for all and extremely busy for the Archbishop.

He officiated at all Masses in the Parish, visited at Mangana, visited the Child Care Centre and played with the children and also called into the St Marys and St Helens Hospitals as well as Medea Park.

The visit was a memorable time for the ten children who made their First Communion; four at St Marys and six at Bicheno. All Masses were followed with a meal, and of course with sumptuous food and much chatter.

A great opportunity for parishioners to talk with our Archbishop. A very special and successful time in our Church calendar.

Wendy Aulich St Marys

Fostering

The Catholic Parish has fostered a child through the Plan International for many years. Our present child who we foster is a 6 year old living in Anthawelayaya Sri Lanka with his parents, sister and 2 brothers.

The small house that they own is made of mud and sticks and has no toilet, so a hole in the ground serves this purpose instead. The women and children gather wood for their open fires on which they do all their cooking, but use kerosene for lighting. Their nearest water is 1 kilometre away in an open well and the family have to boil it before drinking. The nearest medical aid is 2 hours away.

Jayantha's father works as a peasant farmer, so there is only a very small income and this is insufficient for the needs of the family so our support will hopefully allow for some improvements to their health and living standards.

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



The Healthy Community Project in conjunction with St Marys Community Nursing support the Heart Foundation's call for action on heart disease and stroke.

This year's message is:

'Heart Attack-Every Minute Counts'

♥♥Heart Facts ♥♥

- * Heart attack occurs when a vessel supplying blood to the heart becomes blocked by a blood clot.
- * Coronary heart disease was the leading cardiovascular cause of death (22%) in Australians in 1998.
- * For a 40 year old, the risk of having heart disease at some time in their future life is 1 in 2 for men and 1 in 3 for women.
- * High blood pressure increases the risk of cardiovascular disease by 2-4 times.

Much of the death, disability and illness caused by cardiovascular disease is preventable.

To raise community awareness about cardiovascular disease Margueritte McWatters and Lee-Anne Mundy will hold a Heart Health Information afternoon. We encourage the community to come along and participate and make a donation to the Heart Foundation. All funds raised will continue to support the Heart Foundation in its life saving research and community education programs.

Value Plus Supermarket St Marys

♥on the verandah♥

1 pm to 3 pm Monday 20th May

Where you can:

- * have your blood pressure taken
- * talk about risk factors for heart disease
- * have your waist to hip ratio done
- * talk about foods that help reduce the risk of heart problems.

For further information contact Lee-Anne Mundy
Comm. Dietician 6376 5243 or
Margueritte McWatters Comm. Nurse 6372 2111

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ANZAC Day Service

As is becoming the trend in many communities, ANZAC Day services at St Marys were very well attended despite the threatening rain which caused the 11 am service to be held in the Community Hall. A crowd of about 100 heard the Address given by Cdr Robert Legge who spoke of the significance of ANZAC Day *'.....that it is the Gallipoli campaign that has come to symbolise the Australian soldier's courage, determination, fighting prowess, humour and mateship. The essence of Gallipoli was that in the face of adversity and potential defeat, the Australian spirit triumphed'*.

Pastor Cliff Walker of the Uniting Church conducted the service and prayers. St Marys High School students Micala Witton and Rebecca Death read letters from soldiers to their families back home.

The presence of the St Marys Big Band and with Mrs Olga Targett on keyboard, certainly gave an extra boost to the singing and to have bugler Mr Selby Targett there again, better than ever, was a great inspiration to all.

During a light luncheon in the supper room, Mrs Polly McGee made a presentation to Mr Ian Faulkner for his many years of service to the RSL.

Survey results

In the past weeks Shan Williams and I (Social Workers at the St Marys Community Health Centre), have been involved in a social and health survey of St Marys and Cornwall. We intended at first to interview half the households in the area but because of time and work constraints this has been modified to between a quarter and a third. The survey has some very interesting, if not entirely unexpected, findings.

We know that in the past couple of years, St Marys has received some very positive publicity, but on the other hand there have been negative reports such as that which put the 7215 postcode as one of the poorest in the country.

While it is true that statistical evidence shows a very low level of income, this evidence is based on numbers only with no opinions, feelings or attitudes of those living here to give a wider picture. So it was heartening to get the results we did which to some extent confirmed what we already knew.

Among those surveyed contentment level is very high. Some of the more typical answers were *'it's quiet and peaceful', 'relatively little crime', 'I feel secure and safe living here'*. A large number referred to the natural environment-close to the bush and the beach as being very positive aspects. There was also a very favourable response about the school even though a number of children have to leave at the end of Grade 10, and despite the fact there is no dentist and that specialist care is a good drive away, there was a resounding vote of confidence in the health facilities available.

The survey also revealed that a large percentage of those interviewed feel the community is friendly and supportive. These results are encouraging compared with the reports of being one of the poorest areas in the community. How can you put a price on contentment, the feeling of belonging in a community, peace, quiet and low crime?

Of course there were brickbats as well. There were a number of complaints about the state of the water and by far the greatest number of responses to the question *'what other activities would you like to see'*, was: *'something needs to be done for young people'*. There is widespread concern that children, from young ones under ten to teenagers, have little to keep them occupied outside school hours.

The above is a brief overview only. Hopefully we will be able to complete the collation of the results in the next few weeks and publish more detail in the Valley Voice. Meanwhile, we would like to thank all those who took part for their responses and their time. And, if anyone who was not surveyed would like a say, then questionnaires are available at the St Marys Community Health Centre. We would be more than happy to include you.

Julia Weston

Town speed limit debate

6 May 2002

Hon. Paul Lennon
Hobart

Dear Minister

I have received representations from the St Marys community in regard to the decision to retain a speed limit of 60 km/h through the township after 1 May.

I understand the township committee, backed by the Break O'Day Council, requested a reduction in the speed limit through the township to 50 km/h, for both St Marys and St Helens, but DIER has decided to reduce the speed limit for St Helens while retaining the 60 km/h limit for St Marys.

Your current advertising campaign points to the need for the reduced speed limit on urban roads as a means of reducing our road safety toll and potential traffic accidents. I therefore question the reasons that some small towns have been granted reduced speed limits, while others have not.

Given that it will take approximately 22 seconds longer to travel through the St Marys township at 50 km/h than it will at 60 km/h and, given that the community have specifically requested the reduced speed limit, I would urge you to accept their wishes and reduce the St Marys town speed accordingly. I would also appreciate receipt of the criteria or guidelines by which DIER base their decisions on speed limits, particularly in regional communities.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

Bob Cheek, MHA
Leader of the Opposition

St Marys resident David Clement requested this letter be published.

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.

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

Meals on Wheels Roster

	May	St Marys	Fingal
Mon	13th	Jodie Anderson	Shirley Parker
Tues	14th	Pat. O'Donnell	June Hall
Wed.	15th	Denise Dawson	Barb Saunders
Thu	16th	Claire Bean	Mim Woods
Fri	17th	M & P Berwick	Mac Saunders
Mon	20th	P & Y Davern	Patsy Death
Tues	21st	Rhonda Cranch	Chris Woods
Wed.	22nd	Pam Lynch	Rachael Reid
Thu	23rd	Gail Gamble	Jan Marshall
Fri	24th	Shirley Britton	Bob Yates

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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.

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP ROSTER, ON CALL: 'May'

Dr Shah Sat 11th- Sun 12th

Dr Geniola Sat 18th - Sun 19th

Dr. Geniola on call
Ph: 6374 2288

Dr. Shah on call
Ph: 6372 2311

St Helens Hospital 6376 5222

Medical Emergencies Phone:
1800 008 008 or 000

or The Ambulance on: 000

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Wednesday 22nd May the St Marys Day Centre will be hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the St Marys Day Centre.

We have invited the people from Medea Park to come along and join us. If you have family or friends at Medea Park, encourage them to come along and come and join us at the Day Centre.

There will be a trade table and raffle on the day. All items will be gratefully accepted for the trade table. (Items can be left at reception).

You are all welcome to join us!



VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

We at the Medical Centre are 'DESPERATELY' in need of Volunteer Bus Drivers. If you fit the description below then *we are looking for you!*

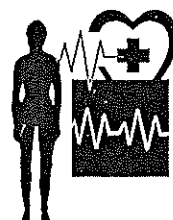
This is an important service in our area and without your support we cannot operate efficiently.

Have you got a current drivers license?
Are you 25 years or older?
Do you have some time to spare?
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If you are interested in being a driver then call
Jim Haas on 63722127.
He will be waiting for your calls.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?

- 12th/5 Mark Amos- Psychologist
10:00am-4:00pm
- 13th/5 Nursing Students 2nd year.
13th/May-31st/May.
- 16th/5 Sue Hayes- Diabetes Educator
For appoint. phone 63722 111
- Jobnet- Tim
12:30pm- 3:00pm
- 20th/5 Meals on Wheels Meeting
1:30pm in Day Centre
- 21st/5 Hearing Clinic
For appoint. phone 63317455
- 22nd/5 Lightfoot Podiatry- HACC
Perry Daly
9:30am- 12:30pm



NURSING STUDENTS

On the 13th May we have two 2nd year Medical Students arriving. They will be here until the 31st May 2002. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around our town

Peta heads for home

Wilmington

On my travels around the U S, I had the pleasure of going to Wilmington in North Carolina twice.

If anyone out there watches the TV show 'Dawson's Creek', that is where it is filmed. My first trip was with my host Mum Debra, while we were at Myrtle Beach. We had to pick up a friend at Wilmington airport and by just looking around then, I knew I would have to go back again.

At the beginning of September my two Polish friends Ania and Jola and myself decided to drive to Wilmington one Sunday morning. It took about 3 hours to get there. We did not get lost once as there were plenty of signs to keep us on the right track !

Wilmington is located near the ocean but is situated on a huge river, and is home to a large Battleship permanently docked there, people may takes tours on it.

Arriving in Wilmington we parked Ania's van and did a bit of walking. Wilmington is a small town but much bigger than St Marys, but small in relation to most big cities in the U S. Wilmington is a very old place, very similar to Savannah, lots of old architecture and has the same sort of feeling about the place. The UNCW—University of North Carolina at Wilmington is located there. We decided to see if we could find where Dawson's Creek was being filmed. We found stores and restaurants where filming had been done the previous day but being a Sunday we missed out on the real action, so had to be content with some photos before heading back to Charlotte.

Chicago

Once again found myself checking in at airports, this time at Charlotte to fly to Chicago.

On 13th November I went to Chicago for a week with my friend Jo, another au pair I had met at Au pair School in New York. The trip to Chicago was great, I remember looking over the city of Chicago and seeing the beautiful Lake Michigan which borders the city.

My arrival at O'Hare Airport Chicago was pretty much stress free. The only problem was finding baggage claim. I asked an armed military personnel with a machine gun if she could help me and that was fine.

When my friend Jo met me she had Matty with her, he was 4 and so adorable, we all got into Jo's van, but it took us two attempts to get out of O'Hare Airport.

That evening I helped Jo out with the children, she had four to look after, Billy, twins Bridget and Annie, and Matty and afterwards we went out to dinner with her host Dad and the children.

Thursday was our trip into the city of Chicago, second time lucky we got the train which was quite another experience. Once off the train we walked straight into

the city, I did not know where to look first. We crossed over one of the many little bridges that cross the river in the city. Our first stop was the Sears Tower, the ride up was very quick and the views amazing, especially the view over Lake Michigan.

Wisconsin.

Saturday morning myself and a few friends drove to Madison taking about two hours to get there. It was a great drive through some very flat country but different compared to North and South Carolina and I even passed through my first 'toll booth'.

Madison is the Capital of Wisconsin and situated around a huge lake, and is also a University city with a state building built as an exact replica of the one in Washington D C.

Most of the area we walked through was central to the University so it was not surprising to find the streets lined with cafes, bars and store selling university sports wear, of course I had to buy a Wisconsin Badgers top which was their football team. In the evenings it gets pretty cold in November and need to rug up well to go out for the evening. We went out to dinner at a café/bar restaurant and then later looked in on a couple of bars on the way home.

Next morning we visited McDonalds for breakfast, had four yummy hash browns and was told that I had an Indiana accent ! Time to leave Madison and head back to Chicago. When we dropped off one of our friends we saw that all her street was decorated for Christmas and it looked absolutely beautiful.

Monday morning and off to the airport again and thanks to host Dad Bill for the very early lift. I had a couple of hours wait and then flew back to Charlotte.

Home !

Four days after returning to Chicago I had to go home. I was given a lift to Charlotte airport where my luggage was scanned and loaded, and at the boarding gate there was a random selection of which bags would be searched and mine happened to be one of them.

From Charlotte I flew to Chicago then to San Francisco, a four hour wait but unable to go into the city as it was dark and did not want to go there alone.

My next flight was to Sydney and was pretty good as I had a whole row of seats to myself. Eventually after some turbulence, many movies and some sleep we arrived in Sydney. Another 4 hours wait for a flight to Melbourne and before I knew it I was back in Tasmania. Andrew, Anna and Mikey were at the airport to meet me and we drove home to Mum and Dad who got a huge surprise as I had not told them I was coming home !!

Thank you Peta for writing your diary for the Valley Voice, you sure had an adventure !



A solid win for pennant

St Marys Sports Centre news
by Kackhander

The good news is that A Grade recorded a solid 6-1 result at home to Malahide. The winners were Dale Ridgers, Chris Davern, Steven Dawson, Rod McGiveron, Trevor Viney and Mark Carrick. Bad luck to Brad Ennis but he struck Malahide's Ashley Stone in hot form and only went down narrowly. Brad's form is excellent and the occasional loss doesn't matter. Special mention to three players, Trevor Viney began his game four down in as many holes, which is usually terminal but made a brilliant comeback to end up winning 5/4. Mark Carrick in his debut game in A Grade produced a terrific 7/5 win and Dale Ridgers played excellent golf to get up 9/7. In A Reserve the side came up against a strong Malahide team and lost 4-1.

Special mention to one of our top juniors, Todd Spilsbury, who won his second consecutive game. Well done Todd, many more wins yet we hope. Bad luck to Umesh Pratap, Paul Spilsbury, Tony Blake and Rob McDonald, all were beaten but certainly not disgraced against such a good side. Robbie's game against fellow junior Andrew Lowe of Malahide was a highlight. It was finally decided on the 19th. Congratulations to Andrew. I believe it's his first win for Malahide. Just a note that as next Sunday is Mothers Day, all six clubs have voted to reschedule the games to July to enable all teams to field normal sides.

To Saturday golf and the April Monthly Trophy was won in convincing fashion by Robbie McDonald with an incredible nett score of 60. What a round that was.

Last week the club was fortunate that Steven and Betty Dawson ran a Mixed Foursomes Canadian Event and provided a barbeque into the bargain. A special thanks to Smokey and Betty for that. Congratulations go to Jim and Beth Haas who shot probably one of the best Mixed scores ever with 56 nett, equating to 77 off the stick. Can't quote Jim's exact words from the presentation, suffice to say he was impressed no end by Beth's putting.

This coming Saturday May 11th is the prized Geoff and Ruth Gill Memorial Trophy and we ask that as many as possible support it. I'm sure Bob and Trevor will accommodate persons who cannot start at the usual 11.30 to midday time slot. See you there.

A couple of special thanks go to Pam Peart and Chris Davern who did bar duty while Raz McDon-

ald has been under the weather recently. Like our regular Saturday volunteer Dot White, we appreciate your help. No complaints either about the course which is pretty good at the moment. Thanks Bob and Skeet. They are less than over endowed by working machinery at the moment but hopefully soon everything will be right again.

One of our newer members, Joe Clayton, is crook at the moment hence not about as much, but we all wish you well Joe for a speedy recovery.

We'd love to put more in the report about the ladies golf on Wednesdays, so if they could leave any info at the club by the weekend prior to Valley Voice, we will get it in here.

For the month of May we have had a terrific Kookaburra bird bath for the garden, value about \$80 donated by 'Ezy flicks' Video Store. Tickets are \$1 each and available right through May. Thanks to Rod and Janine Stubbs for their kind donation.

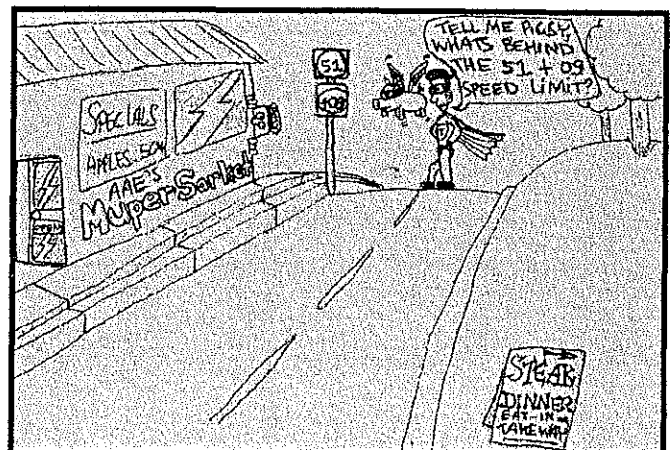
Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling

Blues news

What a dream start to the season, four wins from four games, well done to the Senior players, also to the Reserves side after losing the first game have won their last three, well done 'Cox' and the boys. Our Under 16's having not won a game will continue to learn and play this great game. Keep training, keep persisting and things may turn your way.

This Saturday we travel to play the Old Launcestonians, hopefully we will have back all Senior players after having lost a few with injuries and work commitments the last couple of weeks. The following week we're back home to the Tamar Cats and what should turn out to be another tough game. There will be a Cabaret at the sheds following the footy and if the crowd we've had for the first two cabarets is anything to go by, then another great night will be had by all.

Until next time, GO BLUES.



St Marys Tennis Club

Pennant Fun Day

There was a Tennis Fun Day and BBQ at the St Marys Tennis Club for all Pennant players and other club members on Sunday 28th April.

Partners were drawn on the day with 11 men and 3 ladies participating. The final play off was between the combination of Mark Oliver and Todd Spilsbury who defeated Chris Gunson and Drew Adam. Many thanks to the players who attended and had an enjoyable time.

Tennis Coaching

Michelle Rowell will again be offering coaching to juniors and adults at the Club on Saturday 18th May. To make a booking please contact Michelle Loane on 6374 2343.

Night Roster

Our Night Roster concluded on Friday 26th April with a BBQ and tennis at the Club. The winners received their prizes. Congratulations to the ladies, Kaye Nailer, Toni Smith and Maureen Bushing, and to the men, Paul Aulich, Todd Spilsbury and Glenn Smith. The next Night Roster will begin mid September. Names can be given to Susan Miles.

As money has proven difficult to collect from some members, the Club will now require payment when participants register their names.

Break O'Day Council Grant Application

We are still waiting to hear from the Council about our application to improve the facilities at the St Marys Tennis Club. Hopefully the Club will have some news to report in the next Valley Voice.

NTFA Division 2 Round 5 Saturday May 11

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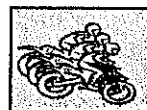
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East Coast Motocross Club



- ❖ The East Coast Motocross Club is getting under way and is now ready to have practice clinic days.
- ❖ Application has been made to Council for two toilets.
- ❖ A start is about to be made on making a 30 position starting gate.
- ❖ Some members have recently participated in a training seminar for Officials and Marshalls.
- ❖ A few times that have been clocked around the track so far include:
- ❖ 1 minute 31 seconds on a KTM 125,
- ❖ 2 minutes on a KX 85,
- ❖ 1 minute 39 seconds on a YZ 125.



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