

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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LIONS CLUB OF ST MARYS

It is with the utmost sincerity that we wish to thank the public of the Break O'Day Municipality and beyond, for their wonderful support when called upon to assist Andrew and Jen after their devastating loss of Todd's Hall. This is what we as Lions are all about, helping others in immediate need of assistance. Donations were forthcoming immediately our call for help went out.

Jen and Andrew did not just lose their business & livelihood in Todd's Hall, but also their home. Being unable to save anything they will literally have to start again from scratch right down to re-collecting of precious mementoes. All the love & support that has gone out to them (and continues to do so) will hopefully encourage them to stay in this wonderful town full of wonderful people and rebuild, not only their lives, but also Todd's Hall and Café. With the offers of labour and goods coming in this may make their decision easier. Ultimately of course this decision can only be made by Jen & Andrew, who must be allowed to grieve their loss without added undue pressure - just support and encouragement.

Lions will continue to be of assistance in co-ordinating fundraising and wherever else we can help. Monetary donations can be made at the St Marys Commonwealth Bank, Health & Beauty, or through Lions member Charlie Cormack, practical items can be left at the Police Station. Please show your support by attending the great benefit fundraisers that are being held by some extraordinary people. We may not have Todd's Hall to have the functions in, but we are not going to let that stop us. The Community Town Hall and other local venues are always available.

A few weeks ago another St Marys resident's house was badly damaged by fire and they are also in dire need of assistance. Practical items such as beds, bedding, kitchen items or any electrical appliances and women's clothing would be greatly appreciated as these items were all completely destroyed. If you have a fridge or washing machine (even for a nominal price) please let us know. Lions again will co-ordinate any pick-ups, please ring Bob/Charlie on 63722783 or John/Ruth on 63722231.

Lions meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month and if you feel you would like to be a part of this most worthy organisation, with great fellowship, please join us. Just ring the Secretary on 63722231 for times and venues, you would be most welcome.

THANK YOU ST MARYS

Please accept our heart felt thanks for all the cards, donations and support we have received over the past fortnight. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. You have made a difficult time easier and we look forward to catching up with you all to thank you in person.

Andrew and Jen

TODDS HALL

The community of Bicheno would like to express their sympathy to the St Marys community and to Jen and Andrew at the shock loss of Todds Hall. Many in Bicheno will fondly remember Todds Hall as a great meeting place, a venue for fun, learning and entertainment, and of warmth and friendship.

As an important local icon, with a valuable and fascinating history, it holds a special place in our hearts and we mourn its loss.

Vale Todds Hall.

DOLL & TOY MUSEUM

Main Street St Marys

Museum now open:

10 am to 2 pm weekdays

Members of the community:

You are invited to display and sell your local crafts in the museum (to be sold on commission).

Contact Elaine
on 6372 2655
for more information.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Line Dancing** - Thursday nights from 7 to 9pm. Cost \$3.
St Marys Community Hall.
More info: Call Sue 6372 2266
- **St Marys Hospital Auxiliary**
Next general meeting will be held on Monday 2nd December at 2.00pm at the Community Health Centre,
- **Scamander River Fun Fish**
Bream Fishing Competition
Saturday 30th November
Entry 7.00am Scamander
Newsagency Park - great prizes to be won.
- **Todds Hall Benefit Fundraiser**
Saturday 23rd November
Falmouth Community Centre
12 noon - midnight.



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We would like to thank
everyone for their support at
the Old Time Dance.
Approx \$500 was raised!

WELL DONE!!



St Marys Police Report

There are an number of rumours circulating at present and I intend to take this opportunity to confirm some of these.

It is with great regret on behalf of my wife, Claire and I, that we are leaving the community. This decision, which has not come easily, is in our belief the right decision at this time in our lives. It is confirmed that Claire commences at a new place of employment in Launceston on the 6th January 2003. This is an opportunity for her which could not be surpassed. Naturally, I wish to be with Claire and intend returning to Launceston also. It is unconfirmed at present as to when and where I will be transferring. However, to give an estimation, I would suggest that around Christmas time is when we will leave, and I will be returning to work somewhere within the Launceston Division.

I would like to emphasise the fact that the decision has not been made easily, after being accepted into this wonderful community and enjoying many aspects that this small town has to offer. It was and still is, a positive part of our lives and we will take away with us the knowledge that we have made many friends and achieved many of our own personal goals. We would especially like to thank all those people who have helped and guided both of us during out time here.

On the administration side of things, it is now anticipated that the Sergeants position will be filled around the New Year. My position will be replaced before I leave.

If anyone has any questions or queries about the personnel situation at the station, please contact either myself or the Inspector at St Helens.

Luke Rockliffe

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Ph: Ray St Marys 6372 2901

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Kawasaki GTR 1000-\$10,500.00

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Small Camper - \$3,200.00

Large Camper - \$2,900.00

Wheel Alignment - \$1,400.00

Rotary Hoe - \$650.00

Ride on Mower - \$350.00

Fridge - \$350.00

Small Freezer - \$250.00

Washing Machine - \$250.00

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Copper Wood Box - \$40.00

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the other @ \$150.00.

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Items for Sale cont.

Swing Set - \$75.00. In good condition, children grown out of. Includes Trapeze bar, see-saw swing and single swing

Fish Tank - \$50.00. 2 foot tank with accessories, only the pump is missing.
Phone: 6372 2846

Vertical Blinds X 8 \$500

Dishwasher \$300

Shed \$250

Desk \$50

Phone: 6372 2676

1 Wheelchair in very good condition. \$250.

Ph: 6372 2155

WANTED TO BUY

Eight Ball Table in very good condition. Ph: 6372 2465 or 0419 518 533

Second Hand Fridge in good working order. Smaller size preferred. Ph: 6372 2172 B.H. or 6372 5570 A.H.

WANTED

At JAM - We are in great need of a **bookshelf**. Is there anyone out there who could help us with this?

Please ring Pam on 6372 2426 or Melanie on 6372 2099.

St Marys Child Health Centre

Open Sessions 1st & 3rd Thurs.
9 am to 12 noon

Next session Thurs 21st Nov.

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OUR TODDS HALL

What a terrible sight it was to see our town icon Todds Hall alight on November 6th. To a person that has always lived here, Todds Hall was a welcome and familiar sight to locals and travellers alike; and a true landmark for St Marys.

There's probably no point feeling bitter about the fire, suffice to say that it would be great to turn the clock back a few hours earlier and hope that the same circumstances didn't prevail again. It was a tragic thing for both the popular owners Andrew and Jenny and of course for the rest of us too.

Plenty has been said since that day about Todds Hall being re-built, but ultimately the say has to be with Andrew and Jen because of their massive input into the resurgence of it as an entertainment centre. It wasn't the building that brought the entertainment to us. It was them.

Provided that they are happy to get up and running again and the insurance companies come to the party eventually, it might just be the catalyst for the town and area to prove what we are made of.

If the hospital fight is anything to go by, then the matter is in good hands because if something is needed then all sorts of things can be done to accommodate it.

We can only imagine what Andrew and Jen are still going through but I'm sure they can rest assured that everyone is thinking of them.

While on this note, what about our local fire brigades from St Marys, Scamander and Fingal, and of course the Aurora crew.

Just magnificent boys, and without your incredible efforts we'd also be possibly missing a pub, a newsagency and a health food store.

TODDS HALL - WE MISS YOU.

GREAT TASMANIAN BIKE RIDE BICHENO—January 14 - 16, 2003

Approximately 1000 cyclists will be cycling down the east coast of Tasmania in January and Bicheno is the rest town between 14 - 16 January.

We are planning some activities for the days they are in Bicheno and we will be holding a street market and festivities with food, wine, crafts and entertainment on Wednesday 15th January and warmly invite everyone in the area to join us for a fun day.

If you are interested in having a stall or can busk or provide any sort of entertainment, we would love to hear from you!!

All enquiries to Lee Rivers on 6375 1555 or Margaret Hayes on 6375 1079.

Thank You St Marys and Break O'Day From Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

SPRING FAIR

On behalf of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts:

We would like to send a HUGE thankyou to the people of St Marys and Break O'Day region and beyond for making this years Spring Fair a wonderful success. A great day was had by all who attended. We were blessed with a warm weekend and young and old came out to enjoy.

As we are all aware it was a sad and tragic week for the community, and especially for Andrew and Jenny who, on the 6th November stood and watched three years of hard work and dreams turn to ashes. The town lost a wonderful old building, a fantastic theatre and café, Andrew and Jen lost everything.

With much deliberation the Spring Fair went ahead and in the face of adversity and grief the community of St Marys came together in strength, caring and compassion, not so much to celebrate but move forward, to be together as a community and to share grief, and also to try and rekindle the spirit of joy and new life and beginnings, that spring represents. There was a lot of money raised towards the Todds Hall Appeal at the Spring Fair and also through the many community groups and individuals giving of themselves. The support is wonderful!!

And for Andrew and Jen we wish them all the luck, strength and love that there is in rebuilding their dreams, whether they be here or elsewhere.

THANK YOU ST MARYS - it is very reassuring to know that my children are growing up in such a wonderful community!

Cathy - on behalf of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

RAV 4 CRASH

Lyn would like to thank Gary Panoff, Peter Andrews, Ian Bradbury, Bung, Wendy & Molly Bantik, Roseanne, Fiona, Carol Faulkner, Ken & Cathy from the ambulance and especially Andrew Russell and of course anyone else I may have seen but not recognised at the time of the accident.

Thank you all for your attention and concern, unfortunately the expensive piece of plastic faired much better than its opponent but both Rav & owner will be out of action for a few weeks.

I am well and with co-operation we will endeavour to keep the Salon open five days. Thanks - Lyn.



St Marys Newsagency

Phone: 6372 2143
Open 7 days a week.

Christmas is on its way!

Christmas Cards
\$1.50 per pack

Christmas Wrap
\$2.20 for 5 metres

Ricky, Ros, Deidre & Dale
would like to say a

BIG THANK YOU to our
volunteer fireman for
saving our newsagency!!



DENTAL SERVICES

INFORMATION for the
BREAK O'DAY COMMUNITY

Introducing:
Dr (Dent)

Jonathan Leonard at the St Helens Dental Care Centre, St Helens District Hospital. Access to a restricted Public and full Private Dental Service will commence part time at the St Helens Dental Centre from 18th November 2002.

Private Patients

All members of the community may access Dr Leonard for private care. Full fees will be charged. For appointment please phone: 6391 1669

Public Adult Patients -
Health Care Card and
Pensioner Concession Card
Holders (18 Years and over)
Limited to urgent care only.

Please contact the Northern Dental Clinic L'ton on 6336 4118. You will be issued with a voucher for use at Dr Leonard's surgery.

Public patients may access Dr Leonard for emergency or general care privately, but at their own expense.

St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

42 Main Road St Marys
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TODDS HALL BENEFIT FUND



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23rd November

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FAMILY \$10
ADULT \$5
Children U/16 Free

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts Event

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Pete Cornelius & the DeVilles featuring

Pat Drummond

Louise Boven * Ray Singline

Bruce & Terese * Feral Cats * Whalebone

*Collins Pocket * Bored (S.M.D.H.S band)

and many more



EXTENSIVE BLACKBOARD MENU:

Beef Kebabs

Lamb Kebabs

Vegetarian Kebabs

Vegie & Meat Samosas

B.B.Q.

Salads

Curries

Freshly Brewed Coffee

Cake/Slices

Ice Cream

Chips / Drinks

MAHOGONY HALL SINGERS

The Mahogany Hall Singers and Band in conjunction with the Suncoast Jazz Club are performing on Wednesday 4th December at St Helens Uniting Church in Quail Street at 7.45pm.

Enjoy a program of Jazz, Swing and Gospel followed by a delicious supper.

All proceeds to the
Royal Flying Doctor Service
Entry \$10.00.
Supper will be provided.

AGM

The second and final attempt at an **AGM** of the **St Marys Football Club** will be held at the **Hotel Lounge - Friday 29th November 2002 at 7.30pm.**

All present, past, and interested people are invited to attend.

YOGA

In shop next to
Purple Possum

Mon 5.30 - 7.00pm
Beginners Class

Wed 1.30 - 3.00pm
Intermediate class

Phone Jack Foreman
6372 2034
for more details.



Crime Stoppers

Youth Challenge

Can you meet the Challenge?



Grade 4/5 St Marys District High School

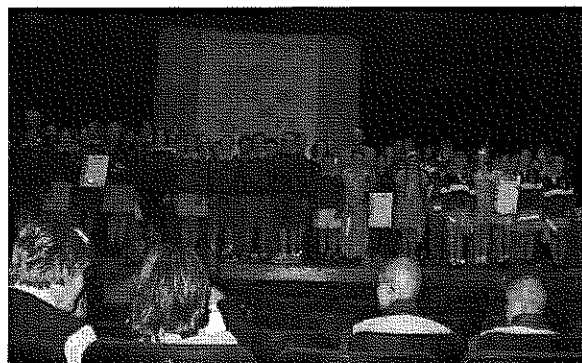
Students Win Silver

On Friday 8th of November, six students from the Grade 4/5 class travelled to Hobart to represent their class team at the official award presentation ceremony for the winners of the 2002 State-wide Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge.

During Term II, students had been working with their teachers, Mrs Miller and Miss Halton on the topic of Shoplifting. They surveyed students, compiled and analysed graphs of their findings and developed a list of recommendations for the police, retailers and community to reduce shoplifting. They gained significant insight into the nature of the crime and its extent in our community through interviews with Constable Luke Rockliffe and Miss Ros Smith.

The Commissioner of Police with:
(front L to R) - Matthew Young, Jessica Panoff, Ruby Wallace
(back L to R) - Ella Cooke, Hazel Buchhorn, Kate Wright

As a result of their efforts, the class gained the Silver (2nd) award for the Upper Primary category. The winners in this section were St. Peter Channel Convent School. Over 110 classes had entered the competition and the audience at the ceremony held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor numbered over 300. The students were presented with their framed certificate (acknowledging "their contribution to the wellbeing of our community") on stage by the Chairman of Crime Stoppers, the Minister for Police and Public Safety, the Commissioner for Police and the Minister for Education. They also received a cheque for \$200.



The children really enjoyed being involved in this worthwhile challenge and would like to thank all those who assisted with their research, and the families who travelled to Hobart with the class representatives.





PARENTS & FRIENDS

The final meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday Nov 27th at the school at 1.30pm. All welcome. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

Thanking you - **P & F COMMITTEE**.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



We would like to invite all parents and new Kindergarten students for 2003 to come to an Orientation Session at the kinder on MONDAY 2nd December at 2.00pm.

We will be enrolling students and discussing the Kindergarten programme.

A second session will be held at the St Marys Child Care Centre on Tuesday 10th December (3.00 - 4.00pm) for those parents unable to attend on Monday 2nd December.

If you have any enquiries, please contact us.



Anne Bennet
Kinder Teacher

Carolyn Watson
AST 3 Teacher



The St Marys School Pool is NOW OPEN!!

For further details and to collect a pool key please contact the school on 6372 3900 or call into the office. Please note a CPR or current first aid certificate is required.



Parents & Friends School Op Shop

\$2.00 per bag sale commencing Tuesday 26th November for 1 week.

Please note all proceeds from this Op Shop go to the St Marys DHS P & Friends Association.

Thanking the community for their support!! - "P & F" committee



ST MARY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

GP ROSTER, ON CALL: NOV/ DEC

DR SHAH Sat 23rd - Sun 24th

DR GENIOLA Sat 30th - Sun 1st

DR SHAH Sat 7th— Sun 8th

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 6372 2311

Medical Emergencies Phone:
000

or

The Ambulance on:
1800 008 008

LEARN ABOUT THE LAW COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday 26th November

7:30pm-9:30pm

Break O'Day Council Chambers

Georges Esplanade St Helens

For further details phone : 6376 1281

Cost: FREE

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?'

21st Nov Tim Stuart, Jobnet 10:30- 3:30

21st Nov Child Health Clinic with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoint. available by phoning 0409 361 005.

21st Nov Carmel Taylor, Continence Clinic. Phone 63722111 for appointments and Carmel will contact you.

26th Nov OPSM phone 63317000 for appointments.

27th Nov Trade Table in the St Marys Day Centre. *All welcome, lots of bargains at reasonable prices!* 1:00pm start.

28th Nov Bob De Boer, Centapact 10am- 3pm.

3rd Dec Hearing Clinic, phone 63317455 for appointments.

5th Dec Margaret, Centapact 9:30am- 3:30pm

9th Dec Chris White, Podiatry. Appointments through the St Marys Health & beauty

Only 4 1/2 weeks until Christmas! Oh no...

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Michelle McCulloch
Caitlin Rice
Jessie Barr
Ross Bean
Carol Faulkner
Hayden Byard

The above people won prizes in the St Marys Kitchen Raffle.

Thank you to everyone in the community who helped support this worthy cause. All funds raised will go towards catering items for the St Marys Community Health Centre's kitchen.

Books and friends should be few but good. ~ Proverb.

Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much.
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Information on this page was submitted by the
St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek Road, St Marys, TAS. 7215

Meals on Wheels Roster

<u>Nov</u>	<u>St Marys</u>	<u>Fingal</u>
Mon 25th	Wendy Aulich	Debra Speers
Tues 26th	P O'Donell	Raylene Hall
Wed 27th	Pam Lynch	Prev Mills
Thurs 28th	Gail Gamble	Jan Marshall
Fri 29th	Trish Pike	Shirley Woods
Mon 2nd	Tina Floyed	Carole Woods
Tues 3rd	Peter Williams	Robyn Holder
Wed 4th	Mick Sharman	Barb Saunders
Thurs 5th	Heather Griffiths	Mim Woods
Fri 6th	Ann Birrell	Robyn Miller

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

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

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:

3.15 pm to 4.45 pm for 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

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HOURS OPEN:

Monday: 9.30 am to 3 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday : 9.30 am to 4 pm

Thursday & Friday : 9.30 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 11 am to 3 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.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Among the foreign birds introduced into Tasmania in colonial times there was the goldfinch, sometimes called the "thistle finch" because of its particular liking for thistle seeds and known on continental Europe as the "Stieglitz". The Goldfinch arrived in Tasmania as a cage bird and became established by escapees.

While generally described as a flock, the collective noun for a number of goldfinch is a "charm" of goldfinch and the charms of St Marys have been enhanced by the charms of goldfinch currently around the district.

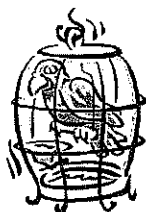
Slightly smaller and slimmer than a sparrow, Goldfinches have brown backs and black wings with a broad yellow band across the wing, particularly noticeable as a flash of colour as the bird takes to the wing. The adult bird, male and female, has a brilliant red face, black crown and white around the ears and side of the neck. The underbelly is greyish white. All in all a beautifully coloured bird, although not obviously noticeable.

Goldfinches travel in flocks ("charms") except in the nesting season when they separate into pairs. They are found in gardens, on cultivated land, and in light bush. It is a weed destroyer being particularly fond of thistle and dandelion seeds. In autumn, charms can be seen moving along road verges or across paddocks, hunting for seeds, advancing over the ground in a rolling motion, with birds constantly moving over the flock from the rear to the front. When feeding they flutter from plant to plant, often hanging upside down to extract the seeds. Their song is particularly noticeable in the breeding season. The male song is a liquid twittering "Twitt, itt, itt" constant repetition making up the song. The song of the

continental bird is described as "sticklet, sticklet", hence the European name. Goldfinches have been crossed with canaries — the offspring, called 'mules' because they were infertile, were much prized as a cage bird for their song.

Their nests are works of art: neat and cup shaped, they are made with the finest twigs, grasses and fibres, lined with moss, thistledown, cobwebs, lichen and other soft materials such as hair and wool.

Goldfinches have long figured in European literature, art and legend. Chaucer described the Cook in "The Canterbury Tales" as "merry as a goldfinch in the woods" ("galliard he was as a goldfynch in shawe"). Cima's "Madonna and Child" features a goldfinch fluttering in the hand of the Christ Child, while St John holds a goldfinch in his hand in Baroccio's "Holy Family". Legend holds that the little bird witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth and tried desperately to pull the crown of thorns from his head, leaving a spot of blood on its face, which is why the bird is especially marked to with a red face patch. It is tempting to speculate that our local goldfinches have been descended from escapees from "Killymoon" in the early days of settlement of the Break O'Day Plains and St Patrick's Head District. Certainly large and ornate bird cages were among the chattels of "Killymoon" and the Goldfinch, or Stieglitz, would seem to have been an appropriate bird for the family.



D.W.C.

Environmental Boost for Our East Coast

The Australian Government will spend almost \$150,000.00 on environmental problems on Tasmania's East Coast, Senator Guy Barnett said.

A total of seven projects have been approved. The Australian Governments "Envirofund" is continuing the important work of helping communities address local environmental and natural resource issues at their source.

The seven projects are:

- A grant of \$18,007 for the Scamander Community Development Assoc. for coastal Vegetation Management.
- A grant of \$5,865 for Break O'Day Landcare and Waterwatch to buy water monitoring equipment.
- A grant of \$40,680 for Coswell Conservation Area Coast and Group to restore foreshore area near Swansea.
- A grant of \$16,800 for the Stieglitz Foreshore Group for foreshore vegetation at Georges Bay.
- A grant of \$26,470 at Peron Dunes to manage off-road recreational vehicle use.
- A grant for \$22,260 for the Seymour/Longpoint Landcare group to rehabilitate degraded farmland.
- A grant for \$17,717 for Seymour / Longpoint Landcare group for weed removal and replace with native plants.

Senator Barnett said that to date more than 400,000 Australian volunteers have been involved in more than 12,000 Natural Heritage Trust projects around the country. These projects have achieved significant outcomes, including planting of 26 million seedlings, the protection of 7,730 kms of native vegetation and 36,000 kms of protective fencing along our waterways.



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BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2003

Council is currently seeking nominations from the community for the 2003 Australia Day awards in the following categories.

Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on 26th January 2003.

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years or older on 26th January 2003.

Community Event of the Year

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nominees must be Australian citizens and residents of the Break O'Day Municipality.

*Nomination forms are available from the Council office or by emailing:-
admin@bodc.tas.gov.au*

*Completed forms should be sent to:
Marissa Walker*

*Community & Economic Development Officer
Break O'Day Council
PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216*

or emailed to:

Marissa.walker@bodc.tas.gov.au

*All nominations must be received by 5.00pm
Friday 20th December 2002.*

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts will be opening an office next door to the Purple Possum in St Marys every Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm. At the moment we shall be displaying the photographic study of St Marys "Our Suburb in the Bush". In the future we hope to display other artistic works for example photography of the Spring Fair and encourage the participation of all members of the community in the arts.

So please come along if you have any ideas concerning the arts or else you are welcome to just pop in.

ALL WELCOME

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts regrets that it will not be producing a local calendar as planned. Unfortunately the small number of copies we estimated that we would need were not economically viable to print. We thank those who went to the effort of submitting photos for the projects and we shall be returning them soon.

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St Marys Tennis Club

Membership Fees

A reminder that membership fees are due **THIS WEEK** by Thursday 21st November 2002. (the November General meeting.) Membership fees are to be paid **directly** to the Club Treasurer, Drew Adam. Membership fees must be paid by the November meeting to be eligible for the Club Championships.

Coaching

On Saturday 23rd November after the Girls In Sport Program for Junior Girls, Michelle Rowell will be available for coaching for members after 2pm. Please contact Michelle directly to arrange a time. Phone 6343 2075.

Twilight Tennis

Twilight Tennis is on at the Club every Thursday night from 6pm. All members are most welcome to come and have a hit.

Mixed Doubles Competition and Club Christmas Function

There will be a social / fun day of mixed doubles competition for members on Saturday 7th December at 9.30am and a combined Christmas BBQ function. Members are to choose own partners and give names and entry fee of \$5.00 per couple to Club Captains, Mark Williams or Randal Faulkner by Monday 2nd December. There will be small prizes for winners and runner-up. Couples are requested to bring a sweet or salad and own refreshments and meat will be provided. **All members** are invited to attend whether participating in the tennis or not. Entry prior to Saturday 7th December will assist with catering and prizes.

Club Championships

Club Championship entry forms are to be given to Club Captains only - Randal Faulkner or Mark Williams. Entries close on Sat 7th Dec at 5pm. Postan entries with money will be accepted prior to the closing date. Entry forms were attached to the November newsletter

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm.

All Welcome to Attend

Susan Miles

East Coast Cricket Assoc CRICKET REPORT

Results

Results of the games played on the weekend of 16 / 17 November at Scamander: St Helens all out in the 34th over for 191 defeated Scamander all out in the 30th over for 116.

Scores for St Helens were:

R Harper 39	S Johns 17
S O'Bryne 14	T Harrison 48
S Sonners 47	

Better Scamander bowling figures were:

S Mason 3/15	J Silver 2/50
B Thofner 1/8	S Wig 1/25
R Howe 1/30	

St Helens lost their last five wickets in seven balls.

In reply to St Helens score Scamander made a reasonable start before the first wicket fell at 28 they soon slumped to 4/31 before a series of small partnerships took them through to their final score of all out for 116.

Scamander scores were

T Mason 22	B Faulkner 21
A Lowe 18	J Salter 8

St Helens bowling:

T Williams 2/8	I Rattray 1/5
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The junior cricket season opened on Sunday with a match between St Helens and St Marys at St Helens. St Marys won 111 to St Helens 78. It was a great day attended by many parents and friends.

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St Marys Sports Centre *by Kackhander*



Somewhat of an iffy result in the recent Pennant Bowls match at home to Bicheno, a game we really should have won. Unfortunately three rinks had a bad day together with only Chris Davern's rink getting up. One third of the way through the roster games and it seems it's between us and Scamander who makes up the fourth spot in the finals after Christmas. So it is imperative that we do well against them this Saturday at home. Bicheno played very well and had 7 of their 16 players who formerly played with Swansea which really helps their cause. Come on fellas lets see some great Thursday night practices. On a positive note though, there were no subs needed this week.

Congratulations to a former member Drew Berwick who will be representing Tasmania in the State Reserve Team to play Victoria in Hobart on December 3rd. Well Done Drew!!

The Mixed Foursomes Club Championships proved to be a successful event with a nice number of teams taking part again. Some excellent scoring was the order of the day. Well done to Brad and Maryanne Ennis who won the Handicap Championship and Rod McGiveron and Heather Hayes are this years Cross Championship winners.

A big thanks to Bob, Skeeter, Trevor, Roger, Alana and Betty for their help in running a top event.

Just a reminder that Saturday November 24th will see the popular Awesome Foursome Ambrose run. The day is put on by Trevor Viney, John Cox, Mark Carrick and Roger Donald and is well worth attending. The object of the day is to beat that team of misfits and win a prize. I can guarantee it is a real fun day. See you there at 10.00am!!!!

Firstly an apology to our new ladies Golf Captain Heather Hayes. Heather went out of her way to give me some scores for the column and I must have left them behind never to be found. Sorry Heather and I'll make sure they are in the next issue. Heather is going to provide me with regular information for future Valley Voice reports which will be great. She did inform me about Carole Gunson's top effort recently in Launceston in taking out a hard to win event that produced a new watch for her. Well done Carole and you realise you can't be late anymore for anything. No excuses!

While on doing well in Launceston what about our school team with member Robbie McDonald heavily involved winning the Team Shield for the first time. What a marvellous effort and Robbie's team mates Sam and Ben Oates and Andrew Lowe should be justifiably proud.

Thanks to Trev, Bob, Jack and Roger the other night for getting rid of the dangerous wattle tree near the 3rd/12th tee..... A job well done.

A reminder to all that there is about 2½ weeks to pay your subscriptions before they are overdue, so please try to get them in by then.

It has been suggested that the club run a golf / bowls day to raise funds for the Todds Hall Appeal which sounds like a great idea. This will most likely occur in mid December when Bob, our captain finalises the details. Lets show our support for our friends Andrew and Jenny.

Anyway until next time

Good Rolling and Hitting!!

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