

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Street disturbances

The long weekend saw police respond to several disturbances in the Main Street of St Marys involving intoxicated locals, mainly youths. Everyone has the right to consume alcohol and enjoy themselves, but when this behaviour turns to rowdiness and confrontations amongst each other on the public streets, offences are being committed and police will report any offending persons. There are many persons living in, or frequenting the main street area and all have the right to peace and quiet, particularly of an evening time.

Whilst on the subject of intoxication, it may be of interest to note that any person observed to be intoxicated and in charge of, ie - holding, wielding etc, a dangerous weapon which can be any material object which could potentially harm someone, ie - knife, fence paling etc, in a public place, is committing an offence and can face a court appearance.

During the last few months several locals have been charged with drink-driving and unlicensed offences. Police conduct random breath testing in the Valley on a regular basis and this will continue.

Anyone apprehended committing these offences will face hefty fines and licence disqualification. The courts also take a particularly dim view of disqualified drivers found driving during their period of disqualification.

There have been no crimes reported in St Marys in recent weeks.

Police report by Constable Damon Smith

Put your clock BACK one hour on
Saturday night



Inside reading.

Do you know about the unique creature that lives around St Marys. This little fellow is endangered and has been rarely sighted. Read the twelve fascinating facts that Jack has listed.

GRASSY BOTTOM SINGERS OFF TO PORT ARTHUR

The Grassy Bottom Singers are a group of local people from St Marys and the surrounding areas who get together once a week to sing. They are a casual group and mostly made up of people who have no singing experience. Songs from all over the world are sung and generally the group just have a lot of fun singing together.

This year the Grassy Bottom Singers have been invited to participate in the Choral Island event at Port Arthur for Ten Days on the Island. This event consists of twenty different community singing groups from all around Tasmania. The singing groups will perform at various sites around Port Arthur then will all come together to make a choral group of three hundred. Crowds of 4000 are expected to attend this Ten Days on the Island event, it will be huge!

*Good luck to the Grassy Bottom Singers
All day Sunday 30th March at Port Arthur*

Anybody out there who would like to go along to the weekly sessions are invited to join in. You can contact Cathy on 6372 2086 or just turn up on Wednesdays at 4.30 pm at the Grassy Bottom Office next door to the Purple Possum St Marys.

By the way, everybody can sing !!

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Coming events & Community notices

Trivia Night Saturday 29 March 7.30 pm at Falmouth Community Centre

Sunday 30th & Monday 31st March @ 6 pm Stompin Youth Dance Company at St Marys Swimming Pool

Tuesday 1st April @ 7 pm
'far flung flicks'
St Marys Town Hall

Friday 4th April @ 7 pm
Guy Klucvsek Accordion -
'squeeze box' musician from Staten Island.

Town Hall St Marys

Wednesday 2nd April @ 7.30 pm Six Days ? Really !
Anglican Church St Marys

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary
next General meeting: Monday 7th April 2003 at 2 pm at the Community Health Centre Day Room

New members welcome
R Cranch Secretary

Tuesday 9 April 11 am - 3 pm
Easter Bonnet Parade hosted by CWA, Community Hall St Marys

TLC Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre general meeting Monday 14th April at 10 am. Please note meeting a week earlier due to Easter Monday

Northeast Bio-region Network
next meeting Wednesday 16 April 4 pm next to the Purple Possum Storey Street St Marys

St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130

After hours 1800 808 178

Mobile: 0409 361 005

Lorraine McGee RN

Appointments 0409 361 005

Open Sessions

1st & 3rd Thurs.

9 am to 12 noon

Next session - Thurs 3rd April

St Marys

YOGA

Classes for beginners

\$5

10 am Fridays

(next to

Purple Possum)



Jack Foreman

6372 2034

Thumbs down to the irresponsible people who dump their household and garden rubbish at the edge of the bush between the top end of Clive and Cameron Street St Marys as well as in other bush areas.

The 'Tip' is open on Tuesday Thursday and Sunday !

Please note:

Deadline for Valley Voice contributions is **Tuesday** of the week the paper is published. The Valley Voice is a fortnightly paper

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.

Audrey: 6372 2337

Fax: 6372 2172

Leave written material with Kathryn, Marys Health & Beauty Centre

or post:

Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

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**Tickets selling now!
Come along early
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Sun 30th & Mon 31st March

@ 6 pm

St Marys Swimming Pool

Adults \$8, Conc. \$5

Family \$20 (2 adults & 2 children)

Tickets available at venue one

hour prior to show

or call Sarah 6334 3802

Thank you

I would like to say a very great thank you to the St Marys Fire Brigade, the St Marys Ambulance Service and the Staff at the St Marys Hospital. Thank you for your encouragement and your professionalism. Gratefully yours
Gino Dalbrun

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

Ph 6372 2143

Bus timetable

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Sunday:

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Once a year I come to see
Boys and girls who wait for me
Some are young, some are old
They all like one thing to eat
Small or large, brown or white
It tastes divine and so sweet



I'm coming soon and I'll do my best
To bring Easter Eggs that are the tastiest

**DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR IGA CARD TO
ACCRUE AND REDEEM POINTS**

Seeking donations and sponsorship .

The St Marys Community Child Care Centre is asking for community sponsorship to achieve it's two goals for the first half of 2003.

1. To build a sandpit
2. Purchase a TV & Video unit.

If any community group or individual would like to help us please contact the Coordinator, Helen Stoltzenberg 6372 2187.

*We are also looking for donations of tricycles and push bikes in reasonable condition.

*Any kitchen utensils such as colander, ladles, etc, as well as pots and pans to be used in an outdoor kitchen are being sought. Something which can be used as an oven would also be welcomed.

*Books and puzzles are always needed.

The Centre would very much appreciate your support in being able to assist with providing these items for the children at the St Marys Community Child Care Centre

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Hosted by the CWA St Marys

Wednesday 9th April 2003 11 am to 3 pm
St Marys Community Hall Supper room

Parade: Free. A lucky door prize will be given, and a raffle will be held. Prizes will be given for the best hats, both for adults and children.



**A light luncheon will be served at a cost of \$6
per person. All welcome to join in the fun**

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HOURS OPEN:

Monday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 11 am to 2 pm



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Meals on Wheels Roster

April	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 31st	Annette Davy	Debbie Speers (W)
Tues 1st	Ronda Cranch	Rachael Reid
Wed 2nd	Mick Sharman	Barb Saunders
Thurs 3rd	Heather Griffiths	Patsy Death
Fri 4th	Anne Birrell	Malcolm Saunders
Mon 7th	Debbie Barnes	Carole Woods
Tues 8th	M & P Berwick	Robyn Holder
Wed 9th	Audrey Wright	Mandy Spencer
Thurs 10th	Claire Bean	Suzie Smith
Fri 11th	Tracy Bean	Mim Woods

CLASSIFIEDS

Items for sale

Ford Ghia 1978 sedan in good condition \$1200
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Large timber cot \$35
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Northeast Bio-region Network

The first meeting of this group was held on Wednesday 12th March 2003 with eight persons attending and six of these people offered to be on the committee. An overall view of the aims of the group was outlined by Todd Dudley and there was much discussion and agreement on the principles of those aims.

We must as a community protect our forests and in so doing protect our water supply. There is much here in the ecosystem that is endangered, plants and animals which require a great deal of help to survive.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th April 2003 at 4 pm next to the Purple Possum



Do you drive ?

Are you interested in becoming a driver for Meals on Wheels in the St Marys area. It would take up very little of your time, usually about 1 hour once a month.

An existing volunteer MOW driver would accompany the new driver until they felt familiar with the deliveries,

The MOW service has been operating in the Fingal Valley for over thirty years and many of the present drivers have been there for much of that time.

If you are interested in giving a little of your time to deliver MOW, could you please ring Jack Miller 6374 2140

12 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ST MARYS BLIND VELVET WORM

1. Blind Velvet worms have two velvet worm brothers; the Giant velvet worm (also found in the area) and the Northwest velvet worm
2. The Blind Velvet worm is listed as endangered in Tasmania's Threatened Species Act 1995
3. Blind Velvet worms measure 25 mm at rest and extending to 50 mm when walking
4. The Blind Velvet worm has 15 pairs of legs
5. Blind Velvet worms have no eyes and are completely white in colour
6. Velvet worms are considered intermediates or 'missing links' between other species arthropods and worms
7. The favourite home of the Blind Velvet worm is inside a large decaying eucalypt tree
8. The Blind Velvet worm is a predator. It's favourite foods are insects, especially termites and crickets
9. The Blind Velvet worm catches it's prey by spraying them with a sticky liquid fires from it's head
10. The Blind Velvet worm will give birth to up to sixteen live young
11. St Marys is the centre of the Blind Velvet worm's tiny habitation. It is only found within the area of Mt Nicholas, Paddy's Head and Mount Elephant (156 km²) with a minute core area on only 41 km².
12. Key threats to the Blind Velvet worm are the removal of rotting logs from the bush, the loss of native habitat and bush fire.

Thanks to Jack Foreman for this information

Who's who in Cornwall 1905

That fascinating bedtime read 'The Commonwealth of Australia Electoral Roll for the State Of Tasmania, Division of Bass, Roll of Electors who vote at 'Woodlawn' 1905' includes the following information about those 102 electors who registered their 'Place of Living', as 'Cornwall Mine'.

Forty three (43) of the 102 electors (42%) declared their occupation to be 'domestic duties'. These were mainly the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of the forty eight (48) men occupied as 'coalminers' (47%). The remaining 11 electors comprized the Schoolmaster Leslie Bidgood, Mine Manager Daniel Brough, Under Manager William Brough, Clerk Joseph Brough, Storekeepers Allan Fogwill and William Menear, Line Repairer Thomas Nolan and four (4) Labourers.

The family names at Cornwall in that year were Bidgood (1), Britton (2), Brough (9), Brown (1), Bullock (2), Burkett (2), Butcher (5), Clarke (2), Cobbett (2), Cook (2), Cooke (1), Curran (1), Dennis (3), Faulkner (3), Fogwell (2), Ford (2), Gall (2), Goninon (2), Grant (2), Greaves (1), Haas (4), Hall (4), Jackson (2), King (1), Lawson (2), Llewellyn (2), Lut-ton (1), Madden (1), Margison (2), Menear (2), Murphy (1), Nichols (3), Nicholson (2), Nolan (2), Parsons (3), Pickett (2), Rigby (5), Roberts (2), Scales (1), Seadon (1), Smith (2), Spencer (2), Tacey (2), Tapp (2), Wells (2) Williams (2).

'Woodlawn' was a farming property immediately to the west of the present road to Corwall, and in 1905 was occupied by Robert Wardlaw junior and his wife Emma. Voters at 'Woodlawn' were predominately from the Cornwall and Mount Nicholas mining villages, but also from those living on properties of 'Kooringa', 'Killymoon', 'Millbrook', 'Throckenholt', 'Woodlawn' and 'Cullenswood'. The total enrolment to vote at 'Woodlawn' was 219.

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Trivia Night

Falmouth Community Centre

Saturday 29th March 2003

at 7.30 pm

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Teams of 6 to 8 persons

\$5 per person

A great night of fun and laughter and the opportunity to support the fight against cancer

Essential to book a team table

Contact local team members

John & Kathryn Brown 6372 5570

Helen Child 6372 5378

Things Irish *continued from last paper.*

The wonderful thing about the letter is that it appears to be written in an Irish accent!

April the 3 1828

Mr Grant sir I have to let you know that Renolds Mains to Rent All the Land from My Platse to your Side Cline I told Meager Gray to Let you now of It I hope you will prevent him all you can with the Govner so as he will have verry Little Clatme in this Nebourhood as I Cann prove him A bad Nebour And not fit to Be seen well Disposed Men Meager Gray will assr you with the govner to Prevent him from Renting ground from Government

I Remain Str your umbll Servant

James Gilligan

He may have looked 'old' to O'Donnell in 1827 and he was in fact 59 at the time, but his behaviour over the next few years was anything but moribund. In July 1829 he was fined £10 for retailing spirits without a licence, in 1830 he married Mary Ann Bailey from Chedder, transported on the 'Harmony' which arrived in 1829, in 1831 he was discharged of the charge of 'harbouring Thomas Mount, a prisoner of the Crown illegally at large', later he was fined £2 for keeping a Dog without a licence!

In 1832 at the age of 64 the 'first fruits of the affection for his wife' was born, (Rosa), to be followed by Sophia, Anne and John. John (1845) was lucky to arrive for Gilligan enjoyed more excitement in 1843 when the District Constable William Ward, was murdered in Gilligan's house by bushrangers while having tea. During the attack, Gilligan 75, apparently sat in his chair and made no move to assist, asserting later that his young wife would not let him, 'my wife shut the door and prevented me', while others queried his relationship with the bushrangers.

By the time Gilligan died in 1847 aged 79, he had 1600 acres of grants and purchased land. His gravestone still stands on the hill behind his house 'Clifton Lodge' near the boundary of Ormley and Henbury. All that remains of the house is a pile of bricks, but the gravestone beneath the tree reads 'Here Lieth the Body of James Gilligan Whode - parted this life February 13th 1847 aged 79 years'.

Other convicts who were associated with the valley, more famous than Gilligan: - Matthew Brady, Martin Cash and Smith O'Brien.

Between 1824 and 1826: Brady and his gang made a number of attacks on properties along the South Esk as far east as Avoca, however his Irish association with the valley went deeper. On his arrival in Van Diemens Land in 1820 he was initially assigned to Mr & Mrs Thomas Ransom in Hobart with whom he became on good terms. During his time as a bushranger, Brady pinned a proclamation offering a reward for the head of Governor Arthur to the door of the Royal Oak Inn at Cross Marshes (now Kempton) ... owned then by Mr & Mrs Ransom! The good lady subsequently became Mrs Stieglitz after the death of Thomas in 1829, and became the builder of 'Killymoon'. Her association with larrikin Irish did not stop there ... in 1837 she engages Martin Cash and Bessy Clifford to work in the dairy for 12 months, who wrote in his diary, 'a more kind or indulgent misses did not then exist in the colony.'

Answers

In Genesis

MINISTRIES

- ♦ Reconnecting the Bible to the real world
- ♦ Creation or evolution... what is the truth about our origins?
- ♦ Dinosaurs, fossils and the Bible
- ♦ The Earth, what is the evidence for it's age?
- ♦ Why is it important?
- ♦ Where did all the 'races' come from?
- ♦ Noah's Flood, the Ark, and a world that perished...

**Hear Peter Sparrow of
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WEDNESDAY 2 April '03

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Letter to the Editor

Concern for neglected site

The corner of lower Clive Street and Main Rd in St Marys seems destined to remain an eyesore. Three of the most architecturally interesting and attractive buildings in the town were allowed to deteriorate to the state where the community was ashamed of that entrance to the town, and to an extent that it was generally regarded as a relief when they were burnt down.

Due to the rate indebtedness on the titles, the properties passed to the Break O'Day Council, which recently put them up for sale by auction. In a move perceived by some as collusion, Council put the three titles on the market as one lot, which was then bought for a song at just over \$8,000 by a government agency, for the purpose of, we are led to believe, a combined fire and ambulance station.

Apart from wondering why such a facility is needed at this particular site, and apart from the concern that our streetscape and prime entrance to our town is to be blighted by a colorbond shed similar to that which reduces the entrance to Fingal, it would appear that remote ownership by bureaucrats of a government agency is resulting in the site becoming a typical abandoned government site - weed infested, derelict and cheerless.

It is not too difficult to foresee that any request for this site to be kept in order would be met by a chemical spraying regime. As it is mooted that the site is not to be developed for some years, Council should require the new owners to abate the weed pollution and visual eyesore by putting the site down to grass and keeping it mowed on a regular basis to maintain the amenity of the town.

D W Clement

Graeme still riding for Cancer

Graeme Milburn was once again in St Marys, on his annual fund-raising ride for cancer research. A cheque for \$200 was presented to Graeme by Lions Club member Ron Sumner on behalf of the Lions Club of St Marys and donations were generously given by people in the town.



Michael Grenda, left, and Graeme Milburn on their 'Face of America' ride

Graeme took part in the 'Face of America' 2002 memorial ride last year and was accompanied by Michael Grenda. Graeme and Michael rode with 1200 cyclists on the 460 km ride from Ground Zero New York to Washington DC. Qantas and Tourism Tasmania sponsored Milburn and Grenda on their memorial ride.

Those who have been following Graeme's rides for charity have been meeting him in St Marys each March over many years.

Designer Hair

St Marys 6372 2108

Monday	Lyn	10 - 8
Tuesday	Lyn	10 - 8
Wednesday	Kelly	9 - 5
Thursday	Kelly	9 - 5
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	Fran	10 - 1
	Lyn	2 - 8
		(by app)

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are holding information sessions in you area soon

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- * People with Disabilities
- * Families
- * Service Providers, Managers, Support Workers
- * People with an interest in the disability sector

The Council was established in May 2002 and one of their primary roles is to provide advice to the Minister for Health and Human Services on issues relating to people with disabilities in Tasmania.

Come along and meet some of the members of the Ministerial Advisory Council and have the opportunity to talk with them about disability-specific issues in your local community.

Date	Venue	Town	Time
Mon 7th April	Kings Meadows Community Health Centre McHugh St	Launceston	10 am -12
Mon 7th April	" " "	"	7 - 9 pm
Friday 11th April	Beach Resort Hotel	Scamander	10 am - 12

For more information please contact Jo Wheatley
State Disability Services on 6230 7742



Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

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

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6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am
Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM:

3.15 pm to 5 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

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Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

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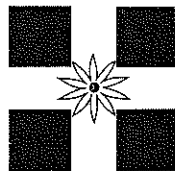
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A 12 hour course developed by the centre of Mental Health Research to improve the Mental Health Literacy of the community.

Mental Health First Aid is the initial help given to someone experiencing a mental health problem before professional help is sought.

Participants will learn the **signs and symptoms** of these mental health problems, **where and how to get professional help.**

For further details on the 12 week course please contact Sophie Legge on 63722 111.

2003 NATIONAL COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

Thank you to everyone who helped support this important cause. A total of \$42.00 was raised on this day for the Meningitis Foundation.

Mrs Lorraine Gill was the winner of the Morning Tea Hamper, Congratulations!

* Information in relation to Meningitis is available on the pamphlet stands in the reception area of the Community Health Centre. Please feel free to help yourself to these pamphlet stands. ☺

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?'

- | | |
|------------|--|
| 27th March | <u>Tai Chi- 6 week Free Course (1)</u>
6:30pm—7:30pm, Day Room at the Community Health Centre. Dawn Denholm instructor. For further info. Call 6372 2111 |
| 3rd April | <u>Hearing Services.</u> Phone 63317455 for an appointment. |
| 3rd April | <u>Tai Chi- 6 week Free Course (2)</u>
6:30pm—7:30pm, Day Room at the Community Health Centre. Dawn Denholm instructor. For further info. Call 6372 2111 |
| 3rd April | <u>Child Health Clinic</u> with Lorraine McGee. Appoints from 9-12. For afternoon appoints. Phone Lorraine on 0409 361 005 |
| 9th April | <u>Pap Smear Clinic.</u> Conducted by Female GP- Dr Libby Reekman. For appointments phone 6372 2111 or leave your name on the waiting list |

far flung flicks

Island films on tour around Tasmania

Touring as part of Ten Days on the Island

St Marys Tuesday 1st April 7 pm St Marys Town Hall

Adults \$8, Conc \$6. Rated MA Persons under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian

Hoota and Snoz

PRODUCED BY BLUE ROCKET PRODUCTIONS

Hoota and Snoz follows the antics of two creatures who constantly bicker about everything. Most of the arguments take place at the breakfast table, squabbling over the bonus contents of the cereal box, in the bath, in the bedroom and around the house. Hoota constantly tries to play pranks on Snoz but they always backfire on him. In classic slapstick style, the impossible happens and Hoota is hit by falling pianos, grandfather clocks dropped from outer space and left in the lurch with armfuls of dynamite.

Hoota and Snoz has been seen in over 90 countries, including Australia on ABC TV, ABC Digital and Nickelodeon. These two episodes come from their latest, third series, production of which was assisted by Screen Tasmania.

Dog and Cat News

PRODUCED BY BLUE ROCKET PRODUCTIONS

Dog and Cat News is a comedy news program presented by dog and cat newsreaders. Tiddles Hardcase is a perky glamourpuss and Douglas Holes is a seasoned canine commentator. Although their performances are polished, they have frequent lapses when their professionalism is compromised by their animal instincts.

Aided and abetted by foreign correspondent Kent Catchem reporting from (and frequently the victim of) international disasters, opinion pieces from a parrot called Beakins and weather reports from a bee-fearing duck called Bill Webb, *Dog and Cat News* runs all the news that's fit to tell on matters zoological.

These two episodes are from the first series of *Dog and Cat News*, which was commissioned by RTV Family Entertainment in Germany and assisted by Screen Tasmania.

Circus Girl

A FILM BY CHRIS BELLEARS, MARCUS MURPHY AND MATT CHARLES - SNUG FILMS

Allison wants to run away and join the circus. It's a dream many children entertain, but 16 year old Slipstream performer Alison McCrindle is just a short step away from making her fondest wish a reality. This film follows Alison as she hones her skills for a performance by Ulverstone's Slipstream youth circus. Set against the backdrop of Tasmania's beautiful north-west coast, *Circus Girl* is an inspirational and poetic tale told in a vibrant language of colour, music and motion.

Commissioned by SBS Independent and assisted by Screen Tasmania, *Circus Girl* will be broadcast on SBS Television and internationally as part of the *Making It* series.

The Platform

DIRECTED BY ROBIN WALTERS,
PRODUCED BY JACK SAINTE-ROSE

This short thriller from New Zealand tells the story of a train that never arrives and a man who discovers why. It has been screened at numerous prestigious international festivals and won a Silver Spike at the Valladolid Film Festival in Spain.

Return to Port Davey

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JAMES MIDDLETON

Return to Port Davey documents a trip made in the fishing boat Neptune, to Port Davey in the heart of Tasmania's south west wilderness in the summer of 2001. The skipper of the Neptune, Monty Penright, along with his friend Des Whayman, now both retired crayfisherman, worked along this coastline for most of their lives. As well as exploring their reflections on the place, on the wilderness and on crayfishing, the documentary explores the story of European settlement and some of the characters who lived there.

Return to Port Davey will be screened on ABC Television later in 2003.

Learning the Ropes

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY BRIONY KIDD

Nathaniel Collins is an ordinary 13 year old with an unusual hobby - bell ringing. At his neighbourhood church, veteran ringer Pam Terry instructs him in the handling of the heavy English-style bells. It is decided that he is ready for his first real performance - an upcoming wedding at St Davids Cathedral. Tension builds as the big day approaches.

Commissioned by SBS Independent and assisted by Screen Tasmania, *Learning the Ropes* will be broadcast on SBS Television and internationally as part of the *Making It* series.

Cow

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MICHAEL BENNETT

Cow, from New Zealand, is jokingly described by writer/director, Michael Bennett as "yet another entry in the well-worn genre of aquatic bovine musical comedies". More seriously, *Cow* is an allegorical tale about how relationships can fall apart over the silliest things. For the two men adrift on an endless ocean with their cow, an unfortunate Act of God sets off an escalating series of events that propel their friendship towards chaos and disaster.

Cow has been screened at major international festivals including Spain's Valladolid International Film Festival in 2001.

De Witt Island 7001

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ELLA KENNEDY,
PRODUCED BY CHRIS GALLAGHER

In 1971 18 year old schoolgirl Jane Cooper fled suburban Melbourne for the wilderness of De Witt Island, a remote and uninhabited outpost off the south-west coast of Tasmania. On this island, which is plagued by gale-force winds and driving rain for most of the year, Jane hoped to find peace. Instead she found controversy. Thirty years later she returns to the island where an emotionally raw chapter of her life took place.

Commissioned by SBS Independent and assisted by Screen Tasmania, *De Witt Island 7001* will be broadcast on SBS Television during 2003.

Ghost Land

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY LEIGH CRAVEN

Coming home to Tasmania, a young man finds ghosts where before he knew none. This poetic and evocative animation is a fictionalised account of the filmmaker's own experiences of coming home to Tasmania to find a 'ghost' of himself and to feel that a generation of young Tasmanians have vanished from the place.

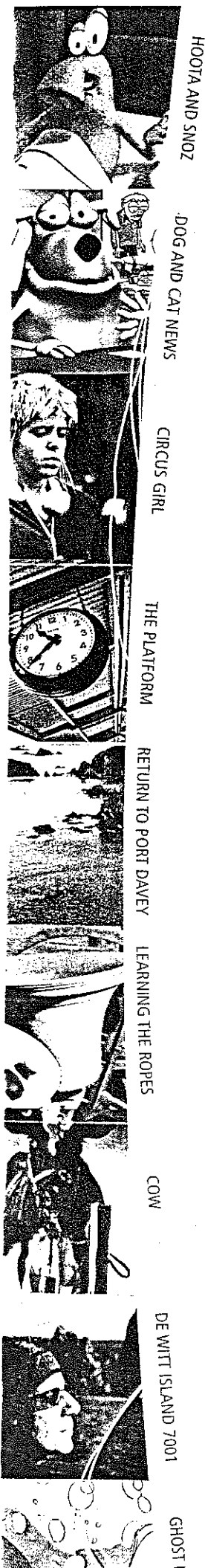
Ghost Land is currently entering major Australian and international festivals. The production was assisted by Screen Tasmania.

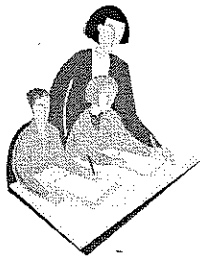
program

Hoota and Snoz	1'00"
Dog and Cat News	3'00"
Circus Girl	5'05"
The Platform	4'00"
Return to Port Davey	27'15"
Hoota and Snoz	1'00"

INTERVAL

Dog and Cat News	3'00"
Learning the Ropes	5'00"
Cow	12'00"
De Witt Island 7001	25'00"
Ghostland	5'00"





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Applications close Friday, 11 April at 5.00pm

A Statement of Duties is available at the school office.

Contact: Maureen Bushing on 6372 3900.

Applications to: *HR Operations Recruitment (Dept of Ed) 116 Bathurst Street HOBART.*



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The dental therapist will be visiting the school on
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APRIL 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24th March	25th March  Parents & Friends AGM Meeting 7pm - Staffroom	26th March	27th March Defence Forces visit 2.15pm	28th March
31st March Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall 	1st April	2nd April Big Newsletter goes home today 	3rd April School Photos  Secondary Social 7 - 10pm 	4th April
7th April	8th April	9th April Gr 3 - 6 Fun Day St Helens, St Marys	10th April	11th April
14th April Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall 	15th April	16th April Small Newsletter home today	17th April	18th April GOOD FRIDAY

Farm News

The Art of being a PIG

Sherbet and Slush the two farm piglets have grown up over the holidays. Some people may have noticed that one grew more than the other. Yes I am afraid that Sherbet is a pig. It has to be said... and it is a sad state of affairs, but Sherbet is only interested in feeding her face! As a result poor little Slush has been left behind a bit, not nearly as big as her sister. Some children have commented that Slush is a runt. No, this is not true, those of you who read earlier Farm News publications, will remember that Karl was the runt. All seven boy pigs returned to the farm whence they came, leaving us with the two girls.

Slush is on her own, and determined to fix her weight problem.

At the start of summer last year some of the girls who were regularly on the farm will remember the time we all took to ensure that Slush had a good layer of sunscreen on before she went out into the burning sun. Her unattractive skin condition was not helped by the stress of living with that pig Sherbet.

Apart from nicking all the food Sherbet was not unknown to give Slush a bit of a nip, and she always did so on poor Slush's burnt ears. Well the sunscreen saved the ears in two ways... Sherbet hated the taste of it! Sherbet has now gone to join her

brothers, and we now have only one pig at the school. Hopefully Slush will enjoy the lack of competition and grow a bit more. We hope she doesn't feel lonely.

Boris' the pussy cat

This is no Bull

He is a pussy-cat! He loves being hand fed, he is first at the fence (after "number 7" who became used to being spoiled after her unfortunate experience when she lost her calf.) He enjoys the company of the girls and tolerates the youngsters very well. He loves to scratch on any available trees, and we all hope he has done his job. The students have nicknamed him "Boris" but I am sure he has a stud name from his earlier days. Thanks very much to Mr Bruce Hogarth, for the loan of your bull.

SYNC

St Marys District High School Pool

Sunday 30th March
Monday 31st March
6pm

Adults \$8 / \$5 concession /
\$20 Family Pass

We apologize to keyholders for any inconvenience caused due to the pool being closed for public use on Sunday 30th and Monday 31st March.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing in regard to the public meeting held in St Marys Community Hall concerning the funding problem with our children attending Studentworks in Launceston.

A special thank you to Mayor Stephen Salter, Ian from the office of Mr Dick Adams, representative from Mr David Llewellyn's office, Mr Bennett Manager of Centrelink, David, Alex, Lyn, members of the community, and a big thanks to the women from the CWA who kindly supplied afternoon tea.

Funding has been increased by just over \$433 pa but it still leaves a shortfall. The meeting was quite successful. The attendance of Southern Cross Television, The Examiner, and Mary Anne from Break O'Day FM, allowed me to express our concerns over a wider coverage.

I still intend to fight to change legislation, which is going to be a long term project. A petition has been organised to be forwarded to Parliament.

We need to raise funds for the young people now attending Studentworks. A suggestion was to form a fundraising group, a 'Not for profit' organisation. If anyone is interested to join me, please give me a call, I cannot do this alone.

Another suggestion was to start the local markets again. If there are any expressions of interest, please call me if you would like to be a stall holder on 6372 2128

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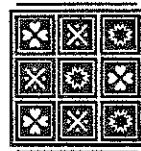
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Stitches Gallery 2003

'As time goes by'

An exhibition of needlework

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Saturday 19 April to Thursday 24 April

10 am to 4 pm

Admission \$2. Proceeds will go to the Lacreia Tomlinson Fund for the establishment of a palliative care ward at St Helens District Hospital

This exhibition provides an opportunity for creative and talented needle-workers, mostly from around the Break O'Day region, to display their work.

All tastes in stitchery will be catered for including embroidery, crochet, cross stitch, applique, dolls, knitting, patchwork, quilting, tapestry, teddy bears and weaving.

This is the 10th annual Stitches Gallery exhibition and the traditional raffle of a beautiful patchwork quilt is being offered once again as the main prize. There will also be a lucky door prize and a guessing competition.

A variety of crafts will be demonstrated daily and an experienced weaver will set up her loom and will happily assist those who would like to try their hand at weaving.

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Classes may be arranged in St Marys if

6 -8 persons interested in attending.

Marys Tennis Club

Club Championships

The Championship Finals were held on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd of March. Many thanks to all the competitors and the spectators who enjoyed some great tennis. These championships will certainly be remembered for the injuries and illnesses that unfortunately resulted in some forfeits!

The results are:

Ladies Singles – Fran Lowe (Winner) Kristen Kelly (Runner-up)

Mens Singles – Jack Foreman (Winner) Randal Faulkner (Runner-up)

Ladies Doubles – Kristen Kelly and Fran Lowe (Winners) Annette Davey and Vanessa Spilsbury (Runners-up)

Mens Doubles – Randal Faulkner and Daniel Morris (Winners) Todd Spilsbury and Mark Williams (Runners-up)

Mixed Doubles – Susan and John Miles (Winners) Mark Oliver and Fran Lowe (Runners-up)

Junior Championships

Any student (up to and including grade 10) who wishes to compete in our Junior Championships please leave their name with Maureen Bushing at the school office. The date for this event will be Saturday 5th April, 9am start. The cost will be \$5 per player for those students who are **not** included on the Family Membership.

Coaching

Our Club Coach Michelle Rowell will be holding tennis coaching for juniors and adults on Saturday 12th April at the Club. For bookings please phone Michelle directly on 0408 832 075 (mobile) or 63432075 (home).

Sunday Pennant

The East Coast Pennant Grand Final was held on Sunday 16th March at the Club between St.Marys Red and St.Marys Blue. It was a close tussle with St.Marys Blue being victorious. Congratulations to winning team – Linda Faulkner, Maureen Bushing, Kaye Nailer, Randal Faulkner, Daniel Morris, Mark Williams, Todd Spilsbury, Paul Spilsbury and Jason Mitchell. Runners-up team consisted of Michelle Loane, Fran Lowe, Susan Miles, John Miles, Olivier Chartrain, Chris Davern, Drew Adam, Paul Aulich and Grant Faulkner. Many thanks to those permanent and fill-in players who helped the Club enter two teams into the competition!

Easter Raffle

The Club is currently raffling a 300g Cadbury chocolate egg, a 700g block of Cadbury chocolate and some Tattsлото scratchies. It is on display at the Newsagency. The cost is \$1 per ticket. Tickets are available from any member and some local businesses. Please support your local club!

Twilight Tennis

The **last** Twilight Tennis Night will be on at the Club on Thursday 27th March from 6 pm (as daylight saving finishes the last weekend in March).

General Meeting

The next general meeting is this Thursday 27th March at 7.30 pm.

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St Marys Sports Centre News

Thank you to everyone for the top effort in supporting the Annual Tournament last weekend. All the fields were good except perhaps the ladies singles, but unfortunately the tournament has coincided with Country Week which depleted the numbers a little.

Thanks to Bob, Trevor, Roger, Betty and Smokey for running the office. To May, Heather, Beth and Mary, thanks so much for all the terrific catering and to Skeeter, Bob and the crew for bringing the course up so well. It was great.

Congratulations to all our winners including the 2003 St Marys Open Champion Chris Davern and a special thanks to our friends from Malahide, St Helens and Scamander who travelled both days to play, it was terrific.

Clive would have been proud

While on thankys for the club, a big rap must go to all our bowlers who turned up for the Annual Clive Berwick Challenge against the mob from East Launceston. It was without doubt one of the most fun days we've had and the laughter and great spirit by all, would have made Clive so pleased, just the way Clive played himself. East may have thrashed us again but that was secondary to the friendship. Special thanks to Jim 'Gate' Rankin for all his efforts. Also to all our catering ladies, what a top effort again - like all year long. The East boys were 'gobsmacked' by the tucker! And to John, Trevor and Les for their efforts in helping to get the green and surrounds up so well. 'The Boss', Peter Davern is still crook but he would have been pleased.

While still on bowls, don't forget the big end of the season, Bowls/Golf day this weekend open to all members. For the bowlers and family the day is at pretty much no cost unless top shelf is required but if golfers only members wish to join in and we hope they do, you'll get a top feed for almost nothing. Les Peart has been raising money all year and thanks to his efforts most of the day is paid for. Well done Les. Try to be there by 9.30 am. Golf is Ambrose then Bowls to follow. Normal golf is available for those wanting to play a full round.

Now to pennant and this kicks off on this Sunday with a home game against Malahide. We're still looking for players and a brief meeting will be held on Saturday to elect a captain. We'd love to defend our surprise 2002 pennant win in A Grade and with Jack Viney joining us this year, it looks a good chance. Hopefully one or two more will soon be available to give us a real crack at going even better. It's been a while since A Reserve won so it would be good to see players helping there too.

Please note on the back page is a notice for the Bar Steward/Manager position. If you have time to have a look, it would be much appreciated to express an interest.

Work will soon be commencing on our upgraded water scheme so please try to help out where you can.

Peter Davern is still unwell, but feeling a little better, we're thinking of you Pete. Get well soon.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling



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THE SAY by Cage Rattler

'SPLASHDOWN'

In recent weeks there has been a push on, mainly from the St Helens area to petition the municipality for a new Aquatic Centre to the area.

These people would believe that such a centre should be in St Helens. On the face of it many would agree because it is the single biggest population base in the municipality.

According to the Examiner public notices, there will be a public meeting on the issue on Thursday 10th April 2003, 5.30pm.

The cost of a feasibility study is expected to be \$20,000 and would have to be footed by the Council and ultimately us as ratepayers.

In principle it is a great idea to have a facility to use 12 months of the year but just imagine the cost if it is not readily accessible to the 'WHOLE' community. It is going to be bad enough then, first up for it's actual construction and then for the never ending maintenance and running costs. Take it from me, pools are expensive items to look after day in day out. Wages for a lifeguard must also be factored into it. This is a basic requirement of such a place.

For these reasons alone an aquatic centre must be as central as possible for everyone which must mean it would need to be at Scamander which is right in the middle of the two largest towns in the area.

The establishment of such a facility sometime in the future would hopefully also not detract from the St Marys District High School and Community Pool. This 25 metre pool would possibly not need to lose a lot of 'keyholders' to become too restrictive for general use. This would be tragic if everyone's hard work over many years raising money to build this great pool was wasted. The pool area is gradually being developed to this day, continually making it an even better facility.

Let us hope common sense prevails and an aquatic centre is developed only for the 'WHOLE' community benefit and dare I say it - not just for St Helens.
What do you think ?

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SOCCER

There will be a meeting of players, coaches and junior players' parents as well as anyone who is interested in St Marys soccer, this Friday 28 March 3.30 pm at the shop next to the Purple possum.

It would be nice to see a few people so we can make some plans for the new season.

Anyone unable to attend or who would like more information can phone Jack Foreman 6372 22034



St Marys Sports Centre

Expressions of Interest

To run the bar facility of the Centre on Wednesday Thursday and Friday nights and to assist with ordering and cleaning of bar. Approximately 12 hours per week, but negotiable.

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