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NAP announce new projects

Improving the health and water quality of Tasmania's streams and rivers is the focus of a range of new projects commencing in the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality priority region of Tasmania.

David Elliott, Chair of the joint NAP Working Group that will guide implementation of NAP says that these are the first of what are hoped will be many projects that will deal directly with salinity and water quality issues within the NAP Region in Tasmania.

"The National Action Plan is about governments and communities working together to protect Tasmania's unique environment and the future health of our natural resources". Mr Elliott announced.

"All Tasmanians will benefit from environmental, social and economic improvements by collectively tackling salinity and declining water quality."

Many of the new projects will improve water monitoring and the collection of data to improve our knowledge and decision making on issues that affect water quality in the NAP region.

We are fortunate in Tasmania that it is not too late to improve many of our water quality problems, Mr Elliott said.

Details and contacts for these NAP Priority Projects can be found on the NAP Tasmania website: www.naptas.com.au

Deadline for next issue of the Valley Voice is
Tuesday 23rd September '03.

Meggsy and 'What's new Pussycat'?

We all know Ginger Meggs, the lovable Aussie larrikin. Last Tuesday night the St Marys District High School Speech and Drama and Music Departments put on a fantastic modern version of this Australian icon.

This performance was right up there with Snow White from a couple of years ago and Bugsy Malone from 1996 for entertainment value.

It was fun from 'go to woah' and evidenced by the applause and laughter from the appreciative audience.

Meggsy was a simple straight forward story, well acted and backed up with some excellent musical interludes by the school band. Clever sound effects added to the show. Every cast member was terrific without exception, but by the nature of their roles, Jesse Bannister (Tiger Kelly) and Wyman Vincent (Sergeant Clancy) as well as Ryan Stuart as Meggsy, were standouts for the audience and Nadine Ozols who both acted and sang with the band.

Again the school band never missed a beat and a highlight was a rendition of the 60's Tom Jones hit "What's new Pussycat".

Congratulations to everyone involved with the performance, not least the Speech and Drama teacher Robyn Hickey and Music teacher Nic Wardlaw.

Once again a top night for all and it augers well for this talented group of students.

St Marys Sports Centre Inc.

Annual General Meeting Friday 3rd Oct. 2003 at 7.30 pm

Agenda:

- ♦ Apologies
- ♦ Previous Minutes
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Officer's reports, Ladies Golf, Mens Golf, Bowls
- ♦ Presidents Report
- ♦ Financial Statement & Auditors Report
- ♦ Election of Office Bearers
- ♦ Election of Patron
- ♦ Election of Auditor
- ♦ Setting of Annual Subscriptions
- ♦ Setting of Honorariums
- ♦ General Business

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Brackets & Jam next at St Marys Hotel Friday 12th September at 8 pm.

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre (TLC) meeting Monday 15 September at 10 am at St Marys Community Health Centre

North-East Bioregional Network, next meeting will be at the St Helens Neighbourhood House on Wednesday 17th September 2003 at 4 pm.

East Coast Junior Golf Clinic with Bill Husband. Tuesday 16 September 10 am at St Marys Sports Centre.

'The Getaway Bus' is coming. St Marys Town Hall Wednesday 24th September.

St Marys Tennis Club General Meeting Thursday 25 September at 7.30 pm

St Marys Playgroup. There will be no playgroup in September due to school holidays. We will be back on the 2nd October at a NEW time of 10 am to 12 noon. So join us then for some Spring fun activities.

All welcome. Trish 6372 2072 or Tanya 6372 2534

Contacts for Valley Voice

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St Marys Spring Fair

The St Marys Community Health Centre will now be holding this years Spring Fair as a fun (d) raiser for the Centre.

The Fair will be held on Saturday the 8th of November at 10 am in the grounds of the Health Centre.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts will be administering the "Arts" element and of course the "Maypole Dance".

Watch this paper for more information on the programme of events.

If you wish to have a stall, or be involved in the success of the Fair, please contact Sophie Legge at the Health Centre 6372 2111

S.M.A.C.D. - Cultural Map

On Monday 15th September the mural artist responsible for the Sheffield Murals, will be in St Marys to assist in the creation of a cultural map on the side of the Hairdressers Salon.

A Cultural Map can be several things, but it has been suggested that this map include historical, indigenous and present day features and icons in and around our town.

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A thank you from Doris & Keith

A huge thankyou to all who attended our farewell on Sunday 31st August. It was a wonderful occasion for us and quite humbling to know we have such dear friends. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Lovely to see so many people there and we wish we'd had more time to talk to everyone.

Thanks for the lovely photo of St Marys and the Certificate of appreciation. They will take pride of place in our new home.

Thank you to all who organised the day and did all the cleaning, etc. etc. etc after.

Please call on us for a cuppa at Cleghorn Farm Riverside some time when in Launceston.

Remembered with love always.
Keith and Doris.

To the whole Fingal Valley & East Coast Community

Thank you so much for the wonderful farewell gathering that you gave Mum and Dad on Sunday 31st August 2003.

They really appreciated it and so did I.

Roslyn Spaulding (nee Bullock)

Mark, Kate, Jill & Kerry -

would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and cards at the recent passing of Betty Carrick - she will be in our hearts forever.

Well done to all who were involved in presenting "Blooming Women" last week at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

It was a lot of fun, informative and added up to just a great day for all those blooming women who attended !

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Letter To The Editor:

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday the 3rd September '03, I attended a meeting at the Community Hall, which was called, as I was led to believe, to discuss all aspects of logging in the St Marys area. I was disappointed however, to find the meeting dominated by the guest speaker, Dr. David Leaman, who pushed the theory that the regeneration of forests takes substantially more water than old growth trees. As I understood him to say, young trees sucking the moisture out of the ground will inevitably take so much water from our catchments that untold damage will be done to our waterways in the future. I am sure Forestry Tasmania who is committed to managing a sustainable industry, would have experts within their ranks and have access to consultant geohydrologists who would have a finger on this pulse.

The strong argument against Dr Leaman's theory is that older trees create more evaporation therefore one compensates the other to a large extent. This argument to me appears to be the most practical, even if small trees do take a little more water it doesn't seem to have effected our waterways thus far and Tasmania has been regenerating for quite a few hundred years. As I understand the history books, Aborigine's used to burn thousands of hectares per year and we have had a few big burns since then. So if we take the regeneration from fires and forestry operations over many years you would think our waterways would be showing some significant signs of damage by now. Yet if we get anywhere near our average rainfall our rivers and creeks are running just the same as ever and even with increased agriculture irrigation, we have millions upon millions of litres running into the sea. Indeed this year we are experiencing one of the wettest years on record. I feel the St Marys green movement is clutching at straws with Dr. Leaman and his theories. Even if they had some merit, I believe the rainfall we are blessed with in Tasmania is more than enough to compensate any extra regenerated forests may need.

My observation of the meeting on the 3rd September was that the majority of those in attendance were our new generation of alternative life stylists who have moved into the area in recent times. Whilst I believe these people have vast knowledge and skills that will enhance our community no end and I welcome them to the area, I do however think they need to realize that there are other life styles out there, one of which is where people get up at the crack of dawn each morning and go out and earn an honest living. Without their contribution to the community and the Tax Department all our life styles would be much different.

I often ponder what would have happened back in 1886 when the railway first came to St Marys and the coalmines opened up, if the "Greenies" were about back then, maybe this nice little Eastern Highlands town at the head of the Break O' Day plains would not exist.

Jim Haas, Cornwall.

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Meal on Wheels Fingal Valley Group Inc. AGM and Annual Report

The AGM was held on 18th August 2003 and the following committee was elected for 2003-04.

President: Robert Yates
Vice Pres: Heather Lodge and Shirleen Woods
Secretary: Jack Miller
Treasurer: Miriam Woods
Committee: Joy Nehls, Robyn Summers, Sue Woods, Sophie Legge, Pauline Berwick, Prev Mills.
Roster Secretary: Sue Woods

"It is my pleasure to again present the Annual Report. The service has continued to provide meals on a five day week in all areas. The number of meals delivered totaled 2771, a reduction from last year. The price of a meal is \$5.30, and our group is in a sound financial position as the Balance sheet will show.

I would like to thank the many people who give support to the service in many different ways; firstly the many volunteer drivers who day by day turn out in all sorts of weather conditions to collect and deliver a meal to those who need it and rely on it.

I would thank all members of our committee for their unfailing interest and support, it all goes to keep the service running to a high degree of efficiency. Special thanks to the St Marys Community Health Centre and the Kitchen Staff for providing meals of a high quality and their cooperation in so many ways.

I would at this time especially thank Jack Miller for his overall supervision of the service and for seeing to the day to day matters affecting Meals on Wheels. I would like to also thank Miriam Woods for her excellent work as Treasurer and her 'spot-on' approach to her duties. Thanks also to committee members Heather Lodge and Pauline Berwick for dealing with Christmas cakes and cards for recipients at Christmas.

Again this year we had school pupils assist with meal delivery on National Meals on Wheels Day.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to Doris Bullock for her many years of service since the inception of Meals on Wheels. Doris will be shortly leaving the district to reside in Launceston and we wish her and Keith many years of happiness in their new home. Doris, you will be missed.

May I pay my personal thanks to our committee members for their ready cooperation in all matters concerning Meals on Wheels."

R H Yates President

St Marys Town meeting

A gathering of about fifty people met at the St Marys Town Hall on Wednesday 3rd September to hear speaker Dr David Leaman, David Clement and other concerned locals engage in discussion on logging issues in the St Marys district.

Dr Leaman (Geohydrologist) specifically talked on how the current land use affects our water systems and their management, warning that clear felling operations and the establishment of plantations is placing heavy demands on our water table and that such rapid change in vegetation has a negative effect on the environment.

David Clement talked on the perceived risks and concerns around increased heavy vehicle movements within this municipality as a direct result of the proposed 115 ha of logging operations due to commence this spring/summer around St Patricks Head - the result being 1000+ extra 'movements' along and out of Irishtown Road of long heavy vehicles. This open discussion was mostly objective and a lot of positive developments may result due to the town being willing to come together and process issues arising. It is hoped that more town meetings can be organised and that anyone or any group who wishes to move and shake or just be heard, call a meeting.

What came out of the meeting ?

- Interest in sustainable logging to be used for local timber/craft. Local timber mill - keeping locals employed, keeping our forests for us
- Tourism/future directions for St Marys - how to best utilise our natural assets, awareness campaign for tourists i.e.; road safety
- Formation of a St Marys sustainable forests group to oversee forestry practices, network resources and campaign for a reserve linking St Patricks Head to Mt Elephant. To protect our endangered species and create greater awareness of their endangered habitat.

Dr David Leaman has prepared a paper from the meeting and it will be available to view at the St Marys Post Office.

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Letter to the Editor

Sir,

The footpath just put in place in front of the Anglican Church, between Clive and Frank Street, is an opportunity lost. The path was built to stop the repeated flooding at the location, it should do that, and it has been well made, but why, oh why, couldn't some imagination have been put into the job?

This part of our main street, the showcase street for passing traffic, the street that should cause visitors passing through to stop and spend a little time in the town, part of the "Main Street Promenade" from Clive to Frank Street identified by the St Marys Townscape Project 1995. This upper side of the street has wide grassy nature strips and an avenue of trees, screaming out for an attractive, wide, gracious footpath, made for strolling, and for strollers. What have we got? A mean, pinched strip of concrete, resembling a derelict footing of some abandoned wall - not heritage gravel, not pavers, not even a pattern to the concrete, not 1500 mm wide as in the footpath over the bridge, along Storey Street, and to The Flat, just a strip of concrete. The "Promenade" now consists of a strip of concrete, a bit of bitumen, some recycled red pavers, and a length of weed infested gravel!

Any extra cost of a quality footpath would have been minimal. Furthermore Council has failed to conform to its own Planning Scheme, which specifies that the urban "values" of St Marys are the streetscape issues identified in the Townscape Project 1995, which states that the Main Street Promenade should encourage walking on the high side of Main Street, that the walkway should contrast with the hard nature of the retail side of the street, should foster formality and dignity, and that the existing gravel path be widened, regraded and resurfaced - other footpaths in the centre of town to be of dark or black pavers (referring to coal in our heritage). Dig it up and get it right!

David Clement Gray Road St Marys

Duncan MacCampbell was fishing off a pier when he lost his balance and fell in.

"Help! Help!" Mrs MacCampbell started shouting. "My husband is drowning. Help, Help!"

Luckily, her cries were heard by two husky young men in the vicinity, and they up and dived into the water and pulled poor MacCampbell out.

As he lay on the pier drying out, Mrs MacCampbell leaned over him and whispered, "They have saved you from drowning, man. Shouldn't we give them a dollar?"

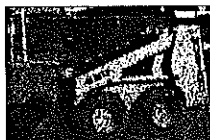
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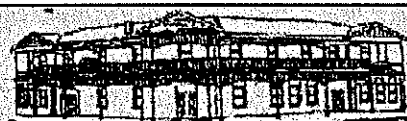
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'THE BIG EXHIBITION'

23rd September—7th October



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Work will need to be presented to the Community Health Centre no later than the 19th September, 22nd at the VERY latest.

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Starting Friday 12th September 2003.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

11th/Sep **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
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With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC.

Continence Clinic with Karen Bell.

15/Sep **TLC Meeting** 10-11am in Day Centre

16/Sep **Diabetic Clinic** with Sue Hayes. For
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18th/Sep **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine
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18th/Sep **Living Longer Living Stronger.**
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22/Sep **AGM Childcare Centre** 6pm at
Community Health Centre

23rd/Sep Opening of: **'BIG EXHIBITION'**
(runs until 7th October) 2pm CHC

25/Sep **'Conflict Resolution'** Workshop
10am-12noon in Day Centre with
Shan Williams and Penny Clifford.
All welcome to attend.

BLOOMING WOMEN'S DAY

A big **THANKYOU** to all who supported
this informative and entertaining day last
Thursday 4th September. It was a
well organised day!



Information from this page was submitted by:

The St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek Rd, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215

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

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Every Saturday

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Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

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CORNWALL by Jim Haas

It was a cold frosty July morning in 1955, the full moon was still bright in the western sky, Bill walked onto the old Cornwall Bank-Top on his way to another day mining coal under the Mt Nicholas Range. The frost was white and crisp on the ground and hung as icicles on the wattle, gum and blackwood trees. Ice crunched under Bill's hobnail boots as he strode through a couple of puddles and stepped over the steel skip rails; one wrong step here and he would have been on his bum fast.

Bill moved on to where a big coal fire was burning in an old forty-four gallon drum, the distinctive smell of burning coal filled his nostrils. About a dozen or so miners were standing in a circle around the fire, some warming their hands, others with their backs towards the old drum. They were all carrying crib bags on their backs over grey or black flannels; some of their carbine lamps were already alight, others were using the glowing red coals to bring theirs to life.

"Mornin' Bill." was the chorus as Bill pushed his way in for a warm.

Don here reckons he's got a gun that will kill anything at a hundred yards." Bob pipped up, patting Don the back.

"Yeah, well my Browning will kill at one twenty, up hill." Bill replied proudly.

"I dun' no about that, Maties." It was Joe this time." I lined a flock of sparrows up the other day that was sitting on me fence, I fired, they all flew, but I picked up a chaff bag full of flamin' legs."

"Well I was outside last night foolin' around with me old Hollis." It was Tom this time who had stepped forward from the other side of the fire pot. "I took a few shots at the moon and when I looked up she had a piece taken' out of her side."

At that moment Stan entered the circle. Stan was the newly elected President of the Miner Union and had just returned from his first trip to Sydney. "Stan, Old Mate, how did the trip to Sydney go? Someone asked.

"Yeah, pretty good." Stan replied giving a detailed description of the plane trip, Sydney and the union meeting he had attended. "But, oh boy, are they a dumb lot those Sydney people?" He continued. "I told everyone up there that I came from Cornwall and not one of the buggers had heard of it, let alone know where it was.!"

Meals on Wheels Roster

September	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 15th	Annette Davey	Shirley Parker
Tues 16th	Patti O'Donnell	Robyn Holder
Wed 17th	Mary Viney	Katrina Johnson
Thurs 18th	Heather Griffith	Jan Marshall
Fri 19th	Kath Read	Robyn Miller
Mon 22nd	P & Y Davern	Sue Woods
Tues 23rd	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed 24th	Lorraine Gill	Lynda Bean
Thurs 25th	Gail Gamble	Chris Woods (P)
Fri 26th	N & A Challis	Mim Woods

School's in

You invariably hear people compare their school days to the current educational system, and many claim that these long gone years were better than now. I beg to differ and I definitely fall into the not recently educated category myself.

St Marys District High School has undergone heaps of changes and I can honestly admit that as a former student there is little we had that was better than today except perhaps for uniform dress code. Watch out if you weren't in proper uniform in those days but at least we looked the part.

Nowadays the diversity is everywhere. The range of subjects is greater, creativity is the norm and access to all manner of equipment and information for further development is part and parcel of the package.

If your child was experiencing some form of learning disability in years gone by it was too bad and most would leave at their earliest opportunity. Many of these people would finish up basically illiterate. Now these students are identified and offered all sorts of extra opportunities and almost always it is done effectively within the confines of the local school community.

Another change for the massive betterment is the chance for our kids to go on from grade 10 by attending the NEET stage of education. This ever increasing part of the school is something to behold and I encourage interested persons to check it out because of what it is now offering.

Back to our day only a very few of us could afford to go on to Matriculation College. There was a time when you were told which subjects you had to do no matter what. Many of these subjects you hated, so understandably your attention span was less than attentive and your marks would mostly display the fact. Except for the core subjects of course, this outcome is less frequent and the options system seems to work really well. I wish we had it in the 60's and 70's because I would have dropped French and Typing like a hot rock in favour of something else.

Music was an afterthought for us but now it is a major component of the school scene. You only have to look at some of the fantastic talent coming out of nearly all the grades to see how well it works and how much the kids enjoy it. Once again if you like it you'll be good at it. A case in point is Pete Cornelius who is a prime example of a healthy music program. The school does really well at the Rock Challenge also. Speech and Drama is no different. We never really had this at all. Almost every year now the Speech and Drama department put on a great show and not only do the students, parents and local community see the terrific outcomes of these performances but the Arts on Tour show is an institution. The talented performers and musicians get to travel for almost a week to other areas and display their St Marys District High School talents.

Let's not forget both the Work Experience and Mock Interview programmes. Work Experience has been up and running for quite a while now but it is a lot more professional and realistic than it was 20 years ago in it's early time and it is crucial to student outcomes. The Mock Interviews and telephone skills are a marvellous concept and many local employers and community people volunteer their time to form interview panels.

Thank goodness the education system is different now, computing, literacy and numeracy. Flying Start and a myriad of other things are fantastic developments and we must embrace it all. I wonder how far it will go in the next few decades. Let's see.

What do you think?



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St Marys Tennis Club

All members should have received their August Newsletter in the post. Any new members who would like some more information about our Club, memberships and the upcoming competitions please contact Susan Miles (Secretary 6372 2431), Michelle Loane (President 6374 2343) or Randal Faulkner (Club Captain 6372 5637)

Office Bearers

Many thanks and congratulations to those members who have taken on positions for the upcoming season.

President - Michelle Loane

Secretary - Susan Miles

Treasurer - Drew Adam

1st Vice President - Chris Gunson

Club Captain - Randal Faulkner

Selection Committee - Randal Faulkner, Bruce Nailer and Maureen Bushing

Club Delegates for Pennant - Maureen Bushing and Bruce Nailer

Publicity Officer (Newsletters, Valley Voice) - Susan Miles

Public Officer - Grant Faulkner

Night Roster Committee - Susan Miles, Randal Faulkner, Maureen Bushing,

Midweek Ladies Committee - Kaye Nailer and Annette Davey

Memberships

The membership fees for the Tennis Season 2003 - 2004 were set at our August AGM and are as follows:

Student \$15.00

Adult \$25.00

Family \$60.00

- Every person 10 years and over **must** pay \$15.00 Tennis Tasmania Affiliation. **This is compulsory.**
- Students and families who use the courts on a regular basis must be financial members.
- Membership fees are due by Thursday 27th November 2003. (The November General Meeting.) It is imperative that membership is paid by this date to be eligible for our club championships.
- Membership fees are to be paid **directly to the Club Treasurer**, Drew Adam.

Sunday Pennant

Any member wishing to play Pennant as either a fill-in or permanent player needs to give their name to the Club Captain - Randal Faulkner (6372 5637) by mid September. It is anticipated that Pennant will start mid October. We are looking forward to seeing some old and new members in our Pennant team(s)!

Night Roster

Our next Night Roster will begin at the end of September. Interested members will need to give their name and the \$15 entry fee to any Night Roster Committee member (or posted to P.O. Box 116, St Marys 7215) **by Monday 22nd September**. No late entries will be accepted.

Next Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday 25th September at 7.30 pm. An agenda item for discussion will be the extension of our Clubrooms.

Susan Miles (Secretary)

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St Marys Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

It is all Championships this time. A big congratulations to Umesh Pratap and Chris Davern for winning the Men's Foursomes Gross Championship this year and likewise to Jack Viney and Andrew "Skeeter" Webb in the Handicap. Both pairs played exceptionally well in the rain delayed event and it was particularly pleasing to see all the teams finish. Well done to you all.

This weekend just gone saw the commencement of the Men's Club Championships with the first 36 Holes. It was torrid scoring for absolutely everyone the first day but things picked up on Day 2. In A Grade only two shots separate defending champ Chris Davern from Dale Ridgers. In B Grade Todd Spilsbury has a 6 shot lead over Mark Carrick and Bob Hersey, and in C Grade Andrew Webb and Leigh Spilsbury are closely separated with 36 to go. In the Handicap so far it's a Spilsbury affair with Todd narrowly leading over Leigh and with anyone of about 7 or 8 players who could conceivably yet win. Todd is also leading the Junior Championship. Due to the Freycinet Tournament being on, the final 36 holes will be played on September 20 and 21st.

Bowls is just around the corner and everyone intending to play or help out is asked by new Bowls President Jack Viney to make themselves available in the next few weeks. There is plenty to do. A meeting will be held on **Thursday September 11 at 7 pm**, hope you can make it. On the Agenda is the re-roofing of the clubhouse and any assistance to aid a speedy job will be much appreciated by all. You know what the weather can be like!

The Annual General Meeting is only about 3 weeks away (see meeting notice) and your support is essential to another successful year.

All interested juniors (a proper interest) are invited to the East Coast Junior Clinic on **Tuesday September 16 at 10 am** conducted by Bill Husband. Please contact Rod McGiveron by this weekend if you are keen to take part.

To Janice, Jack, Jacob and the Tapp family, our deepest condolences on the recent loss of Wendy. We are thinking of you all.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling

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