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September winds

by Jim Haas

Over the years we have all come to dread the September winds and this year has been no exception. We have seen not only winds as strong as ever but an above average rainfall, which has softened the ground causing the wind to blow down more trees than usual.

A couple of Wednesdays ago we saw a Scamander lady have a narrow escape when a falling tree hit her car at the St Marys end of Steel's Straight. The same day five Forestry workers at Gould's Country, who were sitting in their vehicles having lunch, got quite a shock when they were joined by a big peppermint. As the above photo shows, for all five to escape with only a bruise or two they were very lucky boys.

One of our local lads Jamie "Fred" Haas was sitting in the dual cab ute at the time the tree was blown over. The following Wednesday, his partner Fiona, looked out the bedroom window of their Gardiners Creek Road home and exclaimed with horror, "Freddy, there's a tree down in our front yard." Sure enough, a huge gum tree had blown over, missing the house by just metres. Fortunately the only damage was a couple of panels of paling fence.

With September out of the way we can only hope the winds have at least eased for another year.

Deadline for articles to be included in next issue Valley Voice Tuesday 21st October '03.

Road safety meeting

A meeting of Townsafe St Marys is to be held at St Marys (venue to be advised) on Thursday 16 October at 2 pm to discuss safety issues on State Roads affecting residents and visitors to the town. Four senior officers of DIER (Department Infrastructure Energy & Resources) will attend the meeting, including Mr P Douglas, General Manager Roads and Public Transport, and Mr P Freeman, Manager Road Transport.

The meeting arises from concerns expressed by Townsafe regarding the safety of access onto the Esk Main Road from Irishtown Road by heavy vehicles, and safety issues arising from heavy vehicle traffic on St Marys Pass. However, the agenda will allow any local road safety issue to be raised involving State Roads such as concerns about the Esk Main Road or issues within the town such as 50 kmh speed zone, pedestrian crossings, traffic markings, roundabout, etc.

Anybody concerned about local road safety issues is welcome. Invitations to attend have been extended to Messers K Bacon MHA, R Hidding MHA, Tim Morris MHA, to Mayor Salter, Councillors Legge, McGiveron, to the TCA, BOD Council, Police Tasmania and St Marys Community Health Centre.

Two charged with Reserve vandalism

I am very pleased to advise that there has been no reported crime occurring in the St Marys area the past eight weeks, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for their assistance in relation to the vandalism which occurred at the Trout Creek Reserve in August this year. The overwhelming response to the crime stoppers report on television eventually resulted in two people being charged with the damage.

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Fun fish at Scamander River Saturday 18th October

Fundraiser for St Marys High School Under 16 Football
Entry forms at Scamander Supermarket or entries accepted at Scamander Sports Complex 7 to 10 am on the day. Weigh-in at the Complex at 5 pm.
Entry: Adults \$10, Children \$5
More info: Michael Cooke 6372 2737

Garage Sale

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Sat 11th & Sun 12th October 9 am to 4.30 pm

Items for sale include: craft materials, bric-a-brac, books, cast-iron ball-claw foot bath, tandem trailer, Fax machine, Tucker Box 140 freezer, Fowlers outfit & bottles.

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BMX bike track

There will be a working bee on Saturday 11th October at 10 am (weather permitting). We will be levelling the track and finishing the fence.

Thanks to all who came to the last two working bees, bringing in the soil and constructing the fence. It is looking great. For more information phone Hannah or Peter on 6372 2348. Looking forward to seeing many helping hands on Saturday.

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Designer Hair Thankyou

I would like to thank Deidre, Roy, Rick and Ros and also the Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Committee for their kind donations to the Variety Club of Tasmania.

Please note that Designer Hair Studio will be closed for the event Tasbash from Saturday 18 October and will re-open at 10.30 am on Monday 27 October.
Cheers Lyn

Coming events & Community notices

St Marys Association for Community Development (SMACD), next meeting Friday 10th October 4 pm at the Online Access Centre.

The Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc. (TLC), next meeting Monday 20th October at 10 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre. The TLC will be hosting a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the St Marys Sports Centre on Tuesday 4th Nov.

North East Bioregional Network next meeting Tuesday 21st October in the St Marys Hotel Dining Room 4 pm

Fingal Online Access Centre AGM on Wednesday 22 October at 7 pm, Fingal Neighbourhood House, Old Tasmanian Hotel Fingal

St Marys Playgroup. 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. New time for Term 3, 10 - 12 pm at Kindergarten room at the St Marys District High School. New families always welcome.

Activities for October:

16th Oct: Fun with food

22nd Oct: Teddy Bear Picnic at St Helens

More info: Trish 6372 2072 or Tanya 6372 2534

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105

Audrey: 6372 2337

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SMACD

- The St Marys Association for Community Development will be holding a meeting at the Online Access Centre on Friday 10th October at 4 pm. All members and interested parties welcome to attend.
- St Marys Mural meeting: Thursday 16 October at 3.30 pm at Online Access Centre

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts Spring Fair

On Sunday 9th November, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts will be coordinating a family programme of events to conclude the Spring Fair weekend.

- ✠ 10 am - 4 pm **"Open Gardens"** A map of those gardens on show will be available in the Post Office or on Saturday 8th November at the Fair.
- ✠ 11 am - 12.30 pm **"Bush Walk"**. A gentle flat walk (no climbing) near the town, suitable for all the family. Meet at Faulkner's Green 10.45 am.
- ✠ 1 pm **"Community Picnic"** on Faulkner's Green. B.Y.O.
- ✠ 2 pm **"Maypole Dance"** on Faulkner's Green. Everyone welcome to participate.



Anyone interested in having an "Open Garden" on Sunday 9th November, please phone Heather Harrison on 6372 2166

Next meeting: Monday 20th October 10 am at GBRA Headquarters.

St Marys Playgroup

Playgroup is currently fundraising to buy new toys and storage space. Raffle tickets available at Post Office

1st prize: Avon basket donated by local rep. Christie

2nd prize: Champagne donated by St Marys Hotel

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Job seekers win Work for the Dole placements on East Coast

More than thirty Tasmanian Work for the Dole places in the Dodges Ferry, Midway Point and St Helens region were announced at a dinner organised by the Swansea Chamber of Commerce. "Work for the Dole is going from strength to strength, generating both worthwhile work experiences for job seekers and better facilities and services for our community" Senator Barnett said.

At St Helens the work includes customer service, cash handling, gardening and lawn care, under the auspices of Mission Australia.

For Dodges Ferry / Sorell under the auspices of Northern Joblink Inc. the work involves tree planting, pathway creation, painting and noxious weed eradication, and at Midway point under Northern Joblink the work involves administration tasks at the Community Centre.

"Communities in these areas will benefit greatly through the placement of young job seekers," Senator Barnett said.

"Job seekers who participate in these Work for the Dole projects gain a valuable connection and insight into the world of work, and for what employers are looking."

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A big thank you on behalf of St Marys Day Care people.

I would like to thank Haley for organising a nice bus trip to Mathinna with a visit to the History Room, thank you also to Noel the bus driver. It was a very enjoyable day. Why can't we have a History Room in St Marys ?

Down at the Railway Station would be very nice, better than the eyesore it is now with the broken windows and rubbish and a place of vandalism. There must be a lot of history here worth keeping, give it a go and see what it will do for the town.

Grab Keith Bullock before he goes to Launceston, you've missed Ray White, get the other oldies before we all die out !
Marg Oliver St Marys

Put some life back in hall

As one of the original committee of the Cornwall Hall, I am perfectly willing to put money in a kitty to pay for rates and power, but this is the same as putting a band-aid on a child's sore. We need the hall to be used. Cornwall Hall was built by the people of Cornwall with donations of 6d, 1/- or 2/- regularly given, no Council money was used, that is why it is a Public Hall.

Over the years we have seen it crowded with dancers, filled with stalls for fairs and the buyers. Euchre tournaments with over 50 players. Car loads coming from St Marys and Fingal. Later years saw Indoor Bowls and Euchre - why can't we use the facilities again ? The mats are there, the cards are there, it doesn't take an arm and a leg to play, just a little get-up-and-go. Cornwall has always answered a challenge. Don't let this one go unanswered. How can we use the hall ? Let us use the power we are paying for, the same with the rates.

Una Camplin

Extract :The Examiner 28 April 1934

To conclude the Anzac Day celebrations, a plain and fancy dress dance was held in Hale's Hall, which was crowded. The St Marys Parents Association organised the dance and the proceeds, amounting to about £18, will be added to the association funds. Some charming and effective fancy dresses were worn. The prize winners were Miss Joan McKay ('Harmony'), and Mr Lionel Lehner ('Red, White and Blue'). Mr and Mrs R W Legge adjudicated. The Cornwall Orchestra supplied the music. Supper was served upstairs under the direction of a committee of ladies.

A highly successful fair was held in the Cornwall Mission Hall on Saturday. The proceeds will be used to furnish the Church of England. The fair was opened by Mr C. S. F. Hood, who complimented the stall-holders on their splendid display of goods. Mrs Hood was presented with a bouquet by Dick Parsons and Mrs Hood received a buttonhole from Gwen Parsons. Good business was done, and everything was disposed of. Stall holders were; Fancy and plain, Mrs G. Burkett, Miss N. Nicholson; Cakes, Mesdames T Hall, W H Haas; Novelties, Mrs Leyland, Miss Hall; Produce, Mesdames E Aulick, W Haas; Sweets and fruit salads, Mesdames A J Parsons, R Parsons, Miss C Haas; Fish pond, Misses M Cook and V Trinder. The Secretaries were Mrs Leyland and Mr W H Haas.

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Return Thanks

WRIGHT Ethel Ellen

March 1914 - September 2003

Barry, Mila, Don, Sue and Family wish to thank everyone for their support and comfort on the loss of our beloved mother.

A special thanks to Medea Park and Harris Funerals.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Forever in our hearts.

TAPP Wendy Lois

Janice, Mandy, Jess, Heather and their families would like to thank their relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy, visits, cards, phone calls and flowers following our sad loss.

A special note of thanks to Kerry and Joanne for the help and thoughtfulness given at this time.

Remembered with love

Exciting new venture

The *Gone Rustic* Quilt Gallery housed in the lovely old Uniting Church in Storey Street St Marys was officially opened last week. Rita Summers must be congratulated on the opening of her new quilt gallery.

EO Greensticks representing Grassy Bottom Regional Arts officially opened the Gallery and Pastor Cliff Walker also said a few words of welcome. The fifty or more guests attending the opening, enjoyed a wonderful morning tea provided by the Break O'Day Uniting Church, then spent the morning wandering through the Gallery and appreciating the superb array of quilts and crafts on display then being able to linger and chat with friends outside on the lawns in the sunshine. Those attending were also able to enrol for classes and get information on the various workshops being offered.

Rita was thrilled with the amount of interest shown in the opening of her new business and is excited about the future of the *Gone Rustic* Quilt Gallery, "this is a dream come true" she said.

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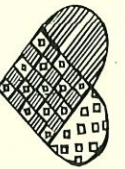
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Class Timetable - Oct/Nov 2003

DAY	TIME	CLASS	DATE/S	COST	OTHER INFO.
<i>[Please note that other classes can also be arranged, by request.]</i>					
TUES.	10 am-12 noon	Armchair Caddy - store all your sewing needs on the arm of your favourite chair.	Starts 4th Nov. (4 weeks)	\$20	Taking enrolments now.
	12.45-2.45 pm				
WED.	10 am - 12 noon	Heirloom Quilt - a beautiful project, sure to be treasured for years to come.	Starts 22nd Oct. (8 weeks)	\$40	Taking enrolments now.
	1.30-3 pm	Design Your Own Quilt - no vacancies.	Ends 29th Oct. (12 weeks)	\$60	Taking enrolments now for next class.
THURS.	10 am - 12 noon	Christmas is Coming! - 4 easy projects to help you get into the Christmas spirit.	Starts 6th Nov. (4 weeks)	\$20	Folded patchwork cards, angel banner, patchwork tree decoration, gift bag.
	12.45-2.45 pm				
	7-9 pm	Friendship Group - enjoy a night out to sew and/or chat over a cuppa.	Starts 9th Oct. (every week)	\$5 per wk.	Take along your current sewing or needlework project, or just chat.
FRI.	10 am - 12 noon	My Place - make a wallhanging to display your (or someone else's) home in fabric.	Starts 24th Oct. (4 weeks)	\$20	Taking enrolments now.
	12.45-2.45 pm	UFO's - Unfinished Objects.	Starts 17th Oct. (every week)	\$5 per wk.	Take along a project that's been sitting in your cupboard for weeks/months/years, and finish it! Help given if needed.
OTHER EVENTS	Thurs., 16th Oct. 10 am - 2 pm	Annie's Mobile Shop - Annie (from Annie's Cottage Crafts, St. Helens), will set up shop for the day in the Gallery classroom.	Let Rita know what you need in advance, and Annie will do her best to bring it along. If the mobile shop is well supported, Annie is willing to come every month - it's up to us!		

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Breast Cancer Support Group

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15th/Oct **Podiatry**, Perry Daly, Lightfoot
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16th/Oct **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon
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Tai Chi 6:30pm-7:30pm
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17th/Oct **Hearing Services**, Phone 63317455
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Chiropractor— available in the
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18th/Oct **'PIT STOP'**— Men's health initiative.

20th/Oct **TLC Meeting** 10am-11am

22nd/Oct **Diabetes Educator**, Sue Hayes.

23rd/Oct **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room \$5.00

Living Longer Living Stronger.

With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm.

24th/Oct **Chiropractor**— available in the
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Information from this page was submitted by:

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

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10.00 - 1.00pm (for people who have not attended
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2.00 - 4.00pm

6.00 - 8.00pm



October 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October	10th October Launceston Show Day Holiday
13th October Primary Assembly	14th October  Dental Clinic	15th October Big Newsletter  News	 16th October Dental Clinic ENE Cricket Trials	17th October
20th October	21st October  Immunisations 7-12 Assembly	22nd October Athletic Carnival 	23rd October Athletic Carnival	24th October Inter-high Golf 



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Melbourne Cup Luncheon

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Tuesday 4th November

at the

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PRIZES

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MT. NICHOLAS by Jim Haas

A few weeks ago we saw the death of Col "Coogan" Mc.Giveron at the age of eighty. Coogan spent the last years of his life at George Town with his son and daughters, but most of the older Valley people would remember Coogan and his family as being the last residents of the township of Mt. Nicholas. I believe he moved his family to Cornwall around 1966 or '67.

Most of the locals referred to the town as Nicholas, leaving out the Mt. To me it is a perfect site for a small village; whilst it doesn't have the valley views of Cornwall the surrounding mountain and bush are comforting and provide perfect shelter from all weathers. I often drive through the old township site and remember it as it was back in the fifties. On the left of the forestry road lived the Birrells and John Mc.Giveron's parents, further up into the township and on your right was the stables, left of them along the bank were the Holmes', Gordon Young and his family and Ike and Mary Gleason. Coogan, his family and his parents lived in two houses side by side on the right just through the dip. The top of the town, where the silver birch trees have now taken over was where Watty and Edna Greaves began their family of ten or so kids. Then there were the Faulkners, Claridges, Fords (all the oldies would remember Tom Ford) and many more who came and went over the years.

The coalmine situated just above the town, was the second biggest in the valley in it's hey day, with some workers coming from Fingal, St. Marys and Cornwall. The Cornwall men had a walking track between the two towns, well worn from the daily pounding of their hobnail boots.

The track was notorious for snakes, both in quantity and size. Indeed, one old hand tells a story of one day he stopped on the track for a rest and just as he was about to doze off to sleep he saw the head of a snake appear. "I reckon I dozed for fifteen minutes or more," he assured everyone. "And when I woke up the bugger's tail was just disappearing on the other side of the track." You can use your own imagination as to how long the snake was.

Although it's almost fifty years since the Mt. Nicholas mine closed there are still quite a few relics left at the old mine site, walls of a couple of buildings, two old coal skips, bits and pieces of mining equipment and the winch which pulled the endless rope up and down the incline from the bank-top to the screens is still pretty much intact. The incline itself, minus the rails is still there and some of the screens still exist.

These days vegetation is slowly taking over the old town site and irresponsible people are using it as a rubbish dump, but like all old towns it holds a wealth of memories and history, many of which are sadly forgotten with the loss of blokes like Coogan.

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Third World Network Bio-safety Information Service,
16 September 2003

Glyphosate, Monsanto's "Roundup" herbicide-for which its GM
crops are designed to be resistant-has been banned in Denmark
because it is contaminating water supplies.

Re: Danish water contaminated by Roundup, ban imposed.

Denmark has imposed a ban on the spraying of
glyphosates as of 15th September 2003 following the release of
data which found that glyphosate, the active ingredient in
Monsanto's Roundup herbicide (RR) has been contaminating the
ground water resources of the country. The chemical has against
all expectations been sieving down through the soil and polluting
the ground water at a rate of five times more than the allowed
level for drinking water, according to tests done by the Denmark
and Greenland Geological Research Institution (DGGRI) as re-
ported below.

"When we spray glyphosate on the fields by the rules it has
been shown that it is washed down into the upper ground water
with a concentration of 0.54 micrograms per litre. This is very
surprising because we had previously believed that bacteria in the
soil broke down the glyphosate before it reached the ground
water" says DGGRI.

The above information confirms Dr David Leaman's report
titled '*Water related issues, St Marys*' which was left at the Post
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ish report for those who wish to have a copy.

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10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 5pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

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Services each Sunday

Avoca 8.00am

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Alarming changes

Fridays used to be a change, getting off site, seeing locals in their homes and enjoying the scenery up the valley. Now I leave with a sense of dread knowing I am going to be confronted with a devastated landscape changing at an alarming rate.

Having come to the east coast all my life and then moving to St Marys 23 years ago, I have seen a lot of changes. I know the places that most don't see that have been logged and clear felled. If the facts and figures are researched we are being brainwashed and ripped off. Our resources are not being managed in a sustainable manner nor bringing the appropriate returns for this vanishing commodity, profits going far from our shores.

Are we any wealthier? What are we doing to stop this madness? What will be left for future generations? A change of thinking needs to take place and a better vision for the future developed before our heritage is gone.

Ann Hollingsworth

Meals on Wheels Roster

	October	St Marys	Fingal
Mon	13th	Annette Davey	Shirley Parker
Tues	14th	Trish Pike	Robyn Holder
Wed	15th	Mary Viney	Lynda Bean
Thurs	16th	Heather Griffith	Belinda Byard
Fri	17th	N & A Challis	Shirleen Woods
Mon	20th	P & Y Davern	Sharon Hall
Tues	21st	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed	22nd	Wendy Aulich	Christine Woods (P)
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- ✓ Roading

St Marys Tennis Club

Sunday Pennant

Pennant will begin on Sunday 19th October. There are 4 teams participating in this roster - two from St Marys, one each from Falmouth and Bicheno.

Night Roster

This roster has begun this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights with 34 participants.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are currently being taken by our Treasurer, Drew Adam.

The 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.**

Twilight Tennis

Twilight Tennis begins this Thursday 9th October at 6pm. All members are welcome to come along for a "hit"!

MILO Evonne Goolagong Getting Started Program

This Junior girls program for 7-10 year olds is being hosted by the St. Marys Tennis Club and our club coach Michelle Rowell for the second year. It begins this Saturday for five Saturdays in October and November. The aim of the program is to increase the number of young girls participating in tennis, with an emphasis on attracting girls who have never played the sport. Evonne Goolagong herself will meet the girls and have a hit of tennis with them one Friday in November (details in later Valley Voice edition). Michelle Rowell has again received a full quota of girls from St Marys and St Helens District High Schools. The Club appreciates the efforts and interest Michelle has in our Club and her dedication to travel from Launceston to improve the tennis skills of our members, particularly the youth of the Club.

Next Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Susan Miles (Secretary)

Doris and Keith *by Rod McGiveron*

Very shortly we will be saying goodbye to a much loved and respected couple, Doris and Keith Bullock. Can you imagine St Marys without them - I can't. For lot's of reasons it is time for them to join both Chester and Roslyn and families and for them it will be a marvellous time to enjoy their close company even though I'm not entirely sure that they all know what they're letting themselves in for just yet.

At long last Doris will have some help trying to keep ratbag Keith in line, but what a lovable ratbag he is. These two are very special people who have stood the test of time in our community.

No more evidence of the esteem they were held in than witnessed by the huge turnout at their recent send-off at the Town Hall.

Many a time Keith has captivated most of us with his unique yarns, the scary part is that most if not all of these things actually happened. Affectionately known as the "Cardinal", our Keith up until only a few short years ago was a legend at the Trotting Club and his selfless voluntary work over decades will always be remembered.

Likewise Doris' efforts in the Trotting Catering Corps was also legendary on each New Years Day. Another thing that Doris was instrumental in was her mammoth efforts as part of the Hospital Support Group and Auxiliary. If it wasn't for her and all the others we wouldn't have our 24 hour facility back today. We must be all eternally grateful for that special effort over several years. You don't mess with Doris as the then Health Minister found out to his peril.

Our Catholic community is also much the worse for the Bullock's relocation and it won't be the same looking down near the front at Mass without them there.

We are truly going to miss you both and a one of your friends, I'm certain we all wish you the best for the future.

Look out Mowbray Race Course, here comes Keith !

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"PUT UP or SHUT UP" !

I don't often re-visit a previous topic from my scribblings but I feel compelled to this time.

In the last Cage Rattler I suggested that we as a community and me included, are currently not able to do much about many of the conceptual things for our area because firstly we have to put our differences aside. This may then allow us to pool our resources to get the job done either in part or complete. I stand by that.

Since then I've heard a community member suggest that Cage Rattler is a waste of time if they can't follow through with suggestions.

People with differing ideas don't tick me off nor does anyone who blatantly disagrees with what I write through these pages, because that's what needs to happen.

What does tick me off is when people completely miss the point of Cage Rattler.

It is a forum and an avenue for readers to add insight and input to whatever subject is at hand or even to create a new initiative.

It must be said that thanks to the Valley Voice indulging me this space in the paper, it offers an opportunity to do exactly that. This is something I personally appreciate greatly.

A message to my Main Street critic from the other day.

I do not have a millionaires bank account and have never professed to do these projects myself or have enough contacts or infrastructure to do them outright. That is just plain ridiculous.

All I want is to encourage healthy debate on issues that affect us all and to seek ways of gradually making our area a better place to live. A simple fact to contemplate is this; St Marys and Fingal are solid communities but with an altering population base. To accommodate a differing lifestyle from our previous service town days we must also change.

The skills in our community are vast and probably largely untapped and with all our new interstate arrivals this can only increase.

I truly believe SMACD is now just making inroads into bringing the talents out and this is great news and a terrific start.

There will probably never anymore be Aurora, DMR, Railway central employment bases here again and mining and forestry numbers are also unlikely to greatly increase.

This is why we must diversify and if there is a good idea out there or a solution to a perennial problem, why not put it forward so that others may be able to act on it or support it.

Pick up a pen or keyboard and join our forum anytime you like. Just don't mouth off in the street because that really is a whole waste of time !

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St Marys Sports Centre News *by Kackhander*

New faces on committee

Not a lot of on-course stuff to report this time because of the time of year.

Well done to those who played on the Grand Final Day 9 hole event with a pretty good roll-up. Much fun was had by all I believe except if you happened to be a Collingwood supporter.

Last week because of the Malahide Tournament there was little scheduled to allow for the players to take part in the popular event at Fingal. Hopefully one or two could go to represent the Club.

Bowls Opening Day was held last Saturday and although almost all of those attending were our own it was nice to see representatives from Scamander and Bicheno present.

A very big thanks goes to Mayor Stephen Salter, who although quite ill on the day, made a special effort to officially open the green and the season. Thank you Stephen, it was much appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting was held last Friday night with 22 attending. It was a little disappointing that we can not get a few more there, but that said it was a good productive gathering. The major topic is always finances and of course Annual Subscriptions. Hopefully with some prudent and careful usage of funds and maybe to entice some new members, we will be able to get a bit more work done around the place. The general feeling of the members after the meeting was positive if we all do our bit.

Annual subscriptions are to rise \$10 across the board except for family membership which rises \$20. They will be due and payable by December 3rd 2003.

The new general committee looks a fair bit different to last year.

Congratulations and welcome to our new Club President Rex Floyed. Rex is a keen and hard worker already around the club and will surely do a top job. His involvement will be invaluable for the club. Treasurer for 2003/04 is Steven Dawson. Smokey is an experienced committee person and will keep a tight rein on club funds which is essential for survival. He will no doubt continue the fine work. Secretary this year is Rod McGiveron, one of only two remaining with General Committee, it's great to see some new people prepared to have a go. Welcome to Greg Cooper who is a great supporter of the club and has some top ideas on raising funds.

At long last we have a lady back on the committee and Betty Dawson will certainly be positive for us all. Betty already does voluntary work with us.

Roger Donald is an extremely hard worker on the course and does bar work as well and will now be able to have a big impact into the general running of the club.

John Cox always does really well and has many times done over and above what is expected. John is also well versed in sub-committee matters and only he and Rod McGiveron remain from the past few years. A special thanks goes to Chris Davern our outgoing Treasurer, largely because of Chris' excellent work the club has performed well financially even though it impacted heavily on his family time.

Bowls President Jack Viney notifies that official practice commences at 5.30 pm on Thursday 9th October and a policy this year is that doubt on selection, preference will be for those at practice.

A working bee at 7.30 till whenever this Saturday 11th October to put the rest of the new roof on clubhouse.

Nominations for Golf Club Captain are still being sought, so if you have any interest, please contact the Club. *Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling.*



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