

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Senseless vandalism

St Marys Police report

The past two weeks have seen several acts of vandalism occur in the town. On the 8th and 9th October '03 numerous plants were pulled from the garden beds in front of the Library and thrown at the front windows. It is also believed that the same person / group is responsible for applying some type of liquid to the seats of the toilets at the rear of the Library on the same night. Police have also received reports of other plants being pulled from garden beds in the main street.

Not only is this type of behaviour destructive and annoying for those who have to maintain those areas, it is also senseless. I know that there are those in the community that know who are responsible for these acts and we would appreciate any information, even if it is anonymous.

We also have two garden gnomes at the police station which have been taken from their places in someone's yard and left in front of businesses in the main street. If you are missing one please call in to see us so we can return it to you.

As of the 22nd October, Tasmania Police will no longer be able to take Provisional Driving Tests. They will still be conducted at St Marys but by Transport Tasmania and you will need to drop into the Station to make a booking. We will however still be able to conduct theory Learners Test for car and motorcycles anytime during open hours.

Any queries please contact Linda or Charlie at the St Marys Police Station.

Constable Simon Triffitt

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue Valley Voice is Tuesday 4th November '03.

Such a wealth of talent

How wonderful it was recently, to have two incredible displays in St Marys, and both in the same week.

The opening of Rita Summers' new Quilt Gallery at the Uniting Church, opposite the Police Station, was fantastic. The quilts are amazing and a testament to real talent. If you were not able to be at the opening, do make sure you call in and visit Rita and be overwhelmed by the beauty of the craft.

Tributes must also go to Sophie Legge and Staff at the hospital, for presenting the unbelievable array of even more talent from around this district.

It was stunning to see such an accumulation of art work, photography, craft and more. So congratulations" to all concerned.

And thankyou to all the people who both made the featured pieces of work, and allowed them to be displayed, so that we could enjoy the many and varied talents of the people of our district.

Isn't it exciting when someone has a vision for something positive for the town, and then carries it through to completion ?

Danger Fields

Last night, the snow marched down from mountain hermitage with muffled feet, invaded valleys, ambushed stalwart trees, captured stoic fences - bloodless coup hard on the heels of surreptitious frost on virgin land.

Youths who surf the savage sea in summer clad in sun-streaked hair and not much else, bow to tyrant winter's cold decree and surf the snow in coats and boots - evidence that instinct for survival beats budding insurrection every time.

Rita Summers has been writing poems for some years and has had many published. Rita wrote **Danger Fields** for the Valley Voice after the wonderful snow fall in the Valley, Friday 10th October.

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Coming events & Community notices

TONIGHT:

Meeting for Christmas Parade
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The Annual Meeting of the **St Marys Pacing Club Inc.** will be held in the Supper room of the Community Hall on Friday 24th October at 8 pm. Any persons interested will be most welcome. Secretary Eric Bean

Live music at St Marys Hotel
Saturday 25 October: Kerri Simpson & Band

Underage Rage "Halloween Theme" Friday 31st October 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm at Fingal Neighbourhood House. Cost \$4. For more info phone 6377 1170

Melbourne Cup Luncheon,
Tuesday 4th November - see full page notice.

St Marys Spring Fair weekend of 8th & 9th November

Fingal Primary School Fair on Friday 14th November

St Marys Playgroup. 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. 10 - 12 pm in the school Kindy room. ALL WELCOME!

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CHRISTMAS PARADE 2003

A meeting will be held **tonight at 7 pm**
Thursday 23rd October '03 at the St Marys Hotel.

Organising this years parade and entertainment to be discussed.

If any people have ideas or are interested in helping in any small way could you

please attend this meeting

Paul Aulich 6372 2573



Township Funding 2003 - 2004

The Council is currently calling for submissions from community organisations for grants for township projects. All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township / area are eligible to apply for funding.

An application must be submitted which addresses the criteria set out in the Township Funding Guidelines. Guidelines are available from Council and submissions can be left at the Council office or mailed to PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216. Closing date for all submissions is Friday 28th November 2003. For further information, contact Marissa Walker on (03) 6376 1281 or email marissa.walker@bodc.tas.au



Break O'Day Council Calendar of Events January to June 2004

Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information from event organisers for its 2004 Calendar of Events.

If you are holding an event between 1st January and 30th June 2004 which you would like to advertise on the calendar, please contact Chris Hughes on 6376 1281 and provide the following information:

Name of Event

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Contact Phone Number

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- Next meeting to be on Monday 3rd November @ 4.30 pm at GBRA HQ to make final preparations for Spring Fair and Sunday program.
- A General meeting will be held on Monday 17th November @ 4.30 pm to discuss new projects and Summer Holiday Workshops.

All Winter Solstice lanterns and Goat Masks need to be collected from GBRA HQ as soon as possible. Ta !

St Marys Association for Community Development (SMACD)

SMACD will be holding an Executive meeting this Friday 24th October @ 5 pm.

The next General meeting will be Friday 7th November @ 4 pm.
All new ideas and projects welcome.

St Marys Cultural Map: more input is requested to design the town's cultural map.

SO..... artists, residents, historians, if you have any ideas, drop them into the Post Office or bring them to the St Marys Online Access Centre. Artists require photos of the town's mountains, rivers, buildings of significance etc.

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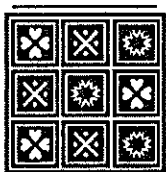
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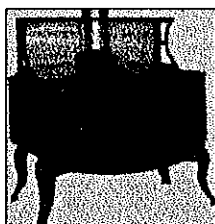
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Sunday 2nd November 2003

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Event details

Arrive on the foreshore at St Helens in front of the Bayside Inn by 9.30 am to register and collect your control card. Teams of 2 will get their map and start *en mass* at 10.00 am.

It should all be over within the hour.

Entry fee \$5 (Juniors \$3).

Contacts

Fiona at the Healthy House 6376 2541, or Helen Stoltenberg 6376 1528 until 30 October, then Roger Harlow on 6376 1455. You can enter on the day, but it is best to advise us so that there are enough maps !

This is a local event of Esk Valley Orienteering Club and is fully covered under Orienteering Tasmania's insurances. We are trying to get our own local club going - see us if interested.

Letters to the Editor

Sir, would you please publish the following letter.

17th October 2003
The General Manager
Break O'Day Council
P O Box 21
St Helens Tas 7216

Dear Mr Inches

Re: Council works - St Marys

The newly formed committee of the St Marys Branch of Timber Communities Australia Ltd. would like to take this opportunity to commend the Council on behalf of our members for the recent upgrading of footpaths along Main Street St Marys.

We assure you that such undertakings are appreciated by our members and no doubt the wider community, not only making our pedestrian access safer and more accessible but also we believe, enhancing our streetscape, as have other previous works carried out by the Council in and around our town.

In regard to Council's proposed mobile home stopover/pump-out station at the old railway station site, the St Marys Branch of the T.C.A. would like to advise that this proposal has our full support. We believe such a project would be beneficial to St Marys not only as a convenient facility for travellers but also for the potential business that could be generated within the town by such tourists.

Once again we thank you for your continued support for our town

Yours faithfully,

Heather Green, Secretary

St Marys Branch, Timber Communities Australia Ltd.

Such double standards

On the afternoon of Thursday 9th October '03 I looked down to the railway and saw that machinery appeared to be digging up and removing the stone wall of the old turntable site. I did not believe that this could be happening so went down for a closer look and who should be beneath a well pulled down hooded coat and overseeing the work but the very vocal St Marys resident, Mr David Clement.

This is the man who loudly and frequently proclaims the importance of our heritage, our history and our streetscape. This is the person who scathingly criticised the colour and material used in the new footpath and described it as *"a mean, pinched strip of concrete resembling a derelict footing of some abandoned wall - not heritage gravel"*, who complains loudly about the colour of the paint on the public toilets in St Marys, etc, etc, and here is that same person destroying one of the few areas of history remaining in our town.

The fact that he went through certain channels to obtain the old stone blocks is beside the point, the fact that he would take them for his own use is certainly a case of *'do as I say, not as I do'*.

How very disappointing that this could be done by someone who lives in our town.

Audrey Wright St Marys

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Letters to the Editor

Heard enough of it !

Heritage preservation - Community spirit - TownSafe St Marys, according to David Clement are the things to preserve and fight for in our community. Well after today. (Thursday 9th October 2003) anything David is involved in is a joke.

For those few people who are unaware of David's latest venture, he has purchased and removed the heritage sandstone blocks from the railway turntable site at St Marys, to be used in his garden. The old saying "*It's not do as I do, it's do as I say*", so to go just a bit further, following is a list of some of the "wrongs" according to David Clement that he has publicly complained about in the past.

- Paving colour in streets - wrong!
- Concrete paths - wrong!
- Toilet block colour - wrong!
- Business & direction signs - wrong!
- Road signs speed limit - wrong!
- Weed spraying - wrong!
- Tourist display - wrong!
- Harefield Rd trucks - wrong!
- Irishtown Rd trucks - wrong!
- Town signs backing colour - wrong!
- Water supply quality - wrong!
- Water charges - wrong!
- Hotel corner intersection - wrong!
- Rubbish bin colour - wrong!
- Tip hours - wrong!
- Gravel footpath - (Irishtown Rd to Church) - wrong!
- Town theme group; - changes to funding - he walked out !
- Removal of trees in town - wrong!
- Who is Townsafe St Marys? His answer - "*not relevant*" !

I don't know how St Marys has survived over the years, but I thought we had done fairly well without David forcing his ideas down everyone's throats. If you are not happy living in our community David you might consider leaving and let us just get on with our peaceful existence.

I fully understand that many things do need improvement or upgrading but a constant negative attitude against all attempts does nothing to facilitate the changes.

I love St Marys - warts and all. *Ruth McGiveron, a St Marys resident for 58 years.*

What next ?

How disappointed I was to hear of Mr Clement's latest exploit. For someone who spends so much time on 'talk-back' radio and writing articles for newspapers about preservation and conservation of history in our area, how could he remove the sandstone of the turntable site, albeit legally, from the railway station !

Whilst not always agreeing with Mr Clement's convictions, heard or read so often, I thought he was at least genuine in his beliefs and I respected this. How wrong I was !

So often he has spoken of the beautification of our town. I have felt certain that the day would come when the railway area would be brought to full potential, including a sunken garden. Of course we could still have this but would it have the same impact without the major stonework in place ? I think not.

It was bad enough when we lost the turntable and other historic items to 'outsiders' but when one of our own (?) has so little regard for our area, which has such potential for an enterprising person or group, all I can say is, shame on you Mr Clement. If someone else had done this you would have been the first to protest VERY loudly.

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Letters to the Editor

Sir

The Lions Club of St Marys wish to advise the community that we have sold the X30 locomotive from the railway station site due to continued vandalism over the years, and the potential for serious injury should anyone fall whilst climbing the train. The cost of approved fencing is more than \$100.00 per metre and would not resolve the various issues and problems involved retaining the train.

Derwent Valley Railway Preservation Society Inc. have purchased the train and will undertake a complete restoration, after which it will be used to run excursions including the North of the State, in co-operation with Don River Railway. The train will have the St Marys Lions Club logo attached, along with a suitable name (Spirit of St Marys has been suggested).

The monies received for the train, along with a grant from the Break O'Day Community Fund and St Marys Lions Club funds, will be used to construct a children's playground in St Marys, valued at approximately \$15,000.00. Plans have been approved and an order placed for the equipment.

J C McGiveron
Secretary Lions Club of St Marys

Local matters

During the last three months I have been reading in the Valley Voice and the Examiner many letters regarding logging, log trucks, footpaths in the town and other problems. Everyone is entitled to an opinion. Some listen, some don't. These topics are causing rifts in our usually placid community, these we can well do without.

The footpath in front of the Anglican Church; I went to a funeral there recently and watched a ninety year old lady with a walking frame negotiate the cement path very comfortably. No pavers to trip over. A good job done by the council and deserves a bit of credit not condemnation.

The turn at the junction of Irishtown Road and Main Road ; the facts of this turn have been greatly exaggerated. If travelling into town from Scamander and doing the correct speed of 60 kmh, one can stop before the bridge without any drama. One person I know has tried it at 100 kmh and no hassle.

In the 28th August '03 issue of the Valley Voice a lady stated that she would not like to see St Marys become a tourist town, but would like to see more employment for local people. I would have thought that tourists could help provide employment - I am sure that local business people would like to see as many tourists as possible and more employment.

Eric Bean

Removal of railway stone

Discussion at a recent meeting of the St Marys Lions Club concerning removal of stone blocks from the base of the old railway turntable by a St Marys Resident, resulted in a unanimous vote by members expressing our total disappointment that the removal took place.

These blocks do have heritage value in the township. They have been removed without consultation with the community and now it appears they are to be used for nothing other than private use.

Members Lions Club of St Marys

Removal of heritage stone from turntable well at St Marys Railway Station

Shame, shame, shame - and just for personal gain.

Charlie Cormack
Resident St Marys



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Timber Communities Australia (T.C.A.): an Australia wide organisation

St Marys Branch is up and running with several projects on the agenda.

- Assisting S.M.A.C.D. with help and materials for the proposed Town Mural
- Support Break O'Day Council with recent and future works around our area
- Approaching Government re-upgrading access to, from and within St Marys and surrounds

With a genuine interest in the future of our area, T.C.A. ST MARYS has formed the following sub-groups to facilitate pro-active action.

- Forestry
- Mining
- Transport
- Farming
- Community

Relevant factual details are now available re the proposed Forestry logging coups in the area for Public information if required.

Coup E.L. - 038B - 34 hectares to be selectively logged
3100 tonnes of Pulpwood. 400 Cubic metres of Mill Logs. This equates to approximately 100 truck loads at three loads per day.

T.C.A. ST MARYS, at invitation by David Clement for "TownSafe St Marys", attended a meeting at St Marys Community Hall on Thursday 16 October 2003 to discuss road safety issues with members of D.I.E.R. .

People expressed obvious concerns regarding St Marys and Elephant Passes and Esk Main Road.

D.I.E.R. personnel heard these concerns, and advised that they would look into the issues where they could, however because of limited funds D.I.E.R. are unable to commit to any immediate upgrade works.

It has been agreed that D.I.E.R. personnel will ride in a local truck, volunteered for this purpose, on St Marys Pass and the Esk Main Road to experience first hand our concerns.

One solution suggested was to lobby politicians for increased funding to improve road safety and conditions in this area.

T.C.A. ST MARYS have noted these issues and intend to pursue this matter at our next meeting on Tuesday 28th October '03 at St Marys Volunteer Fire Station. New members welcome.

Anyone with issues they feel need looking at, please advise:

Gerald Aulich - President Heather Green - Secretary

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With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm
- 23rd/Oct **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room \$5.00
- 24th/Oct **Chiropractor**— available in the
afternoon. Phone 63312217 for
enquiries or appointments.
- 30th/Oct **'Look Good Feel Great Workshop'**
Spaces are filling fast so register *now!*
- 28th/Oct **Living Longer Living Stronger.**
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm
- 30th/Oct **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room \$5.00
- 4th/Nov **Living Longer Living Stronger.**
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm
- 5th/Nov **'Walk & Health Day'** combined
musical walk to Gerry's tunes with Day
Centre and the Childcare Centre. BBQ
lunch to follow. Gold coin donation.
11am start in Day Centre room.
- 6th/Nov **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room \$5.00
- 6th/Nov **Continence Clinic** with Karen Bell
Phone CHC for appointments.
- 6th/Nov **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine
McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon
appoints available by calling
0409 361 005
- 7th/Nov **Chiropractor**— available in the
afternoon. Phone 63312217 for
enquiries or appointments.
- 8th/Nov **'SPRING FAIR'**— Community Health
Centre Grounds. Starting at 10am. Lots
to do and see. Make it a family day out!

GP ROSTER— ON CALL:

DR SHAH Sat 25th—Sun 26th

DR GENIOLA Sat 1st – Sun 2nd

DR SHAH Sat 8th—Sun 9th

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 63722311

Medical Emergencies phone:

000 or

The Ambulance on:

1800 008 008

000 works on Mobile Telephones.

THE BIG EXHIBITION

A *HUGE THANK YOU* to all of you in the community who displayed your work and those who came in to view it, in the recent Community Health Centres 'Big Exhibition'. We have received so many positive comments about the variety of craft items that were displayed and the quality of your craftsmanship. We are a very lucky community to have such diverse skills. Thank you again!

THEN THERE WERE FOUR.....

Keep an eye out at the Medical Centre for the awesome foursome— *RAFFLES THAT IS!*

Hospital Auxiliary Raffle- \$1.00 ticket

Prizes include: sheet set, dinner set, pasta set, oriental dinner set, travel bag, pot plant, picture frame.

CHC X-Mas Raffle- \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00

Prizes include: clock radio, remote control car, sports bag, doll, place mats, beach set, cooler bag, water pistol.

Playgroup Raffle— 50c ticket or 3 for \$1.00

Basket full of Avon Products.

Pick That Face/ Jelly Bean Raffle— 50c

Guess the number of jelly beans and match the Day Centre photos of then and now! 50c a guess.

Information from this page was submitted by:

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

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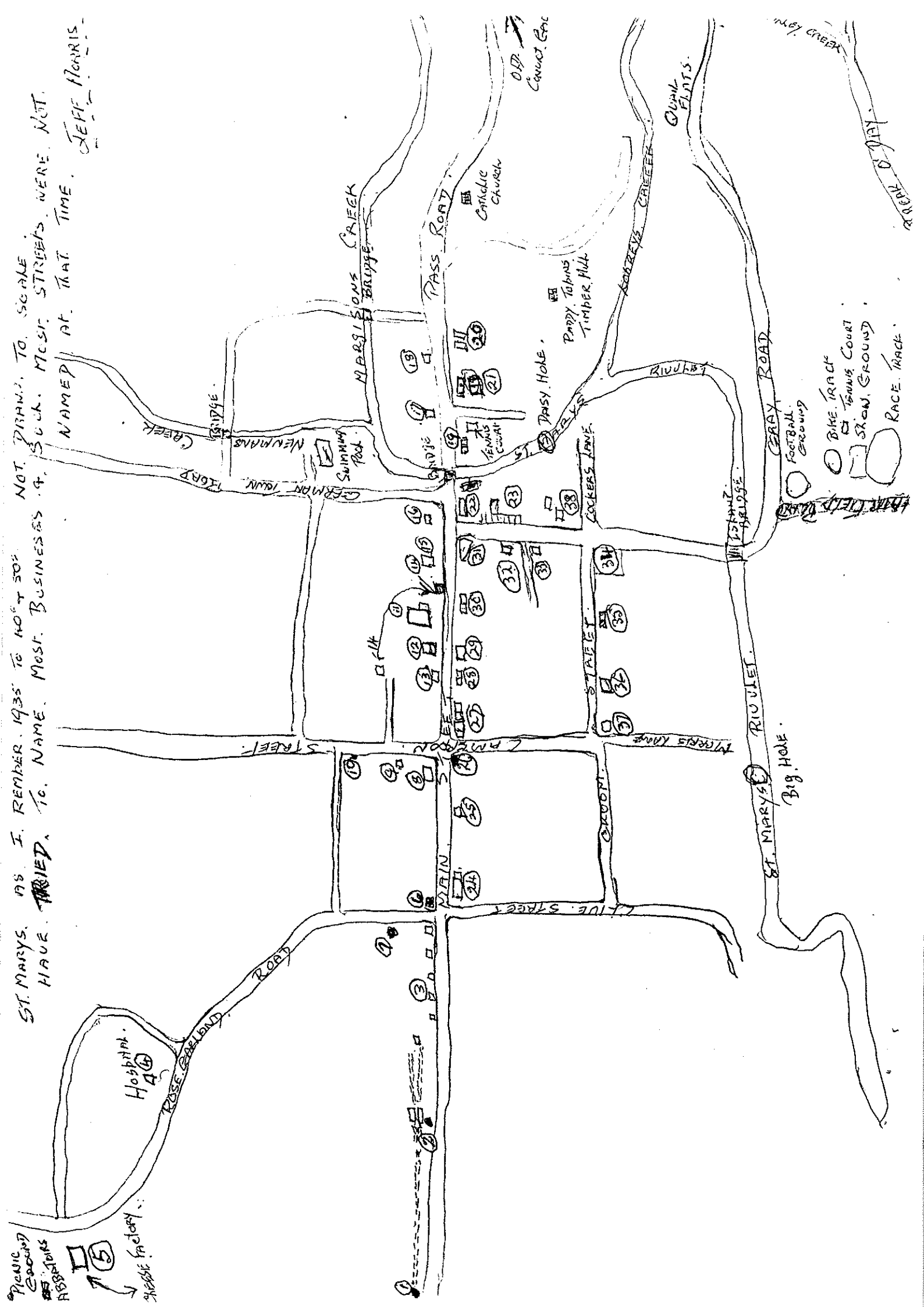
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up and take you home.

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Key to town plan

1. Jubilee screens & overhead bucket way
2. Railway Station, goods shed, engine shed & shunting yard
3. Station Master & Railway houses
4. Hospital
5. Cheese factory
6. Church of England
7. H. E. C. (Hydro Electricity Comm.)
8. Post Office
9. Neal's Bike shop
10. McHarg's Grain & Feed
11. School with playground & tennis court
12. R.S.L. & Farmers Memorial Hall
13. Ted Chapman's Bake-house & shop
14. Headmaster & School houses
15. Church of England Sunday School & Scout Hall
16. Blacksmith & Undertaker
17. Brown's Garage
18. Thorald's Garage
19. Bevan's Bakers shop & Maney's Butcher shop
20. Criterion Top Hotel & Top Dance Hall
21. E. B. L. Dawson General Store & Skin sheds
22. St Marys Hotel (tame fish & some animal cages)
23. Todd's Hall & Picture Theatre, also L.B.S. Bank, Williams Sweets, B. Donovan, Hairdresser, Pergus Newsagents & Hayes Butcher
24. Hindles General Store & Doyles Butcher
25. Plumber Baxters
26. Commercial Bank
27. McGearys General Store, Garage & Restaurant
28. Mrs Realits Lolly shop & Lucadou-Wells Dentist
29. H. C. Dawborns General Store
30. Chemist shop & Smiths Boot shop & repairs
31. J Smith & A Dawson Butcher shop & Bookmaker
32. Bullocks Cake shop
33. Harness shop & repairs
34. Sale Yards
35. Police Station and Goal
36. Reeces General Store & Skin Buyer
37. Olivers Feed & Carter
38. Methodist Church & Hall

No apologies. Map only drawn out of my head. Not to any scale ! Jeff Morris St Marys

Can we balance out forest demands

Forest plans propose patchworks of coupes supposedly to balance run off from clearing and demand from growth periods. The problem is that the growth period demand extends over much longer times than the excess flow (as flash run off and not base flow) and does not cancel. If we continue clearing and rotating forests we simply continue to draw down the storage as explained above. The safest approach is to maintain growth for long periods and to log small areas at a time, or selectively, if we wish to retain maximum run off. *Note that if the trees use the water, that water is not available to any other user in the catchment.*

Old growth v's plantations?

Water management.

All trees use water: some more than others. If we want to keep old forests then we gain more water, good timber, better water and so on. If we expand plantation cover then we lose water. There clearly needs to be a balance between forest operations, style of operation and forest value which recalls the water demand involved and considers what the catchment and other users in it can bear. This is something to be defined and negotiated. Any management process which ignores the water equation is worthless and damaging. Our present laws and agreements do not properly recognise the implication of the water cycle.

David Leaman is a Tasmanian geologist who was specially trained in groundwater and catchment hydrology and the techniques necessary to assess these resources. He brings nearly forty years of professional experience and thought to these ideas. (September 2003)


Submitted by North East BioRegional Network. Complete copies of this paper are available on request: Telephone 6372 2418

Next meeting of North East BioRegional Network, 19 November 2003 at Neighbourhood House St Helens @ 4 pm

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Appointments:
St Marys Health & Beauty Centre 6372 2172

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: 2nd & 4th Sunday
monthly at 11.30 am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM:

3.15 pm to 5 pm

for children 5-12 yrs

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

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Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with
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New Beginnings Church is a
branch of The Vine Church A.
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Just a few thoughts

I often read Cage Rattler and agree that if we cannot put forward a topic for discussion we should not criticize anyone who does. May I offer my thoughts.

Everyone has complained about the possum and the wallaby, especially the damage they do to our gardens or our fruit trees. They are definitely plague proportion. Fifty odd years ago when we were allowed to trap, our gardens were safe. Why not work with the Government to reduce the number of possums and use the skins. Anyone watching Burkes Backyard on Friday 17th August would see what New Zealand is doing to utilise the pelts. Why can't we use the skins for leather, for suede, the fur for carpets, using the skins for cosy moccasins, even for coats. If one country can do it, why can't we.

My second "Pie in the sky" idea is in conjunction with the community garden. Why not have people growing punnets of plants, not to sell at \$3.50 or \$3.75 but round about \$1.75. Also someone propagating plants like Camellia, Fuchsia, Azalea etc.

My third idea is a depot in St Marys and Fingal where one could buy mulching ute loads or large bag, sheep or cow manure, bales of straw etc. Things that a gardener needs, but also it being able to be delivered if ordered.

I quite expect someone will say "*she's a silly old fool, what does she know?*", but I know what is done in other places, especially if worked in with the local Council.

Fourthly, have we enough clay deposits etc. to make bricks without having a heavy cartage bill.

Are my thoughts stupid or can they be worked on. Today we have too many people saying you can't do this or you can't do that, why not. Let's have a go.

Una Camplin

Meals on Wheels Roster

Oct / Nov	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 27th	Tina Floyed	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 28th	Pauline Berwick	Alana Johns
Wed 29th	Pam Lynch	Karen Lohrey
Thurs 30th	Jean Schier	Sue Woods
Fri 31st	Tracy Bean	Bob Yates
Mon 3rd	Atholie Greenwood	Carole Woods
Tues 4th	M & P Berwick	Jacqui Death
Wed 5th	Patricia O'Donnell	Wendy Blair
Thurs 6th	Kaye Nailer	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 7th	Kath Read	Robyn Miller



North East Education Training Centre

Short Courses on Offer

YOGA with Jack Foreman



DAY: Wednesday Lunchtime
TIME: 12.45 - 1.25
VENUE: School Hall
COST: Adults - \$5 per session
Students - \$2 per session

COOKING: TASTE OF ASIA



Watch & Learn from instructors
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demonstrate the secrets of authentic
Asian cooking.

COST: Pre-paid \$36 for three classes.
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VENUE: Home Economics room -
St Marys District High School
TIME: Proposed 6.30 - 8.00pm approx

WEEK 1: Chinese Yum Cha (tiny delight)

Eggplant Shell, Sia Mai, Pork Spare Ribs

WEEK 2: Thailand Thai Green Chicken Curry &

Rice, Sweet & Sour Tofu

WEEK 3: Korean Fried Noodles with Prawn

Meat, Crisp Potato Pancakes

If interested please leave details with Liz at the
office on 6372 3900. Commences Tuesday 4th
November if sufficient numbers permit.

Dental Clinic

The dental clinic will again be opened on
Thursday 30th & Friday 31st October
Please phone and leave a message on
their machine - 6372 2488.



For emergencies please call Kelham Street on 6336 4100

School Pool Opening Soon!

The swimming pool will hopefully be open for family
and community use on 1st November until mid April
2004.

The fees for pool use are as follows:

Keys	\$120.00
Resuscitation Mask	\$ 5.00
GST	\$ 12.50
Key Deposit	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	<u>\$147.50</u>

Please note that the fees are the same as the previous
season, and payment by instalments can be arranged
with the School Executive Officer.

As this an unsupervised pool, **EVERY** key holder and
any "designated adult" (meeting the criteria stated in
the rules) supervising swimmers **MUST** have a
current CPR or First Aid Certificate.

Keys and rules will be available from the office from
Monday October 27th. When collecting keys, please
ensure that you have your valid CPR / First Aid
Certificate with you for us to copy and keep with your
key application form.



ST JOHN AMBULANCE

CPR COURSES

St John Ambulance CPR courses with Jenny Singline :

Thursday November 6th at the NEET Centre

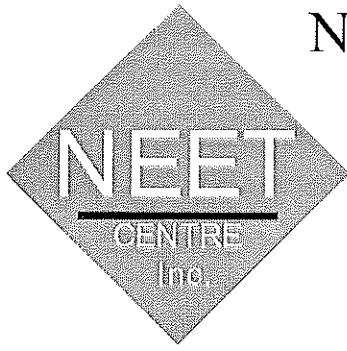
People who have not attended previous CPR courses are
required to enrol in the 3 hour session, while regular
participants only need to attend the 2 hour session.

Cost for this course is \$35.00 and certificates are valid for 12
months. Please contact the school office (6372 3900) and
leave your name, details and preferred sessions if you wish to
participate.

10.00 - 1.00pm (for people who have not attended
previous CPR courses)

2.00 - 4.00pm

6.00 - 8.00pm



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job prospects or just for your own interest,

For more information contact
Steve Walley, Charlotte Marshall,
or Tanya Wright (NEET Liaison Officer)

on (03) 6372 3900

THE SAY *by Cage Rattler* 'Roadies'

Last week as an interested observer I attended a meeting that involved a group named TownSafe St Marys and representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (D.I.E.R.) whose job it is to oversee and implement funding among other things for State Roads.

It must be stated initially that many pertinent points were raised through this meeting on local road issues and the convener and St Marys identity Mr David Clement, who outlined all these concerns did a good job in sticking to specific matters relating to the gathering. It was appreciated that this occurred so that informed answers were forthcoming from D.I.E.R. respondents. Even allowing for this however, we have a major and fundamental concern on the whole TownSafe St Marys thing that needs urgent attention.

Unless I've genuinely missed something pretty obvious, I'd like to ask when was this organisation officially formed and who actually formed it. I'll be hanged if I noticed any public calls to residents to meet, elect a steering committee, elect office bearers and adopt a constitution, which is a basic requirement of any organisation.

For TownSafe St Marys to be creditable, this must occur, otherwise the persons/group involved cannot truly claim to represent the town as it states in 'TownSafe St Marys'. Is TownSafe St Marys an incorporated body ?.

I unreservedly apologise to those involved if it is my mistake and that this has already happened. If it has, perhaps the Secretary or Public Officer would be good enough to release details to the rest of us when it did as well as the group's aims, objectives, charter and meeting dates.

If TownSafe St Marys is not formalised as was the popular opinion the other day, then I suggest all they are is a few concerned local residents albeit with the best of intentions, but with no real right to speak for the majority of us without outward consultation across a broad range of the community.

Believe it or not I applaud the concept of such a committee and it could be very advantageous to be an avenue to voice our safety ideals. However until someone proves an actual existence of this 'organisation' I'd strongly but politely suggest that perhaps they refrain from espousing views using a title such as TownSafe St Marys on our behalf.

Come on people do it right if you are going to do it at all.
What do you think?

Wombat Post News

We now have
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St Marys Sports Centre News *by Kackhander*

New roof for Centre

St Marys Sports Centre has gone green, not in the political sense but courtesy of our new roof. It looks fantastic and is a tribute to the brilliant working bee two Saturdays back that the job was done. Thanks so much to everyone who helped and a special mention in particular to Jack Viney who basically organised the measuring and ordering as well. It was a team effort and shows what can be done when you get stuck into it. Another big positive in the past fortnight is the way everyone is approaching making themselves available for various jobs, it's great.

A great start for bowls with 17 turning up for practice last week. That's absolutely unheard of and bodes well for the rest of the year. This translated into a two rink six shot win in the first game against a good Scamander team. This week the side travels to Swansea and President Jack Viney suggests that anyone intending to make themselves available, please practice.

Graham Hayes has kindly donated some terrific wood craft prizes for a top raffle and this is greatly appreciated and will be very nice to win. Tickets will be sold until just before Christmas.

It is envisaged that in a couple of weeks we will be making a start on the light towers enabling bowls at night. This is a great innovation and all help will be welcomed. Further details later on that.

The Singles draw is up for the Championships and the first round must be concluded by 8th November no matter what - so please make sure this is the case.

To Golf and the major event over the past fortnight was the Mixed Foursomes Championships. Eight teams competed and it is great to report that even allowing for some awful weather, new member Mark Birch partnered with Bobby Harwood to take both titles this year. They were exceptionally consistent and hardly put a foot wrong all day to secure the title. Congratulations to them both.

We still haven't a Club Captain as yet. Please everyone consider this if you could because it will be difficult to schedule events over the Summer without one. If you are interested just contact the club as soon as possible. In a few weeks we look forward to a substantial Aurora Day kindly sponsored by this electricity supplier. This is great news and we hope for a big field on the day.

Club President Rex Floyed is asking that we continue to help out where we can to let our club go from strength to strength. Any ideas can be directed to the committee or a loyal band of members who will be investigating all sorts of options. John, Chris, Dale, Mark and Glenn are prepared to look into any worthwhile proposals.

Rex suggests that we hold a good club dinner in a couple of months which sounds like a great idea. A reminder to all that subscriptions are now due and payable by November 30th, and early payment would be terrific.

Finally our condolences go to the Sweet family in the recent loss of Jack. Although he has been a valued Life Member at Scamander for many years, he was also a member of our club and always a friendly face. We will all miss him after his sudden passing.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling



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Nov Friday 14 : Phil Manning - acoustic

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