

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Doors close after 45 years

Last Friday was a rather sad but historic day for the Falmouth community. Because of a change in her family's lifestyle, Jean Schier has made the decision to resign from her position as the postmistress of the Falmouth Post Office. Jean has been an institution at Falmouth having been serving the community's postal needs for 45 years. In 1959 Mrs Schier took over the running of the Post Office from Miss Nellie Wardlaw who had had the service at Glencoe for the previous 60 years. This meant building onto the Schier home to accommodate the mail room and telephone exchange and all that goes into installing and setting up a post office. Much of the telephone installation work was done by PMG employee, St Marys man, Mr Guy Hayes.

It was a 'plug-in and wind-up' 9 to 5 operation then until in 1973 the exchange became automatic and Mrs Schier also became a 'Public Bag Holder' for the Falmouth mail.

Jean and her late husband Gilbert and their family of a daughter and five sons are well known in the Falmouth-St Marys community.

The retirement of Post Mistress Jean will leave a hole in the close knit seaside community, but with some of her family returning to live in Tasmania there will be more time to spend with them.

Congratulations Jean on your many years of serving Falmouth through the post office and all the extras that go with such a position.

Council acts on safety problem with play equipment at Four Mile Creek

Break O'Day Council has taken steps to remove a treated pine play structure from Four Mile Creek. The structure no longer complies with the required standards and was identified some time ago by Council for removal.

The work was carried out in conjunction with maintenance performed on the Four Mile Creek Bridge resulting in an overall cost saving for the removal.

Council now intends to contact residents of the area and commence discussions in relation to a possible replacement of the facility.

This will give Council time to assess the current population demographics of the Four Mile Creek area which will then be considered as part of the forthcoming budget for 2004/2005

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of Valley Voice is Tuesday 9th March '04

Clean up Australia Day Sunday 7th March.

This is the nations largest community based environmental event. Being involved is easy and fun, just get together with your friends, find a patch near you, register the site and then get out there and Make Australia Shine!



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Applications close on Friday 5th March 2004

Letter to the Editor

Congratulations and thank you to the Lions Club of St Marys for our wonderful new playground equipment. Please everyone, let us keep it safe from vandals and be proud of our newest asset.

G & K Saunders
St Marys

Thank you Kath and Leon, you are always first in with your subs. Glad that you still enjoy the Valley Voice even after 10 years since leaving St Marys.

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The Kringle Family would like to thank the kind people for their cards, flowers, and flower arrangements with the passing of their Husband, Father and Pop Ron.

RETURN THANKS

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Mary, Wayne, Merlene and families wish to sincerely thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, flowers and cooking, after the recent loss of our Mother.

Our special thanks to the staff at Medea Park for the love, care and compassion shown to Mum over the last year and a half of her life.

Please accept this as our personal thankyou to all.

APPRECIATION

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for cards, phone calls and flowers at the loss of my beloved wife Nancy. Also a special thanks to members of St Marys Lions Club for providing refreshments and all who attended to make the service special for me.

Ian Faulkner

Gilbert Henry Saunders

Graham, Karen, Nathan and Brendan Saunders would like to thank their friends for their many expressions of sympathy and help during the illness and passing of our dear Dad and Pop.

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Community notices

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary, next meeting is at 2 pm on Monday 1st March at the Community Health Centre. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month. K. Faulkner Secretary

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts meeting 11.30 am Thursday 4th March at Jacks Shop Storey Street St Marys. This is an important meeting at which planning for the Winter Solstice will be on the agenda. New members of the community are invited to join in this discussion.

Contact Rachael 6372 255 for more info.

Live music: St Marys Hotel Thurs. 4th March 8.30 pm start. Phil Emanuel. See back page for more info.

Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday 7th March 2004

North East Bioregional Network, next meeting 16th March 4 pm at St Helens Neighbourhood House

Break O'Day Stitchers Exhibition 10th - 14th April, 10 am to 4 pm at Portland Memorial Hall St Helens.

'Stitchers' meet last Saturday of the month, 9.30 am at St Helens Neighbourhood House.

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Crime and Public Order are a community problem, not just a police problem.

Police Report by Bob Baker Sergeant St Marys Station

This will be the first crime report since the Christmas break. I am pleased that overall there were no major incidents in the St Marys Division in terms of crime and public order offences. I say no major incidents, however, there have in my opinion been too many incidents involving disturbing the peace by fighting and general drunkenness on the streets.

I wish to reassure the community that this behaviour will not be tolerated by police and it should not be tolerated by the community. Several offenders have been identified and there has been one arrest with a further one expected in the near future after enquiries are completed.

As I have always stated, a police service is only as good as the information it receives. Crime and Public order are a community problem not just a police problem. It is essential that crime and public order offences are reported to police. Your identity will be protected by Police if you request it.

I think it is also appropriate that I make the comment that illegal drugs also play a large part in some public order offences and behaviour. Drug dealers and growers are particularly active at this time of the year so any information identifying this type of offender is greatly appreciated. Once again I assure you that your identity will be protected.

The following crime has been reported to Police since Christmas,

- ⊙ Car windscreen smashed at Fingal, offender charged
- ⊙ Vehicle damaged at Mangana, offender charged
- ⊙ Petrol stolen at Fingal, offender charged

There are two outstanding crimes being,

- ⊙ A burglary at Irishtown Road sometime between 1/12/2003 and 22/2/2004. A television and VCR were stolen.
- ⊙ A burglary at Mathinna between 26/1/2004 and 14/2/2004. Stolen was a lawn mower, spray unit and a cast iron bath.

Your assistance in providing information in relation to these outstanding matters would be appreciated.

I have recently returned from annual leave and missed the floods. I can say from general conversation I have had with several people that all involved acquitted themselves very well. I would welcome any feedback from members of the public or other Community Services on the floods that will enhance our response to future incidents of a similar nature

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New time this year:

Every Friday 10 am to 12 pm (school term only) St Marys District High School Kindy Room.

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Starts - 2nd March

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Work Place 2 / Senior First Aid

Re-accreditation course

At Fingal with Roxie Cowie Training Manager for St John Ambulance Tuesday 6th April 9 am to 4.30 pm.

The cost of this course has been reduced due to a grant received by the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, from \$65 down to \$50.

Work Place 2 Senior First Aid - Full Course will be held at Fingal on Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st April between 9 am & 4.30 pm. The cost has also been reduced, from \$160 down to \$120. Participants in the full course will receive the St John manual and resuscitation mask.

Child minding will be available but must be booked prior to the course. FVNH 6374 2344

The Editor

The 'Kerbside Recycling Survey' being circulated by the Break O'Day Council provides no information to households as to the basis in which the recycling would be conducted, and appears to be nothing more than a strategy to prepare ratepayers for a further increase in waste collection charges, on top of the existing \$70 wheelie bin charge.

If recycled materials such as cardboard, office paper, newspapers, telephone books, glass, plastic, steel and aluminium cans (see yellow pages for Collex and Jones) have a commercial value, then Council should be calling for tenders from contractors to obtain the recycling rights on the municipality - in which case, why should householders be charged for sorting and supplying the material to the contractors.

Further, if (say) 50% of households waste is recycled and is not placed in the wheelie bins, there should be a corresponding reduction in the charge to householders for waste collection.

The results of this so called 'survey' cannot assist Council to make decisions regarding recycling, because the survey is loaded - you approve of recycling, if so what will you pay.

Council should provide householders with reasonable information on how the proposed recycling would work, and the costs and revenues involved for different options.

This 'survey' does not qualify as "communication" between Council and ratepayers.

D W Clement



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Seafood and Symphony coming to the coast

The much acclaimed Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra will be performing at St Helens on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 March as part of the Break O'Day Seafood and Symphony Festival.

The new Doherty St Helens Resort will be the principal sponsor of the festival.

The highlight of this festival will be the concert 'A string serenade' performed by the TSO at the Portland Memorial Hall in St Helens at 6 pm on the Friday evening. Concertmaster Jun Yi Ma will lead The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra's strings in a full length program of sublime music for string orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are available by phoning the TSO Box Office freecall 1800 001 190 office hours or from Break O'Day Council Offices.

Dinner with the Orchestra is a gourmet dinner featuring seafoods of the region and costs \$60 per person, drinks included. Bookings can be made with the TSO or by calling Doherty St Helens Resort on 6376 1999.

Advance bookings for the concert and the dinner are recommended as both events are expected to sell out.

On Saturday 27 March there will be other musical events in St Helens featuring well-known musicians from the region as well as from further afield.

St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130 Ah 1800 808 178 Mobile: 0409 361 005
Lorraine McGee RN.

Appointments: 6372 2111 1st & 3rd Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon

Next Sessions: Thurs 4th & 18th March

Meals on Wheels Roster

March	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 1st	Debbie Barnes	Carole Woods
Tue 2nd	M & P Berwick	Karen Lohrey
Wed 3rd	Mick Sharman	Wendy Blair
Thu 4th	Gail Gamble	Suzie Smith
Fri 5th	Peter Williams	Malcolm Saunders
Mon 8th	Annette Davey	Rhonda Hoskinson
Tue 9th	Trish Pike	Robyn Holder
Wed 10th	C & G Dawson	Katrina Johnson
Thu 11th	Heather Griffith	Maureen Hall
Fri 12th	Pauline Berwick	Robyn Miller

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Arrive St Marys 7.45 pm

Sunday

Depart St Marys 4.30 pm
Passengers wishing to travel to Hobart connect at Conara at 10.10 am, arriving Hobart 12 pm

CORNWALL DAYS by Jim Haas,

It was a glorious spring morning in 1958 as I walked down the hill to catch the Cornwall school bus. The thoughts of having to go directly to Mr Walkden's office for misbehaving on the bus the night before were playing on my mind. The idea of six cuts of the cane from the Headmaster was not my way to start a beautiful day like this.

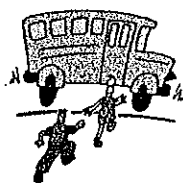
The bus was just about to turn at Mary Nolan's shop when I reached the huge pine trees that surrounded the Cornwall "Flat". I turned left and headed away from the bus, past Albert Jones, who was putting a couple of milking cows in a paddock, down the lane between Percy Llewellyn's and Tom Hall's and into the bush which led to the Green Hill. From here I could get a good view of the Valley and main road. My plan was simple; I mucked about all day and watched for the mine buses, which carried the mineworkers from the Cornwall Mine home to St Marys. Once they appeared I would walk home and arrive about the same time as if I had gone to school.

I was an experienced school "wagger", this plan had worked on numerous occasions in the past, it had proven successful, wait for the mine busses to go home, a few minutes after them would come the school bus. So by the time I walked from the Green Hill I would arrive home at normal school time. Too easy!

This day I was laying back in a tussock dreaming some far away thoughts and watching Ervin Bullock ploughing a paddock with his old tractor when suddenly the mine bus appeared crawling home past the Cullenswood church. Reluctantly I got up and headed back through the bush towards Cornwall, thinking how quick the day had gone.

Everything looked normal when I walked through the back door of the family home, Dad was sitting in his usual spot at the kitchen table reading the newspaper and drinking his cup of tea and Mum was at the kitchen sink preparing vegetables for the evening meal.

"Hi Mum, Hi Dad" I greet them in my normal voice. Mum immediately spun around from the sink. "What are you doing home so early?" she questioned in a suspicious tone.



I looked at them both dumbfounded. "What do you mean?. I'm not early"
"Yes you are." Mum's voice was full of suspicion now. "The mine was shut down two hours early today because of a power failure."

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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

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Daily Office Reading

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Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

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No service 5th Sunday

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Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, super tax, school tax, petrol tax, excise tax, sales tax, gas tax, tariff tax, railway tax, road tax, company tax, and amusement tax (of which I have none) and, when I eventually die, a death tax. I am required to get a business license, car license, dealers license, truck license, inflammable liquids license, radio license, not to mention a marriage license and a dog license.

For my own safety, I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, accident insurance, unemployment insurance, old-age insurance, fire insurance and business insurance.

My business is so governed that I do not know today, nor can I find out, who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, examined and re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded, and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am ruined.

I can tell you that except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose this cheque. The wolf that comes to so many doors nowadays had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is the money,"

Noise

Noise annoys, particularly when we want to relax and enjoy our leisure time at home. It can affect the nervous system, disturb sleep, spoil concentration and damage hearing.

Neighbourhood noise problems are amongst the most frequent causes of complaints received by local Councils, the Police and the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

Noise in the community has a variety of sources of which power tools, trail bikes, industry, entertainment, lawn mowers, heat pumps and animals are the most common.

Permissible hours for the operation of:

Chainsaws and Power Equipment - (i.e. Power Tools, Pool Pumps)

- ♦ Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 6.00 pm
- ♦ Saturday 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
- ♦ Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

Lawn Mowers

- ♦ Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 8.00 pm
- ♦ Saturday 8.00 am to 8.00 pm
- ♦ Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day 10.00 am to 8.00 pm

Off Roads / Recreation Vehicles

- ♦ Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 6.00 pm
- ♦ Saturday 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- ♦ Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

Please note: There are however specific restrictions on where chainsaws and off-road / recreational vehicles may be used.

If you are annoyed by noise: If you are annoyed by noise created by neighbours, there are a number of approaches you can take.

The first thing to do is to try to solve the problem amicably by talking it over with the person causing the noise. Often they will not have realised they are causing you a problem and in many cases they will be only too happy to do what they can to help.

♦ Formal action may be necessary where the noise is a recurrent problem. You may lodge an individual complaint or where the noise affects a number of neighbours a combined complaint, with your local Council.

♦ Council has the power to investigate and ease many of the offensive noise problems in the community.

♦ If the noise is a 'one off' problem (especially at night) you should consider contacting the local Police.

St Marys Tennis Club

Night Roster

Our next Roster will be starting on Monday 1st March. Rosters are being distributed this week.

Raffle Results

Christmas Raffle of decorated cake, chocolates and wine was won by June Panoff.

Break O'Day Mixed Challenge Raffle 1st Prize Tennis Equipment Package: the Bouchier family, 2nd Prize 2 Crayfish: Vic Cato and 3rd Prize a Bottle of Wine: Mark Oliver.

Congratulations to these prize winners!

Club Championship Finals

The Club Championship Finals will be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March. Please keep in mind that the next Night Roster will be commencing on Monday 1st March so some week-day nights (on one court) will not be available for championship matches.

The Break O'Day Mixed Challenge

This event was hosted by the Club on Saturday 14th February and Sunday 15th February. Many thanks to all those club members who assisted with the catering, the barbecue and court preparation over the two days. It was an extremely successful event and we hope the Break O'Day Tourism Association and Examiner continue their sponsorship of the event in 2005! Congratulations to two locals—Chris Gunson and John Miles and their partners who made the C and B Grade Grand Finals!

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held this **Thursday, 26th February 2004** at 7.30 pm. A topic for discussion will be the possible change (s) to the next season of Sunday Pennant.

Junior Championships

The Junior Championships will be held on Saturday 3rd April. This event is open to students up to and including grade 10. The cost is \$5 for non-Club members. Those interested should forward their names to Maureen Bushing at the school.

Susan Miles (Secretary)

The Say by Cage Rattler

People we have a problem

Once again bureaucracy and red tape will likely undermine rational thinking. This of course in relation to our Dr Pravesh Shah.

Every time you pick up the newspapers you see stories about the health crisis in rural areas and indeed just how hard it is to attract doctors to come to these towns for a short tenure, much less want to remain.

Anyone who knows Dr Shah is pure and simply glowing in his obvious hands on skills and attention to detail. This family has assimilated into our community in a very special way and we cannot risk losing them. What a gaping hole it would be to fill.

It is all very well for the AMA saying and trying to justify that standards must be maintained, but isn't that what Dr Shah has already been doing, maintaining high standards.

Added also, that is to compare Dr Shah to a just qualified graduate should he pass the exam process soon, this is a travesty in itself. I cannot see how this could be the case because there is no substitute for experience and I'm afraid that no new graduate could be equal to a general practice doctor of Dr Shah's experience and ability.

Given now the opportunity to have a realistic study period with the weight of all that dedication to duty not an option, I like most of us hope with a great deal of optimism that his obvious talents won't let him down on paper.

Pass or not both he and Premella have been fantastic for our community and have been a great relief to many ailing people who are so reliant on a capable, caring and compassionate doctor.

Come on the Australian Medical Association, let us see you be supportive of our doctor and our community.

What do you think ?



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St Marys Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

The East Coast Open last weekend sponsored by Boags managed to attract about 30 golfers. The big news was the extraordinary round by current club champion Dale Ridgers who shot 65 (2 under par). Well done Dale. You don't see sub par too often. He followed this up with a good performance in the Tasmanian Open and should be proud of his efforts. In B Grade Mark Carrick also did well to return a 79 to win and D. Swanson in C Grade. In the Ladies event, a big congratulations must go to Deidre Panton who shot 78 gross to win the A Grade. Bobby Harwood took out B Grade and Dot Hardcastle the C Grade.

Bowls. The club finished the regular season on a high with a solid 28 shot win at Bicheno and without several of our best bowlers. This is a good sign for the finals which begin this Saturday against Scamander down at Swansea. It is a must win game as the loser is finished.

Jack Viney advises practice goes ahead as usual on Thursday but a special practice night to select the team will be held on Friday night. Please do your best to be there if you want to be selected in the team, it is very important.

Also the end of season 'do's' are well on the way. On Friday March 26th we will be holding a dinner and trophy presentation night including the Best and Fairest and Clubman etc. awards. Bookings for the night are desired to be early so please get onto that as soon as possible.

The weekend trip to Launceston for the Clive Berwick Inter-club Challenge with East Launceston is on the first weekend of April and likewise Jack needs to know what nights the travellers wish to stay as he has to book accommodation. Let's get onto that quickly also.

Thanks to all who have been helping around the club in the past few weeks, not only on the bowls green but equally to all those who turned up last Sunday to make a big start at the aeration topdressing of our greens. Thanks to Peter Davern and Normie Dawson for their help on the water and a special thanks to Jack Wines whose mechanical skills have been fantastic on some 'iffy' machinery lately. Thanks Jack its much appreciated.

Even though our membership is well down at the moment it is pleasing to see most of the members supporting these tasks. On this matter the club must address the downturn of the financial members and it is hoped that many good ideas to make us attractive to join will soon be forthcoming. Believe me, it is a great place to spend time and anyone interested in either golf, bowls or just socialising with good company, please contact us on how to join.



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Live Music

Thurs. 4th March 8.30 pm

➤ **Phil Emanuel** - He may be the brother of Tommy but he is a guitar virtuoso in his own right. As the posters say "Tommy plays it sweet, Phil plays it from the street - low down & dirty". They started touring Australia way back before the roads were sealed, as a family unit with a caravan. His love for the guitar and his drive is still evident in his playing today. Come & check him out. \$10

Saturday 13th March

➤ **Mike Elrington**

School boys win Grand Final

The St Marys School Under 16 Cricket team had a comprehensive win over Scamander in their Grand Final played recently at Scamander. St Marys 2 for 209 defeated Scamander all out for 169.

Top scores for St Marys were Todd Spilsbury 53 retired, Brock Leedham 50 retired and Joel Salter 50 retired. Best bowlers for St Marys were Reece Maher with 5 for 28 and Joel Salter 3 for 36.

For Scamander Damian Ross was out for 61 and Robert McGregor 27. Troy Howe took 1 wicket for 29.

St Marys Joel Salter attended the Under 15 trials and has been selected to play in the northern Metro Cup side which will be played on 1st March. Well done Joel.

Joel along with his father Roger and Brock Leedham have been playing with Westbury in the NTCA C Grade division this season.