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Harry wins 'Head 2 Head'

It's still all a bit hard to believe for the St Marys Young family - Harry and Rose and mum and dad Gene and Darlene. What became an exciting trip of a lifetime started when Harry aged thirteen entered into a competition being run on Austar program Nickelodeon. The "Head 2 Head" competition was in two parts and Harry Young sent in a couple of entries. A winner was selected each week over eight weeks then the grand final winner was chosen. The competition attracted 40,000 entries! How lucky was Harry!

Sasha from Nickelodeon first rang Mrs Young to ask permission for Harry to accept the prize, and then rang him to tell him of his win. The prize of airfares, accommodation in Sydney, tickets to the Telstra Australian Swimming Championships and transfers to and from all venues was for one adult and one child. Such a wonderful trip needed to include the whole family so Gene and Darlene Young arranged for airfares for the other half of the family so they could all go.

As well as the trip to Sydney Harry's prize included heaps more stuff such as an X Box and Music Mixer, Waterific Playset, Face Makin Spongebob, The Green Machine, Stickers, Games, Books and many more gift items.

The excitement really began when a car arrived at their St Marys home to take them to Launceston airport. A limousine was there to meet them at Sydney airport and chauffeur them to their accommodation. And guess where that was? Star City Casino!! A two bedroom fully self contained apartment on the seventh floor with views of the harbour. And the breakfasts, Rose and Harry could not believe the choice and amount of food available just for breakfast and the seating for hundreds of people.

Just to list a few of the things the family crammed into the weekend; a tour of Nickelodeon TV Studio, watching Grant Hackett and Matt Welsh at the swimming trials, buying Chinese takeaways in Chinatown, riding the Subway, the Monorail and the Ferries, walking around the Opera House, watching the Pyrmont Bridge swing out to let ships go through. This bridge is the oldest bridge of this type in Australia.

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Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is Tuesday 4th May '04



Stop Walk and Talk

Part of Tasmania Police's strategies towards achieving a safer community where people are safe and feel safe in every aspect of their lives, is to encourage local Police Officers to regularly walk around the local businesses talking to business owners and the general public about any concerns they may have. This strategy is referred to as the 'Stop Walk and Talk' program.

Part of my duties as the Sergeant in Charge of the St Marys Police Station is to ensure that the community is satisfied with Police presence and performance in the town. I encourage any person in the community who has any issues in this regard to contact me at St Marys Station.

Sergeant Bob Baker

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- ✕ Contact Name
- ✕ Contact Phone Number

Information must be received by Friday 18 June 2004

Harry wins 'Head 2 Head'

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Some of the special things were; walking over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the lights over the harbour at night and the rather scary rides up and down the Casino elevator which is on the *outside* of the building!

Harry and Rose spoke of the amazing 'landscaping' they saw as they rode the elevator - cascading water features as they neared the bottom of the building.

They found Sydney a beautiful and exciting city but the children commented on the crowds of people everywhere and the smoggy air.

When Harry was asked what he thought of his win he just quietly said "Real cool"

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Community notices

ANZAC DAY SERVICES: Sunday 25 April

Dawn Service 6 am: Breakfast will be served.
11 am Service: After the Service a light luncheon will be served at cost of \$5 per person.

Organisations wishing to lay a wreath please contact:

RSL Secretary Polly McGee 6372 2129

SMACD. Next general meeting will be at the St Marys Online Access Centre on Friday 23rd April at 5 pm.

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meeting 2 pm Monday 3 May at the Marys Community Health Centre.

Northeast Bioregional Network Inc. Next meeting is the **AGM**, Tuesday 18th May 4 pm at Neighbourhood House St Helens. A guest speaker, Mr Peter Searle will speak at 5 pm (following the meeting) Visitors welcome.

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THANKYOU

I wish to thank everyone for assisting at the roadside accident I was in on Friday 2nd April. As I was unable to comprehend everyone, and all the Units involved, please accept this as my heartfelt appreciation.

Michael French

Camping Raffle

St Marys Lions Club Easter Raffle was drawn at the Post Office on Thursday 8th April by Post Office Pete (Wombat).

The lucky winner was Robyn Brown of Upper Esk.

Robyn was over the moon when she packed her car with all the goodies as she could not remember where she purchased her ticket and did not know just how much was in the prize.

Thank you to all who supported our Lions Club once again in one of our most successful raffles.

Ruth McGiveron Vice President Lions Club of St Marys.

10 Times a winner

Congratulations to Michael Williams for winning the State Yard Dog Championship last weekend with his dog Mack. This is Michael's 10th Championship. Well done Michael.

Can you help?

Did anyone manage to tape the last of the series "Francesco" about the life of St Francis of Assisi on SBS?

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Getting there !

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Ray Rosskelly
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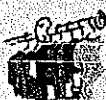


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How lucky can you be?

Easter Monday 2004 is a day I shall always remember.

It all started with a call from my brother David Gregson who said, "Paul, I'm shouting you a trip in a four seater plane to fly to the Southwest (Tasmania). There is a seat for Patsy too if she wishes to come." A quick call and the reply "Count me in", (*Sorry about the races Chris !*)

Wow how lucky can you be !

David's son Andrew has a pilot's licence and as David had flown with him previously he thought it was time to give his sister a treat. I had walked in the Boyes Basin and Denison Range areas and had visited Lake Pedder etc but I had always wanted to visit the areas that I still had not been to. I must admit that I did not really think the day would ever come that it would happen.

Easter Monday 7.15 am and a phone call from Andrew. "It's on Auntie Paul, as the weather forecast is good". I had a few doubts as a heavy fog hung over St Marys.

By 7.45 I was on my way to pick up Patsy and on to Western Junction. Andrew flew in from Hobart with a couple of friends from England on board, who had hitched a ride up with him.

Time to board and then we listened to all the instructions. I didn't quite know how to take it when Andrew said "There are your life jackets but if you need to use them you'll know we are really in deep".

Before we taxied the runway Andrew did ask me to check if there was any oncoming traffic !

A smooth take off and we were on our way. A small plane was such a different experience for me. We could see everything so clearly, particularly as we were able to fly low.



The Southwest ! What can I say other than it is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. Flying around the mountains, Mt Hayes and Picton, encircling Federation Peak, Precipitous Bluff and then the Port Davy area and Melaleuca, home of the well known late Denis King. The beautiful beaches, the colour of the water, the islands. We were certainly in God's own country.

Next we flew along the coast, loving every minute of it but I can't say in words how I felt. It was such a feeling of joy and certainly it gave us a greater appreciation of Tasmania's diverse landscape, a truly awesome experience.

We followed the South west track to some degree, glad we weren't walking it, and then on to Bruny Island. "Look for the sock Patsy, (to see which way the wind was blowing), that was after finding the air-strip as Andrew had not landed there before. " It's stuck Andrew, not blowing at all, but by the way the yachts are anchored, the winds are northerly " says Patsy who is a sailor of old!

As in all well chartered flights, a picnic lunch was provided and of course enjoyed by all.

A quick phone call to David's wife at base to let her know to pick us up in 1½ hours and the return trip began. After a smooth takeoff we followed the course of the Derwent, past Iron Pot and the "black rock" of Bob Clifford fame, over Hobart, the Midlands and before we knew it we were back at Western Junction.

It truly was a privilege to have been part of this day. Thank you David for giving me such an experience which I shall always remember and treasure. What next? Skydiving?

I might add that the pilot's parting words were, "let me know if you want to go anywhere else".

Anyone interested?, if so I do have a phone number !!

Pauline Berwick



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Letter to the Editor

Mill Ridge Walking Track Proposal

I hope that no one else got the impression that I am trying to rewrite the history books. I'd have to read them first and haven't come across many. For a new person in town, the local history is not evident. I have been in this area for a rough decade and five of my seven children have spent from most to all their lives here. My son Otis was born in Fingal, possibly a rare claim to fame in these times.

My interest is in creating ongoing sustainable local employment in St Marys as at present we lose young people due to lack of employment opportunities. As we haven't a municipal pool or a skating rink, putting some thought into the potential that we do have seems like a good idea. Surrounded as we are by bushland, the development of walking tracks is obvious.

There are a number of different avenues that we could access for funding and other support but there is definitely a need for some volunteers to get the project off the ground.

On the morning of our walk, Gerald Aulich arrived and filled us in on some of what turns out to be a very vibrant history of the area. I would like to thank Barry Aulich for his contribution and as he pointed out in his letter, it is the Hopewell Road that we were walking but it does pass, as I said, under the flanks of St Patrick's Head and is an easy walk which could be made accessible for a good stretch to wheelchairs, prams and those not fit enough for the marathon climb up the actual St Patrick's Head walking track.

What I had in mind is that the Hopewell Road track could be joined to the actual Mill Ridge Track which I believe could be extended to reach the sea. I don't know what progress has been made with the Fingal to St Marys railroad walk but I am willing to bet money that people would come from halfway around the world to walk from Fingal to the sea.

As for the Mill Ridge Hut, it is indeed a mystery. I have a map which I obtained from Forestry which has an 'X marks the spot' identifying the site of the historic Mill Ridge Hut.

We did find a pile of old boards and guttering which pretty well matched the description but as I now understand, we had the wrong pile pegged as 'the hut'! So, I am still interested in any information about that area, up to and including the mystery hut and hopefully beyond - names and dates are good but stories are even better - what actually happened in the lives of the families that lived there?

Anyone who would like to contribute information about the history of the Mill Ridge or is interested in working on the walking track, please contact Eo Greenstick on 0438 571 291

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Thu 29th	Heather Griffiths	Suzie Smith
Fri 30th	Peter Williams	Robyn Miller
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Timber Communities Australia Record numbers attend conference

Sixty-five Tasmanians have just returned from the highly successful Annual National Conference of Timber Communities Australia held in Albury April 1 to 4. The conference highlighted the need for continued sustainable forest management.

The Tasmanian delegation included three St Marys branch members, being Craig Cox, Dana Smith and Gerald Aulich.

With the Federal Elections drawing near the 65 Tasmanian delegates were joined by other regional TCA representatives from around Australia. Delegates were briefed on the devastating impacts of poor government forestry decisions in Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

TCA delegates from around the Nation supported the Tasmanian ALP government's balanced approach to forest reservation and the continued harvesting of mature forests for high quality timber products. Mainland delegates were also very appreciative of the forestry policy position of the Tasmanian Liberal Opposition.

"Delegates from our region welcomed the total support of other State TCA branch's following a broad range of speakers from our national network." Mr Gerald Aulich President TCA St Marys branch said upon the delegates return.

Our delegates received an important report on the outcomes and of the Federal Parliament's bushfire inquiry "A Nation Charred" from the Chairman Gary Nairn MP.

Tasmanian Resources Minister, Bryan Green MHA, was able to provide mainland delegates the facts about Tasmanian forests and how they are managed for the environment, social values and the economy.

"Senator Ian MacDonald the Federal Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation reaffirmed the Federal government's commitment to the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement."

The conference was a great success, and showed the importance of communities working together to promote the importance of maintaining rural values."

"Next year the TCA National conference will be held in Tasmania and we will be showcasing our region to visiting delegates." Mr Aulich concluded.

For more information you can contact Gerald Aulich on 6372 2283

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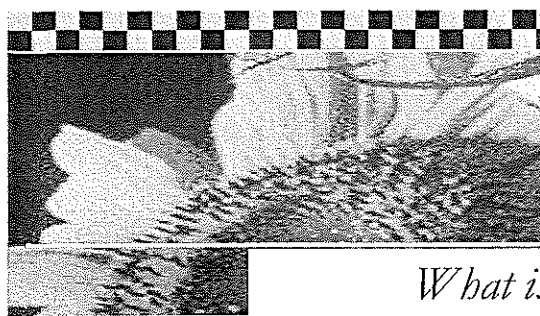
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Farm News

What is happening this year, down on the farm?

The community garden is leaping forward under the careful eye of Mr. Ross Quinn. A few members of the local community have come up to the garden and had a look. You are very welcome to stay and pull out weeds. At this stage if you come on a Friday from 1.30 until 3.00 you are most likely to catch someone there, and be able to use school tools. There is a plan to have a shed in the near future for storage of some basic garden tools, but generally the idea is, you bring what you want to use. Mr Rubenach has very kindly donated some of his time to plough and prepare an area for a crop. At this stage some students are researching the requirements for Amaranth.

If anyone knows anything about the suitability of this crop please let us know.

Thanks to Erin Miller for her efforts in getting the lavender hedge started, it is really taking off now.

Most of us can see our plans taking shape now, but many hands make light work!



Community Garden project:

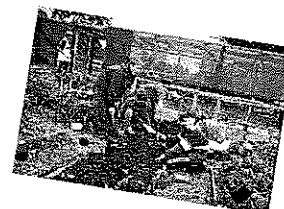
It is up and running. This is a before shot, check out the after shot! Thanks Ross Quinn for all your efforts.



The students and their enterprises

Year tens have the opportunity this year to work on a Farm course. It is designed to be a hands on course, looking at small farm management, and involving some enterprise. Students have taken on the role of marketing produce from both the student gardens and the community gardens, and pooling the money to go back into further development of the farm and gardens. This

unique resource is such a valuable asset. The students really throw themselves into the management tasks with enthusiasm, as can be seen in the accompanying photos. They love their time down on the farm, and always take a minute to check out the various animals. They all love to feed slush the pig as she is soooo enthusiastic about her food. Everyone also loves the joy of new little chickens to

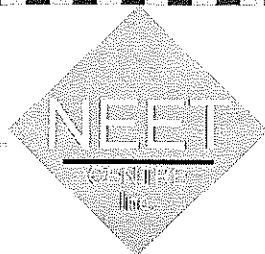


GO AWAY

Animal talk

Who has noticed Pirate Pete, or as Molly Bantick informs me "ol' one eye"? Yes the Dorset ram is very one eyed about the ladies in his care. It is interesting watching the way he keeps an eye on the girls, we just hope that isn't all he does! Thankyou to Stephen Bantick for the ram, it is really good when community members go out of their way to help in a small school like this. The girls are getting rather long in the tooth, and we are slowly culling them and replacing them with younger ewes. We have such a mixed bag, it is better to go with one breed for a while, and certainly the pasture is very good for fat lambs.

The pig Slush will be off on holidays soon. Yes, it will be a Honeymoon! Several students have offered to give her a bath and hairdo before the big pig event, which we know she will love. She will remain with her husband until the



Would you like to learn more about your interests?

Then attending a short course with St Marys NEET may be for you.

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DR MARK LOEFFLER and DR KEITH BAILEY

Dr Paul Loeffler will be doing Dr Shah's Surgery during April. Normal surgery hours will apply during this time.

Dr Keith Bailey will be doing Dr Geniola's Surgery until 20th May 2004.

All Dr Baileys appointments will be at the St Marys Community Health Centre. The Fingal Surgery will be closed during this time.

Please refer to **AFTER HOURS** number for Doctor on Call.



WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?

'FREE WORKSHOP' ↓

22nd/April **'What About Me'** St Marys Community Workshop. 10am-2pm St Marys CHC. To RSVP phone Jenny Barnes on 6324 4061 Before 10th April 2004.

23rd/April **Volunteer Resource Centre**, with Penny Clifford 1-3pm in Day Centre

27th/April **Anglicare Financial Councelling** with Emma Ryan

28th/April **Australian Hearing Services** for appointments phone 63317455

28th/April **Australias Biggest Morning Tea** with Day Centre from 11-12noon. All welcome.

28th/April **Pap Smear Clinic** with Dr Libby Reekman. A waiting list is available by calling 6372 2111.

30th/April **Volunteer Resource Centre**, with Penny Clifford 1-3pm in Day Centre

4th/April **Quilts & Sewing** with Rita Summers. 10am-3pm at the CHC.

5th/April **Podiatry** with Perry Daly, Lightfoot Podiatry.

6th/April **Child Health** with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoints. available by phoning 0409361005 or 63722111 and leave a message.

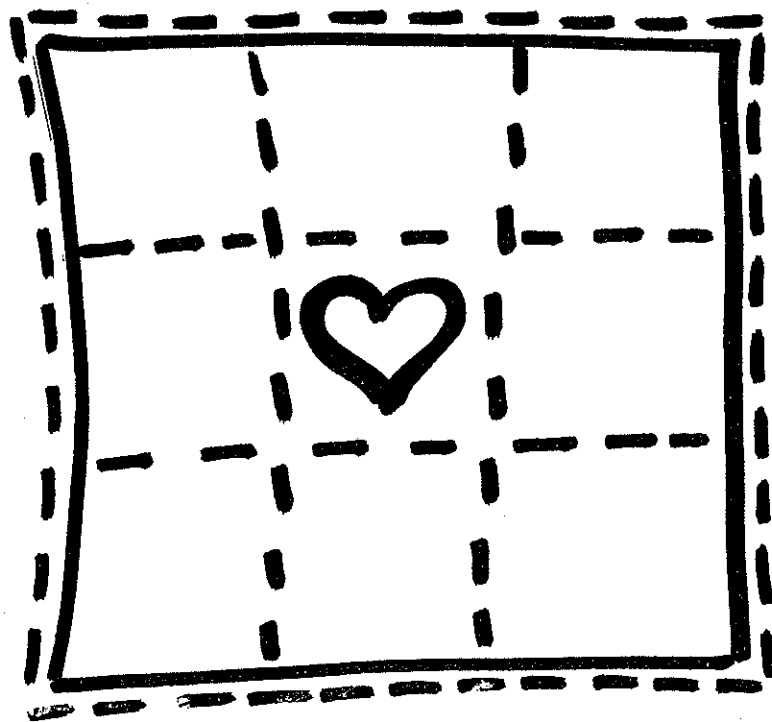
SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

These boxes are again available this year. Watch this space for the **next edition** of the Valley Voice for details of when, where and how you can become involved in this important cause. For Further details phone Hayley Gilbert at the CHC on: 63722111

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St Marys Tennis Club News

Annual Cub Dinner

Many thanks to the staff at the Historic St Marys Hotel who hosted our Club Dinner on Saturday 17th April. A wonderful night was had by all in attendance.

Coaching

Michelle Rowell will be holding coaching lessons for juniors and adults on **Saturday 1st May** at the Club. If you would like to make a booking please contact Michelle directly on 6343 2075 ah.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to Shirley Strochnetter who was the winner of our Easter Raffle! Many thanks to those community members, club members and businesses - St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys Newsagency and St Marys Post Office who supported the raffle.

Night Roster Function

A reminder to Night Roster players. There will be a BBQ, presentations and tennis fun night on **Friday 30th April**, 6 pm start. A dessert or salad is requested from players. Refreshments and meat will be provided.



SOCCER

The St Marys soccer season kicked off yesterday afternoon and will continue through the winter. Juniors will play straight after school on Wednesdays and seniors will have a run-around at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. St Marys registered players are also eligible to play at St Helens on Saturday mornings, (juniors - 9.30 am, seniors - 11.00 am). The St Helens season starts this Saturday April 24th.

We will be having regular field days with junior and senior players from St Helens again this season. The first will be at St Marys District High School on Saturday May 22nd at 11.00 am.

We have built a shed beside the kindergarten fence to store our new soccer goals and equipment in. Thanks to those who helped build the shed. Despite strong lobbying from adjacent landowners for a sea blue shed with a bright yellow roof, we built a light green one which we trust will be inconspicuous amongst the little grove of trees.

- Hope to see you on Wednesday afternoons.
- Jack Foreman - 6372 2034.

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The Say by Cage Rattler

Secure the Solstice

Today I heard some disappointing news that could affect a unique and special event held annually in St Marys through the fantastic efforts of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.

This event of course is the celebration of the winter solstice, usually held in the middle of June on the shortest day.

I truly hope that in the next few weeks that funding can be raised for the proposed fireworks display and that some local musicians will be able to help out.

I suggest to anyone suitably skilled and wanting to have a go supporting our community they contact a member of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts to lend any assistance.

Our town thrives on adversity and the people involved with Grassy Bottom Regional Arts have been putting themselves out there for quite a few years now, to progress development of all manner of entertainment for us all. There would not be too many of us who have not enjoyed one of their many successful shows.

Perhaps the Winter Solstice is their most enduring success, and deserves the kudos each time it receives. I'm sure that individuals and local organisations who could be of assistance will come forward in the next week or two so that suitable scheduling can be done.

Editors note:

The comments given by Cage Rattler are not necessarily those of the Valley Voice and are submitted by an independent writer.

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Mark Carrick's Footy Tipping has really taken off and is proving popular with all. Thanks Mark for running it for us.

As you can see there is plenty going on and any new members are very welcome to enquire about joining us.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling



Sports News *by Kackhander*

First to golf and a big thanks to all who have been supporting our club competitions recently with fields averaging about fourteen over the past month.

As expected the Proputt has proven popular, with local business allowing us this opportunity. Well done to Todd Spilsbury who won our first Jackpot Proputt and will have \$30 worth of vouchers to use. Last week Mark Carrick was successful.

Mulligans was won by Jack Viney whilst last weeks Single Stroke was taken out by Mark Birch on a countback from Leigh Spilsbury. Next time Leigh!

Just a reminder that this week is our second Monthly Trophy and there will be two start times. The first one is at 10 am and the second one at 11.30 am. This has been done to try and allow as many golfers as possible to play each week because everyone has a preference, so please pick the time that suits you best. Do not forget it is open for our female members to play as well on Saturdays so it would be good to see you there.

Another thing commencing this week after a suggestion from one of our members is to make food available after golf. The food will vary from week to week but for a small charge you will be able to have something warm when you come in off the course.

In club golf, after April 17 Shan Wilmot is our Consistency Trophy leader on 13 points with a few players on 10 points.

So far the best gross round is 65 (-2) shot by club champ Dale Ridgers. Nett score leader is Dale as well with 61 (-4). We'll keep you updated on all those as time goes on.

It is great to welcome new junior Corey French to the club and he shot 106 in only his third comp.

An important reminder to all that pennant commences on May 2nd with a home game against Malahide.

After a couple of false starts with the demise of two teams it will be great to get going. It's fantastic to report a reasonable number of players will be able to help out this year but the team wants to be as solid as always to give us the best chance of doing well.

Hopefully there will be a brief pennant meeting to elect a new captain/vice captain, after golf next week.

Two more sponsored days have been secured for the club later in the year and much thanks go to H.B.L Transport and Boags for doing this for us. Dates will be published soon. Also thanks to Betty Dawson and Mark Birch in organising this important matter from the club end.

Just a reminder that Club President Rex Floyed is in the process of organising a big Trivia Night late in May and it looks like being a lot of fun indeed. Rex will be informing everyone on the details in the near future when an actual date is locked in. Sounds great.

Thanks to Greg Cooper we will soon have a new 8 ball table and team operating. This will be terrific for Friday nights and needs everyone's support. Thanks Greg.

Finally to Jack, Roger, Trev, Rex and the crew for purchasing and fitting the new woodheater in the fireplace and the new bowls green sprinklers. Both are excellent additions to the club.

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Saturday 15th May

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Get along and check 'em out.

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