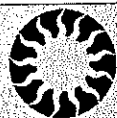


# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Winter Solstice Celebrations at St Marys Saturday 21st June '03

Fire - Fun - Food - Music

## Two arrested for street offences

It has been a month now, since I started at St Marys and can say I have settled in well.

Over the next few months I hope to get out and about a bit more and meet a lot more of you all. I have been getting the feeling that the St Marys Community is quite a close-knit community. I have been impressed with what I have seen so far in terms of positive attitude towards others in the Community. I refer specifically to several recent incidents of anti-social behaviour. Whilst two recent incidents have resulted in Arrests of the Offenders, I have been pleased to see the positive community support given to those responsible.

A Police Service can not do it alone when it comes to maintaining public order or detecting and preventing crime. It relies a great deal on information from the public. It also relies on a community having a positive outlook and commitment towards helping, not only your Police, but also others in the community.

As mentioned there have been two males arrested for street offences recently. There has also been another person charged in relation to several house break-ins along with a person charged with assault arising from a domestic related incident.

I have been pleased to see the willingness of some people to provide information and hope that more people follow this lead. All information is handled confidentially.

I am disappointed to hear of the on-going Vandalism to the Library. A Library is a service which is enjoyed by many in the St Marys area, and what a disappointment it would be to see it lost to the Community through the actions of the minority. I ask you all to be vigilant in reporting what you see to Police so the offenders can be dealt with.

I also remind everyone that Consuming Alcohol in a Public Street or Possessing an Open Container of Alcohol in a Public Street is an OFFENCE. It is also an offence for a person under 18 years to be in the Lounge area of a Hotel, except if having a meal or in the company of a Parent.

Sergeant Robert Baker

Deadline for next issue of Valley Voice will be Tuesday 17th June 2003.

### Inside reading:

- ⊗ Police Report
- ⊗ Classifieds & Community Notices
- ⊗ Grassy Bottom Regional Arts present Winter Solstice Celebrations
- ⊗ 'The Trawl Dogs' @ St Marys Hotel
- ⊗ Jeff Morris continues his stories
- ⊗ What's Cage Rattler up to this time?
- ⊗ Sporting news
- ⊗ **Support your local business — their advertising ensures the viability of this paper.**

**Thumbs down** to the disgusting person who has dumped old concrete, a refrigerator, cardboard packaging, old tiles, battery and more, in the bush off German Town Road going up the hill on the left. Looks like the 'dumper' has been doing some home renovations and is too ignorant and lazy to go to the tip.



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## Coming events & Community notices

**Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc.** Next meeting Monday 16 June at 10 am.

**Womens Action Group Serving the Community (WAGS)** meet every second Thursday in the St Marys Community Hall. Next meeting Thurs 5th June. Mothers Day Raffle drawn:

### Winners:

1st. Michelle Bennett won a Basket of Nutrimecs (donated by Fran Williams).

2nd. Barbara McAllister won bottle of wine (donated by Mr & Mrs Lindsay)

3rd. Fran Williams won box of Chocolates.

## Meals on Wheels

Additional drivers are needed to carry on this service.

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## St Marys Child Health Centre

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Lorraine McGee RN

Appointments 0409 361 005

Open Sessions

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**Next session -**

**Thurs 19th June**



## Congratulations Penny

Penny Byard, former student of St Marys District High School, has been given a scholarship to attend a "Drama Workshop" run by N.I.D.A., at Launceston College during the June holidays. N.I.D.A. stands for 'National Institute of Dramatic Arts'.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Penny, so let's hope it is only the start of her dramatic career. Well done Penny.

We know that your parents are so proud of you and we are too.

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## Contacts for Valley Voice

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My family and I wish to sincerely thank the Doctors, Nursing and Kitchen Staff, for their care of me while in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

A very special thank you to the student nurses for their care, patience and general good humour. They were great to have around.

Thank you very much.

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Your attendance at her service showed us  
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We would like to express our heartfelt  
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**Sir  
BOD FM**

Am I imagining it or has there been a change to the music content recently, anyway I find there is a much better range of music being played - to my ears anyway.

Especially enjoyed the live segment on the Saturday night when Ray and Dave played and were interviewed.

Is it possible to have an advance notice of who could be appearing live and when?

One listener commented on the excellent program called 'Voice of the Nation' with Mal Gavin coming out of Fusion at Poatina 9 pm to midnight on Sunday nights. Could BOD FM arrange to share this program with Poatina or however these things happen between radio stations.

BOD FM Listener

**Sir**

A big thanks to Jeff Morris in the last two issues of the Valley Voice for a marvellous read with his memories of his dad and other things. These pieces are terrific to have a look at and gives us younger people a real insight on how life was in our area all those years ago. I hope it is not the last time Jeff writes a few lines for us in 'The Voice'. Thanks again Jeff.

Rod McGiveron

### North-East Bio Region Network

A meeting was held on 21st May and a really excellent turn out indeed. We welcome all new members who attended that meeting. A sub-committee was formed to deal with the issues of the Constitution and to become an Incorporated Body.

We have sent a letter to Council expressing our disappointment with the Strategic Plan for 2003-2008, that this document does not contain more positive solutions to a sustainable environment.

The following dates for future meetings in St Marys are;

Tuesday 17th June 2003, Tuesday 19th August 2003, Tuesday 21st October 2003, all to be held at Jack's Place Storey Street @ 4 pm.

The following dates are for meetings to take place at the Neighbourhood House St Helens; Wednesday 16th July 2003, Wednesday 17th September 2003, Wednesday 19th November 2003, at the time of 4 pm. Any persons wishing to join with the North-East Bio Region Network are most welcome to do so.

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## Winter Solstice

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With winter drawing in, the Grassy Bottom Regional Arts Headquarters at 7 Storey Street St Marys has been buzzing with preparations well under way for our **7th Winter Solstice Celebration**. This is the **Chinese Year of the Goat** and the year of 'fresh water' as recent beautiful rains have confirmed.

Winter Solstice is a time of new beginnings and the tradition of gathering on the longest darkest night of the year to acknowledge and honour the returning light is an ancient one. It is a turning point when the sun reaches its lowest arc and time is said to stand still for a moment - deep in the sleeping winter earth, seeds begin to stir and out of the dark and cold, life and light emerge once again.

We are holding workshops at the St Marys Town Hall from Monday June 9th through to Friday June 13th, making hanging lanterns, goat masks, shadow puppets and gong music as well as fire dancing on the 20th June in St Helens and the 21st of June in St Marys.

The cost is only a gold coin so why not come along ?

Please bring your friends and family to gather around the fires on June 21st at Faulkner's Green in St Marys to share a spectacular night of fire and light.

There will be a veritable feast of amazing hot food, live music, shadow puppets and the fire show starting at 5.30 pm.

Hope to see you all there !

## Wombat Post News

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## Follow-up to Rivercare

In heavy fog but with sunshine beginning to peep through on Wednesday 28th May, the Wombat Walk Weeding Group held an inspection of the river with Consultant Daniel Sprod, Greg Stewart Facilitator Upper South Esk Catchment Group and Greg Loudon of Green Corp, to ascertain the effects of the removal of the Crack Willows along the banks of St Marys Rivulet and the subsequent flow of the river after the heavy rains of the 15th to 18th of May 2003.

Much input and knowledge was imparted to us from Daniel and the two Gregs. This inspection being the progress toward the third stage of the flood mitigation program co-ordinated by Daniel. The outcome of the riffle below the stormwater drain from Frank and Grant Street will be upgraded to stop the erosion into the bank opposite and a second riffle will be repaired below the Main Street Bridge and towards the end of Groom Street, this riffle will renew the town pool which drained because of the wash away which occurred during the rains of May.

The sewerage line which crosses the river to Mr Clement's land from the property previously owned by Mr Ray White, was inspected and it is planned to be reinforced by sand bagging and rocks to stabilise and prevent any further erosion and damage to this pipeline in flood circumstances.

As to the river flow, it is apparent that the excess water was able to get away quickly due to the larger under bridge storm water drain and the removal of the willows and thus no flooding of private land occurred during those rains. For those landholders who have a river boundary, some 2,000 native plants are available, these plantings are the second stage of Daniel's programme. We invite any one who wishes to plant out some of these plants on their own land adjacent to the river and /or who may care to help with the overall planting, or any community member who would care to help with this beautification of St Marys, then the Wombat Walk Weeding Group would be grateful for their help. Mr Greg Stewart is formulating an overall planting plan, say in three stages, for the planting and we shall follow his suggestions on this.

We trust that all this work will beautify the township of St Marys, and in particular the river area, thus making it an inviting place for tourists and locals alike, to stop a while and enjoy this wonderful part of Tasmania.

## Happy 90th Birthday

W.A.G.S. had their first official meeting on Thursday 8th May. On this day we held a surprise party for the young '90 year old' Lois Sheather. We had great fun surprising Lois with birthday presents, games and a wonderful Chocolate Mud Birthday Cake.

All members brought food, a wonderful assortment of casseroles, fried rice, spaghetti, and a delicious fruit salad and other yummy treats.

The look on Lois' face was beautiful, it was difficult to keep this surprise, Lois was also presented with a lovely certificate and bouquet of flowers. The party games were a lot of fun, we had many laughs throughout the day.

Some of the WAGS members were on the previous CWA committee, so as a special treat, Jen from Todd's Hall was presented with a beautiful handmade (with lots of love and care) quilt.

Congratulations to the previous CWA Committee and members, a job well done. The quilt is beautiful. We hope Jen and Andrew will enjoy the quilt for many happy years.

Happy Birthday Lois, we hope you have Many more.

Deanne Lindsay Treasurer WAGS.

## New group formed

WAGS is a wonderful fresh new community group in St Marys. WAGS stands for Womens Action Group Serving the community. Membership for WAGS is minimal, we meet every second Thursday in the supper room of the St Marys Community Hall at 11 am. It is a get together for anyone who wishes to learn new crafts, enjoy the company of other women, have lunch and a few laughs. This is a wonderful way to meet new people and helping the community in a variety of ways. WAGS has been involved in catering for various performances and events in the hall.

Thank you to the community for their continual support and encouragement. If you wish to join us or you need caters, you may contact any of the Office Bearers named below.

President : Polly McGee 6372 2129

Secretary : Eileen McManus 6372 5480

Treasurer : Deanne Lindsay 6372 2128

**Northeast Wildlife Carers** is now established in St Marys for orphaned or injured native animals.

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## **Twelve months of Wednesday mornings**

Last Wednesday was the Wombat Walk Weeding Group's first birthday. An overall assessment of work done to date and further improvements to be undertaken, was discussed.

We wish to thank all those who have been involved with us during the past year, - Break O'Day Council, Scott and Nigel, Green Corp, all those from the community who turned up on National Tree Planting Day, and the young people from Conservation Volunteer Australia who whilst visiting Tasmania from many parts of the world, came to help us with this work along the river-bank.

A big thank you to all and also to the community members who are very supportive of the work being done in their town.

A very enjoyable morning tea was had at the Musical Playground. A number of people attended including Mayor Salter who thanked us for the improvements that have been achieved.

W.W.W.

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If you have any questions please give me a call. Dee Lindsay 6372 2128

## **ST MARYS HOTEL**

Greg would like to wish

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In doing so he would like to thank his staff during his 6½ years namely;

Sharon, Tamla, Rodney, Fiona, Roseanne, Dana  
and former staff Les, Nicole, Sally and Mandy.

Greg would also like to thank all our regular patrons, to name a few;

Shaun & Jemma, Skinny, Dawse, two Mitchells, Kermie,

Bung, Macca, Mut, Trevor, Roger and Kelvin —

people who my two boys Rowan and Gavin have grown up with  
and were used to seeing on their visits.



Thanks also to the  
Football Club, Cricket Club, Pacing Club  
and local Businesses for their support.

Thanks again, Greg, Rowan and Gavin Seward.



## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Marys

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#### St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

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#### St Helens

Every Saturday

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5th Sunday Mass 11am

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#### Services each Sunday

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Mathinna Monday 10am

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Pamuela Cooper

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## Growing up in St Marys in the 1930's During the war years by Jeff Morris

I was born on 26th May 1927 at the bottom end of Cameron Street, the same year as the St Marys District Hospital was built. Mother had meningitis and when I was brought out from the bedroom and put in the arms of 16 year old Tot Margison (who later became Mrs Alec Cornish), the doctor thought she was my older sister and said "a little brother for you but I don't think you will have him for long". But as you can see I defied the odds, and grew up very close to this lady for the rest of her life.

At the age of six I started school. The school was in the Main Street where the Town Hall now is, next to the old RSL Hall which I believe was built by public subscription as a remembrance to soldiers of the First World War 1914 -18 and the Boer War.

At school we sat two to a desk, my first desk partner was Grace Warren, daughter of Rev. Warren, Minister of Church of England and I clearly remember the day when they came to get Grace from school because her father was lost somewhere in Bass Strait. He was a passenger in the aeroplane "Miss Hobart" which disappeared and was never found. Rev Warren was on his way back up to Arnhem Land NT where he had been a missionary, to try to bring back an Aboriginal who had gone bush after spearing someone (story can be read in 'North of Capricorn').

Grace became Dr Grace Warren who was in Australia a couple of years ago. I believe her life was as a Missionary Doctor in Indonesia or Malaysia. Our Headmaster was Mr Dagleish who was removed during Second World War and with quite a few others of German origin was interned for rest of the war. At the age of fourteen I left school, that was the leaving age then, .

The main topic between us boys at that time was "which mine are you going to work at ?", because there was plenty of work at the mines, Cornwall, Jubilee and Mt Nicholas, as Clippers, that is attaching the skips that the miners had filled, onto the endless ropes on the incline down to the screens and also out of the mine. There was also work driving the ponies underground dragging the skips. Dad worked at the mine and I had made up my mind quite early not to work there, so I started as an apprentice to learn the baking trade with Mr Ted Chapman, his bakehouse and shop was next to the RSL.

The war had been going on in Europe for a couple of years and I was staying at 'Fern Dale' the Cornish farm near Bicheno on school holidays when I was 12 years old. One Sunday night listening to the wireless, which were rare in those days, when the Prime Minister came on to say " England has declared war on Germany, so Australia is also at war." Alec and Tot's brother Bill said they were going to join up, Bill did immediately and served in the Middle East at El Alamein, Alec joined later and went to New Guinea, and that was the pattern of most young men at that time except for those who were medically unfit or who were in essential services.

This left a shortage of young men and women for shop work and such, and that is how I came to change my job to be an apprentice butcher with J A Smith and later with Alf Dawson in the shop that was situated on the corner where the Information Centre now is, the shop burnt down in 1966.

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# Robertson's Bridge on Wielangta Road

The Robertson Bridge is on the road between Orford and Nugent on Tasmania's East Coast, and is well worth a visit just to see its gigantic proportions.

A chance conversation with Claire who was at work at the Orford Library when I called in one dark, wet night when staying in the area, led me to being given the background and the logistics of the building of this spectacular timber bridge.

Claire's father William Robertson was the Supervisor when the bridge was constructed between December 1987 and January 1988, the period of actual construction was 3-4 weeks, spread over six rain interrupted weeks.

The height to road level, above the creek bed, is approximately 8.6 metres with a span of 6.5 metres. The volume of logs used was approximately 1200 c metres.

Logs used were Blue Gums salvaged from Wielangta Road clearing of road line on Blue Gum Spur. They were fallen parallel to the road line by Dick Gregson and dragged to the bridge site by David Walker of Nugent-Forcett area with a log skidder. The largest of these logs is estimated to weigh 14 tonnes. During the whole operation of falling, only two trees fell downhill and were lost due to the extreme steepness of the hillsides. This testifies to the skill of the faller who had to contend with, not only the steep side fall of the hills, but also the very rotten stumps of some of the trees he had to fall.

The D6 bulldozer would drive across the river, taking care to stay within the line that had to be cleared. Any trees that had to be pushed, were pushed straight along the line and within the confines of the finished road edges. After clearing a dump area well clear of the river on the south side of the stream, all the timber was then dragged away from the river bank. When this was finished the D6 was joined by a D8 and an Excavator. The southern base logs were placed in position and the Excavator crossed back to the northern side and laid the base there.

Both the abutments were built together as all the logs were on the one side, (the northern side), and it was necessary to keep both sides level and skid the logs across to the southern side as the bridge progressed.

125 mm of rain fell during the building period, and of course there was also the Christmas holiday break, this reduced the real building time to 3-4 weeks. A distance of 250 metres of road excavation on either side of the bridge was completed during the construction.

## A few stats for those interested in big machines !

**Machinery used:** 2 Caterpillar D8 bulldozers, 1 Cat. D7, 1 Cat D6,  
1 Cat 225 Excavator.

**Owners:** D 8's: Red Roo Contractors N W Tas.

D 7: Ken Faulkner Luina Tas

D 6 & 225 Cat. Excavator: Peter Rossendell Grass Tree Hill Tas

**Operators:** D 8's: Wayne Press Bicheno and

George Nichols Coles Bay

D 7: Ken Faulkner Luina

D 6: Peter Rossendell Grass Tree Hill

Excavator: Shane Grice Grass Tree Hill

Chainsaw man: Dick Gregson Orford

Surveyor: Cliff Townsend Orford

Sur. Chainman: Brendan Robertson Triabunna

Supervisor: William Robertson Triabunna

It is worthy to note that the Forest Practices Board sent a letter of congratulations to the road building crew for a job well done. It was very much appreciated by all as everyone had tried their very best to protect the ferns and trees adjacent to the bridge.

*Thankyou to Mr William Robertson for this information.*

The name 'Wielangta' was an Aboriginal term meaning tall timber. Thousands of years later it is still an apt name for the forest. The original pronunciation was probably more like 'wulungta', the original spelling.

## Growing up in the war years by Jeff Morris

So begins the war years, we went through the same restrictions as they did in the cities, all windows had to be blacked out, no lights to be shown, no street lights, cars (what there were of them), had black-outs fitted to head lights, all you had was a very fine sliver of light through a fine slit to see with. Some cars were fitted with and ran on charcoal burners because petrol was rationed. Other goods were also rationed, essentials like tea, sugar, meat and such. We had coupons allowing so much per person each week. Many things were impossible to obtain, even clothing coupons, tobacco and cigarettes were very hard to come by—even beer at the Pub was rationed.

We had Air Raid Wardens and Plane Spotters, at which I took my turn at the Spotters Office in the front room of the last house on the right side of Groom Street. There were picture silhouettes of aeroplanes around the walls of the office, a direct telephone to Control which I believe was in Hobart, and of course we had binoculars. There was one report of a Japanese plane flying over, and I think this is quite probable as at the same time one was reported over Hobart, a reconnaissance seaplane that was supposed to be launched from a Jap submarine that was sighted on the surface in Coles Bay area. I was also a runner message carrier for the Home Guard which was mostly made up of old veterans from the First World War and a few younger and medically unfit chaps. They were camped on guard at the top of both Passes with roads blocked and the top side of each Pass mined with explosives so they could be blown down and blocked off if necessary. Dad did most of the setting off of these.

We had a great Boy Scout Group at that time and we collected anything and everything, tyres, aluminium, books, old paper, anything which was wanted for the 'war effort'. We sent quite a few railway truck loads away, but after all we were still teenagers and still found time to go to the pictures in Todd's Hall on Wednesday and Saturday nights, dances every Friday night in the 'Top Hall' which used to be next to the Top Hotel where the Units are now. Some times a dance would be at Cornwall hall and if not then at Fingal or even St Helens where we would sometimes ride out bikes.

We thought things were great in those days and we were young, but I can't erase the bad memories and the telegrams that used to arrive from the War Department.

Telegrams would inform next of kin, '*this one missing, believed Prisoner of War, killed in action, or wounded*'. Everyone seemed to know immediately when the telegrams arrived in a small district. We knew all the boys who were away and there were a lot of them.

I could name most but refrain from doing so because I'm afraid of missing someone, but I recall one instance. The Butlers lived about opposite the Golf Club, they had two sons in the Air Force, both Air Gunners in England. One day they received a telegram that one son was missing believed killed over Germany. Next morning Mr Butler came into the butchers shop and Mr Smith said to him how sorry he was and his answer was that '*at least I have one boy left*'. The very next day another telegram arrived with exactly the same message for the other son, yes, they were sad times.

At last the war came to a sudden end with the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and we teenagers celebrated down at Harry Rawnsley's hotel at Scamander, I still don't know when I got home. I was still 17 and turned 18 in the May and had to face call up at the Barracks in Launceston where I stayed for some time until one morning I was called into the Captains office and told that I could catch that days train home if I wished, as I would not be needed anymore.

The boys started coming home from the war and there were 'Welcome home's' arranged. That's a bit what it was like, there must be others who have stories to tell, let's hear them.

Jeff Morris

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The Editor  
Valley Voice

Sir

I draw to the attention of your readers the following item from the Break O'Day Council Meeting Minutes 12 May 2003.

9.3 St Marys Drain - Gray Road

File 032/005/015

Works Committee item on piping a drain on Gray Road

"This capital works item was raised last year and deferred until the following Budget, it is up for consideration again.

The project consists of piping and filling a drain along the edge of Gray Road to allow more parking and safe access for children. An amount of \$10,000 was allowed.

The item was discussed in the Works Committee meeting where it was recommended that Council should seek funding from the Department of Education to assist with this because it mainly benefits school children and (their) parents. Cllr H Holder / Cllr J Warren seconded. Carried.

Presumably our Council will ask the Department of Health to fund a footpath along Gardiners Creek Road on the grounds that it will mainly benefit sick people going to the hospital, the Department of Sport & Recreation should mow the nature strips on Gray road because it will benefit golfers looking for their balls, and the Department of Infrastructure should maintain the goat track from Irishtown Road to Newman Street because it will save people from being killed on their Highway !

Council recently voted \$600 to pay for new street signs in Dili, and \$1000 for a consultants report into employment prospects in Scottsdale ! Now they want the Education Department to pay for our drains !

The reason this drain should be filled in is that it is dangerous to pedestrians walking along Gray Road, and that it is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Open drains on built up areas without guard rails are also dangerous for vehicles in the event of an emergency stop or swerve. It is now 145 years since the town was established, ample time for Council to have filled in all open drains within the town!

The unused area of the school grounds between the swimming pool and Gray Road would make an ideal carpark, with safe access, far preferable to uncontrolled parking along the nature strip of the road .

It is good to learn that the request for a \$100,000 tractor for the Works Department was refused, now they can use \$1000 to get on with their job of looking after resident safety without setting up the excuse that they had no funds to do the job because the school couldn't pay for it!

Council might also explain why the Reserve Account of the St Marys Town Theme Committee is empty. Council advised (12 April 2002, Ref 010 / 006 / 002) that " the existing reserve balances be maintained and township committees be able to make recommendations for capital works until the balances have been cleared" The St Marys Committee recommended that the entire Reserve Account balance of \$27,000 be applied to constructing a footpath from Irishtown Road to Newman Street. A gravel path was constructed at a cost of \$13,000. The path was a goat track from the start and has not been finished, upgraded, or maintained since, and yet the balance of \$14,000 has gone. Where ? The reserves of the Fingal and Scamander Committees are apparently still intact.

It seems that this years Works Budget contains very little for St Marys.

Possibly your readers may like to suggest some footpaths that need maintenance, some footpaths that need building, some flooding that needs to be alleviated, some kerbs that need adjusting, some potholes that need filling, some pedestrian crossings or refuges that are needed. Now that the Council has abolished the Town Theme Committee, there is nobody to speak for St Marys, and the Works Department don't give a stuff - they're too busy building up a warchest for an Aquatic Centre at the expense of basic infrastructure up here in the Highlands !

D W Clement  
11 Gray Road  
St Marys

## SMACD replies to the Rattler

In response to the issues raised by Cage Rattler (surely the most subdued ever to go to print) 22/5, that St Marys Association for Community Development has had a fairly low profile over the last 18 months.

With a new management committee, the loss of significant (aren't they all) committee members and with them the historical perspective, continuity and experience of SMACD, the current committee has gone through quite a period of introspection. We too have asked ourselves what is SMACD?

Our rules of association define the objects and purposes to be: To promote, encourage and develop a spirit of enterprise within the St Marys community that will stimulate economic activity and employment opportunities.

At a recent workshop, the committee expressed that the previous roles (by definition and action) were dollar oriented and now the role is one of education, spirit of co-operation, township revitalization, capacity building and information technology. In addition, SMACD could be a link to resources for community, take on a role of leadership in integration and funding, be a point of contact for the community and conduit for community organizations to develop individually and collectively.

So.....what have we done about it?

We thought we would ask the community so we contacted other local groups and invited them to discuss their current situation and the way forward as they see it. We then followed up by sending out Pro-forma listing contacts, objects and aims, opportunities and challenges. Hoping to receive greater representation from the group's committee/members.

The response was: Funding, Resources, Membership, Community Support/Strength.

The meetings continued and out of this after some time emerged the Parents and Friends OP SHOP. This was not for the greater glory of SMACD, far from it, but just an example of what can happen when groups communicate, identify needs and strengths and move forward. At this stage a suggestion was put forward to all groups to submit a profile of their committee to the Valley Voice so people would be better informed of existing and future projects (a great idea that we did not act upon). Since this process, at least two groups that I know of have wound up.

The Online Centre, your online centre, acknowledged by SMACD to be a tool for community development, has commanded the lion's share of focus and energy of the committee for some time now.

Last Friday 30th of May a public meeting at St Marys Community Hall voted in favour of support for a North East Coast Online Cluster Management proposal. Meaning that the one board made up of representatives from those centres community would manage Bicheno, Fingal and St Marys Online centres. This would allow the online centres to better target regional needs, reduce administrative and insurance costs and help to overcome the current parochial culture that exists. It would also relieve SMACD of its management role therefore opening up possibilities of new pursuits. It must be said that no loss of equipment or ownership, reduction in funding or service will result, in fact the State Government, has recently announced in its budget an ongoing allocation of \$1.773 million (a slight increase) to continue the role of online centres in Tasmania.

Other projects include the St Marys entrance to the Douglas-Apsley National park and Tourist Information and Interpretation Centre, which are still being thrown around.

All in all now is an excellent time to review old and new and any suggestions would be most welcome by either letter or attend our next meeting at St Marys Online Centre, Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm.

I must commend Cage Rattler, not for the views expressed, but for simply engaging the community amidst a culture of counter involvement. For without representation there is no involvement in the process towards the agreement of ownership and identity.

*So here is a little rattle you might say:*

Of all our active membership for SMACD only 50% reside in St Marys itself, the other 50% reside at Cornwall, Irishtown and Scamander, leaving representation for St Marys in the hands of three individuals.

Is this good enough?

PS. The views expressed may not be that of SMACD.

Greg Loudon President SMACD

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# The Say with 'Cage Rattler'

## *Working together*

I don't know as I write this if the previous Cage Rattler, May 22nd will be responded to - I do hope so - but that aside I believe a follow up is needed.

I think St Marys is treading water a bit at the moment, but we have a terrific bunch of dedicated local clubs and groups working mostly independently.

Wouldn't it be great to see a lot of these groups pledging their support to each other which in turn would ensure their long term survival and success. With the collective force of such a coalition we could also have a real say in determining our destiny as a town particularly when it comes to Break O'Day Council issues. It must be stated that the important issues affecting us all could be well supported not only to Council but also by our Council representatives with plenty of gusto if they know what the majority really want.

The Lions Club for example do a terrific job but they need support and the local Red Cross branch is currently in urgent need of assistance to continue.

Just look at the list that I can think of without too much trouble; the Hospital Support Group, the Footy Club, Junior Footy, Cricket, Tennis, Sports Centre, Soccer Club, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, Meals On Wheels, Parents and Friends Association, Lymphoedema Centre, the new Playgroup, the Bike Park Group, Childcare, Northeast Wildlife Carers, Landcare, the Trotting Club, RSL sub branch, and of course SMACD and a number of others.

I realise it may well be pie in the sky, but if we could form a co-ordinated representation of many of these groups as a Working Action Group (WAG), to genuinely support each other with numerous worthwhile endeavours, who knows what we might achieve.

Put simply, a true cross-section in many areas of expertise must be good for us all, thus allowing some promising projects to happen that a club acting independently may not necessarily be able to do.

A case in point could well occur in 2007. In that year St Marys turns 150 years old, which is known as a sesqui centenary.

Wouldn't it be a special year for all of us if a co-ordinated list of activities encompassing our history and future could be organised. The mind boggles at what we would come up with for this terrific milestone.

In the meantime we could be getting our heads around more immediate concerns such as the continued existence of the Red Cross and the of course the St Marys Football Club in 2004.

All I ask is that you take these thoughts on board and perhaps discuss them at an upcoming committee or board meeting if you just happen to be on any local community or sporting group.

If you feel strongly enough, put your opinion to the Valley Voice so we can all gauge the support we have for our town.

Maybe with enough response we could investigate seeking a group such as the currently fictional W.A.G. which hopefully would include some form of Council involvement, then we could truly say 'we are working together'.

Tell me what you think in the next Valley Voice and chuck apathy out the window.

## The Corruption of Richard

Family historians sometimes focus on a property or town name as a clue to the origins of Great Grandfather William. In the case of Conara, forget it !

Conara is a corruption of "Corners", which is the name that applied to that location during the 19th Century. 'Corners' in turn is a diminutive of 'Will's Corners', itself an abbreviation of 'Wills's Corners', which derived from 'Richard Willis' Corners', the name that came into common usage after Richard Willis was granted land at that place. However, he called his grant 'Wanstead' !

For the historically inclined, Edward Curr in 1820 referred to the location as 'Humphry's Waterholes', but that is another story.

One has to wonder why a perfectly logical, pleasant sounding, and historically justified name such as 'the Corners' was abandoned for a bastardisation? Either the land Survey officers of the time couldn't spell, read, write, or talk proper, or it was determined that the shorter name would be cheaper to put on maps and signs.

But it does explain the origin of the colonial nursery rhyme:

Little Dick Willis sat at his Corner  
Watching the coaches go by,  
He pulled out his gun,  
And rattled his Drum,  
And said 'Do stop for a lager and pie'



# St Marys Tennis Club

## Coaching

Michelle Rowell will be available for adult and junior coaching on Saturday 7th June. Please contact Michelle directly to make a booking on mobile 0408 832 075 or home 6343 2075.

## Annual General Meeting

To be held on Thursday 28th August 7.30 pm  
*Susan Miles Secretary*

## Ladies Midweek Wednesday Roster

Roster begins on 25th June and runs through to December. Intending players who have not put their names forward, please contact Kaye or Annette by the 18th June. New Players are always welcome to join us. Kaye Nailer 6372 2100  
Annette Davey 6372 2224



# Soccer

Soccer players from St Marys and St Helens played out the first in a series of games between the two local teams last Saturday week at the school playing fields.

There was a fine turnout of both junior and senior players from St Helens and they were rewarded with victories in the Junior and Senior games.

The St Marys Junior team played well, ensuring the St Helens defense and goalkeeping was at its sharpest to defend the lead it held throughout the game.

The Senior game was the hard fought affair you would expect from a local derby. St Marys burrowed out a 2-1 half time lead, surviving a series of near misses from the coastal dwellers. St Marys started the second half well putting great pressure on the St Helens goal, but the visitors and especially their left post, lived a charmed life until a brilliant equaliser from young Jez, a new junior from St Helens proved the turning point.

St Marys players poured forward looking for victory until the army of youngsters from St Helens found their mark earning a creditable victory 5-2.

Many thanks to the St Helens players who came up the pass to play. It was great to see the fog lift on so many young soccer players. Thanks to all the St Marys players for coming along as well.

Soccer will continue next term at the school footy pitches, 3 pm Wednesdays. Everyone welcome.

Jack Foreman 6372 2034

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## St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

It is still too early to count our chickens just yet but if this years flag in A Grade was a chicken I reckon the chef would be thinking about getting the carving utensils out of the drawer. Two more wins in the next few weeks will help make certain of following on last years success. However we still have to tackle St Helens, Scamander and Freycinet yet.

In the past fortnight a great 6 -1 win at Malahide and a similar fighting 5 -2 win at home to a strong Bicheno side have capitalised on a so far good year. In A Reserve we lost a close one to Malahide 2-3 before coming up with a top 4 -1 victory over Bicheno who have won the previous three A Reserve titles.

In A Grade the stars were John Miles with a huge win and Chris Davern with a top result against Terry Leedham which does not happen a lot these days. A Reserve winners were Skeeter and Mark Carrick. Against Bicheno the major wins went to both Craig Mitchell and Smokey Dawson who beat highly credentialed opponents. In A Reserve all five played well but a special mention to Jim Haas and Todd Spilsbury, and also Brad Ennis who played exceptionally well.

No pennant this June long weekend so a well earned spell to the boys. A special thanks to all those who have so far supported the teams. It's brilliant that it is not difficult to organise a side each week and Captain Chris Davern really appreciates this fact. Keep it up , it's great.

### Saturday Golf

Saturday fields are still a little bit low but mainly because pennant is on and not many can front up two days per weekend. However the results have been good with Brad Ennis taking out the stroke event and Leigh Spilsbury winning the Mullisans.

Don't forget everyone, this Sunday June 8th the inaugural McDonalds Cup Challenge kindly sponsored by Macca, John, Raz and families. It looks like being a fun and terrific day. There are still plenty of places available in this Four Person Ambrose and your support will be greatly appreciated.

### Ladies Golf

In Ladies Golf the pennant results have seen our girls sitting on top before the bye so let's hope they keep the good results coming.

**Mark Carrick's Footy Tipping** is proving to be a great success, evidenced by the amount of people on recent Friday nights. That's terrific.

While we are on the McDonalds let's put out a special get well to Valda who has been a tireless worker in many a bowls season, helping with some monumental catering efforts. The story goes that Valda came an awful cropper a couple of weeks ago trying to save a plate of rissoles as she slipped, hence badly bugging up her elbow. While she is laid up we can only wonder who will keep John in line, because only Valda has been able to manage that ! Let's hope for her a speedy recovery, for all our sakes !

Likewise to one of our great lady members in Helen Hayes who is I believe coming good after a recent operation. Helen, our thoughts are with you and we want to see you again soon, bashing the little white ball around and giving Graham a clip round the ear too - he needs it doesn't he?

*Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.*



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