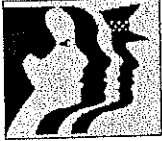


THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Police report offenders being charged

It was very pleasing to see that the recent events held at St Marys on Saturday 21st June 2003 went off without any incidents being reported that required Police intervention. I refer to the Winter Solstice on Faulkners Green and also the function at the Hotel afterwards. I congratulate both organisations on their management of these events.

In terms of crime, there have been two incidents reported since the last Police report, being:

The theft of a Stihl 026 chainsaw from Mathinna, stolen overnight between 13th June '03 and 14th June '03. The theft of farm equipment from a farm at Four Mile Creek. The property stolen included, two super spreaders, a rotary hoe and a ripper, and occurred between 5th June '03 and 19th June '03.

Police have received information from the public relating to two burglaries which occurred earlier this year. As a result of this information four offenders have been charged with two separate burglaries. One of the burglaries related to a business at St Marys and the other to a farm near Seymour.

Bob Baker Sergeant. St Marys Police.

Deadline for next issue of Valley Voice is Tuesday 15th July 2003.

Another great Solstice celebration

Once again the Break O'Day community celebrated the Winter Solstice in St Marys on the evening of June 21.

Volunteers, spectators and performers alike, all braved the chill and gathered at dusk to be involved and engaged in another successful evening.

Fantastic food and fires to be warmed by while being entertained by local and guest musicians, dancers, shadow puppets, singers and a Fire and Light show finale.

Those still thirsty for local talent partied on at the St Marys Hotel and made the most of this years longest night.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts wish to sincerely thank all sponsors and volunteers who again made this annual event possible.

As always we had heaps of fun organising the Winter Solstice and have already started planning for next year.

Coming up and presented by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

- **Brackets & Jam** 7 pm 18th July at GBRA HQ -Jacks Shop
- **'Reserved Seating Only'**: Live Comedy Theatre Tuesday 12th August at Portland Memorial Hall St Helens.
- **Brackets & Jam** 7 pm Friday 15th August Surfside Motel Beaumaris (BOD Aquatic Centre fundraiser)
- **'Getaway Bus'** Live Comedy Theatre Wednesday 24th September St Marys Town Hall

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Members need only pay \$3 for the remaining 6 months of 2003, cheap !! Only those with a sense of humour and a desire to increase their quality of life need apply, cheers.
Terese Tanner President GBRA.

PS. Big thanks to Valley and East Coast Voice for the continued support, being an amusing and informative read and for accepting late articles !

Coming events & Community notices

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc. Next meeting Monday 21 July at 10 am.

Wanted: Any large square coffee jars, eg. Maxwell House 500g, that you would like to give away. Please ring Debbie Squires 6372 2261, even if you have only one.

Exchange!

Help is wanted in organic garden in 'Downtown St Marys' in exchange for fresh organic vegetables. Jack 6372 2034

'Happy Birthday' to Tenzin Gyatso - His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama born July 6th 1935.

Quote: "Within all beings there is the seed of perfection. However, compassion is required in order to activate that seed which is inherent in our hearts and minds."

H. H. Dalai Lama

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.

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The Upper South Esk Catchment Group is conducting a seminar on:

- ♦ Water Management Planning
- ♦ Soil Management

Water management Planning:

DPIWE Officers will provide information on how Water Management Plans are developed. Dams and licensing issues will also be discussed.

Soil Management:

Soils Officer, DPIWE, will present an informative talk on all aspects of soil management.

Note: The guest speakers will also answer any questions regarding the topics.

When: Wednesday 9th July from 1 pm to 5 pm

Where: Fingal Neighbourhood House.

Attendance is free.

This seminar is provided for all farmers/landholders in the Upper South Esk Catchment.

St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130

After hours 1800 808 178

Mobile: 0409 361 005

Lorraine McGee RN

Appointments:

0409 361 005



Open Sessions

1st & 3rd Thurs.

9 am to 12 noon

Next Session:

Thurs 3rd & 17th July

The Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Association of Australia thank the St Marys Health & Beauty Centre for keeping a 'mini dog' for donations in the store. Contents of the collection were \$5.95

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Old Tasmania Hotel
Fingal

Ph 6374 2222

Neighbourhood House 6374 2344

Email: fingal@tco.asn.au

To Shane.

Once again thank you.

Your efforts were much appreciated.

Mike and Conny

Public notice

Please note that the letter box drop which was distributed within St Marys on Tuesday 1st July 2003 concerning 'Use of herbicides / pesticides within town boundaries' is a community initiative and did not originate from Break O'Day Council.

P O'Donnell

BMX Bike Park

There will be a meeting at 3.15 pm on Tuesday 15th July at the St Marys Fire Station to finish the design of the track and to plan out working bees etc. A Council representative will be at the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by marking out the Bike Park track at the Recreation ground.

This is your last chance to have a say in the design of the track.

Adults and children welcome.

For more information please phone Hannah on 6372 2348

Garage Sale

Aulichs Lane St Marys
Sunday 13th July 9 am

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Break O'Day Community Enterprise Co-operative

What's Happening

It's a relief to know that most of the set-up administration
is finished and we are actually doing something!

Although the paperwork needed doing before the group
could proceed with any community enterprise projects—it
put off quite a few people who really wanted to get down
and dirty.

Well, now is your opportunity.

Negotiations are underway to set up a community
garden within the grounds of the St Marys High School
where the project would tie in with the school farm. This
will achieve a heap of objectives within the community so
if you want to be involved either come along to our next
get together on Thursday July 10 at the St Marys
Community Hall at 2 pm or contact John Madden on 6372
2150 for details.

Our other exciting project is the restoration of the Fingal
Railway Station and its eventual use as a tourist
commercial venue. Although we don't own the station
building just yet a dedicated group had a massive clean-
up and BBQ - the results were a very tidy looking
property and a well-fed, satisfied work force.

Once again - you can be involved in this project from the
ground up and have a say in its eventual use. Contact
Marion Gittus for details on 6374 1009 or come along to
the meeting on July 10.

We want your ideas, your skills and even some muscle.
It's your community — so take control and make it thrive.

Break O'Day

Community Enterprise Co-operative

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Now the certainty of ongoing funding means that Online Access Centres can, with confidence, build on their past successes. This is welcome news for Bicheno, Campbell Town, Fingal, St Helens and St Marys Online Access Centres which play an important role in supporting local communities.

State-wide the Centres have not only provided the obvious email and Internet service but have become a place where people meet in the community, a place where ideas are exchanged, a place where other projects have been spawned not only those connected with computers. They fill a void in the community left by the demise of former institutions such as Church, CWA and many other associations in which community once met.

Online Centres can support the jobless, engage the elderly, connect family who are far away and foster educational opportunities for those who feel isolated by distance. Rural youth have especially become connected with one another through modern communication technologies.

Readers who have not yet taken the opportunity to visit an Online Access Centre should do so, because they have so much to offer ordinary Tasmanians.

Mario Pauls

Coordinator Fingal Online Access Centre

Playgroup in St Marys

Playgroup is parents and carers getting together with their children in a safe and fun environment to share stories, craft, fun activities and provide support, all over a cuppa and cake.

St Marys Playgroup meet every second Thursday. We want your support so please come along and join us.

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Where: St Marys High School Kindergarten

When: Every second Thursday 1 pm to 3 pm

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The Editor Valley Voice

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to respond to letters published in the June 19 Valley Voice by Mr David Clement and "Cage Rattler"

Both raise pertinent issues about charges and rates levied by Council on St Marys residents, and Council's ongoing commitment (or lack of, as implied by Mr Clement in his letter) to capital works spending in the town.

Firstly, to address a couple of points raised by Mr Clement. He says that Council is not 'accountable' simply because all householders do not personally receive a detailed financial breakdown of St Marys water scheme operations. There is not a single Council in Australia that provides this depth of detail to every resident in the municipality on an ongoing basis. However, as Mr Clement well knows, this information is 'public information' and is (mostly) contained in Council's audited financial accounts and budget, available to any person on request. The fact that we do not pop daily financial updates into Mr Clement's letterbox does not make Council unaccountable, in fact after 10 years in the private sector I have never personally known any industry to have to be more 'accountable' than local government!

Secondly, if Mr Clement bothered to seek facts before he 'shot from the hip' complaining about \$200,000 allocated to the Volunteer Resource Coordinator project, he would have found out that this project is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government, with no cost to Break O'Day ratepayers. This project will deliver fantastic support for the hundreds of volunteers who work in our community.

Similarly, there is no proposed aquatic centre as Mr Clement writes, but rather Council is assisting with a feasibility study, as requested by hundreds of ratepayers, to look at improved aquatic access and facilities in the municipality. At this stage, there has been no further financial commitment than this by Council. This study will include looking at possibly expanded community use for both St Helens and St Marys school pools. Surely this is a positive initiative responding to a community need, and should not be slated simply because Mr Clement is reluctant to strip off down to his speedos?

Finally both Mr Clement and Cage Rattler raise concerns they have about the direction of Council spending in general. It's a good point - Council is 100% accountable to the community and it is the community who should dictate exactly what they want Council to do. Every Council in Tasmania is required by law to work to a 5 year Strategic Plan, which tells us what to do and how it should be resourced. This plan covers everything Council does, from water schemes in each town to animal control to community grants.

Council's current plan, covering the years 2000 - 2005, has this year been revised as many of the objectives within that document have been achieved (such as the community radio station) or need revising.

With this in mind, Council sent out a new draft plan for 2003 - 2008, seeking general community input. We asked the community to tell us what they wanted included, what they wanted removed, what they were happy with, what they were not happy with.

There was a 60 day period where we sought feedback from the community, and we advertised this heavily by:-

- ♦ Advising people of the plan in our Council newsletter, which goes out to every ratepayer;
- ♦ Advertising extensively in the Valley Voice and the Suncoast News;
- ♦ Advertising extensively on BO'D FM;
- ♦ The plan was available on Council's web-site during the 60 day submission period;
- ♦ Sending a copy of the plan to nearly 50 community and business groups throughout the municipality, not only requesting feedback and submissions but saying we would be happy to provide further information and guidance on any matter if at all required. In St Marys, we directly mailed this to Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, St Marys Community Childcare Centre, St Marys Online Access Centre, St Marys Association for Community Development, Cornwall Community Committee, St Marys District High School, St Marys Lions Club, and St Marys Community Health Centre.

Copies of the draft plan were available during the 60 day period at the St Marys Post Office.

Mr Clement says in his letter that the draft Plan is "up the duff", which at least shows that he has read it. But we cannot find your submission Mr Clement, nor do we appear to have received one from Cage Rattler.

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Letter to the Editor, *continued*

It is well and good for Mr Clement and Cage Rattler to complain about what they are not happy with regarding Council's operations, but if they are not prepared to offer any input whatsoever into our plan when it has been extensively advertised, then what do they expect? Cage Rattler - you say that 'we are watching you' to Council - why don't you do a little bit more and actually participate in the process (we want you to - really!) rather than just sling a bit of mud around afterwards? If you have good ideas, be positive and share them around. Get involved!

Mr Clement has come up with his own unique ideas over the years on what he thinks Council should be doing. Increasing our municipal population by offering free burials to anyone moving here (town logos could be 'St Marys - one step closer to the grave'?? St Marys - till death us do part?) and reducing Council's workforce by 48% are just two of his innovative suggestions.

Council WANTS the community to participate in decision making and setting our goals and objectives. But the community needs to take some responsibility in actively participating in setting local agendas.

David Morcom
General Manager

Letter to the Editor

Sir

I would briefly like to comment on David Clement's recent (21/6/03) letter to the Editor regarding the B O'D Council.

I would support any rational movement that would see St Marys and District secede from the B O'Day Municipality. In addition to David's comments, I can think of other important reasons why the people of St Marys and District would be better off than enduring the previous forced amalgamation of the two councils.

I am also of the opinion that the area David mentioned should be widened to include Fingal, Rossarden, Mangana and Mathinna, this of course would be up to these residents to have their say on the matter.

I think that as a first step towards this course of action, an interim steering committee should be formed to look at the reality and the input of a successful secession.

In view of my comments, if anyone is interested in forming a steering committee, I can be contacted on 6372 2901.

Ray Escobar 6 Main Street St Marys.

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The Plan

The Break O'Day Council's Strategic Plan 2003—2008 contains these teasers: -

1. "Council will establish a Centre that provides access to a range of education, training and learning opportunities to the local community, with a particular emphasis on our youth".

Another school ? A "Centre" forsooth !

2. "We will adopt a showcase approach to Culture and the Arts through the establishment of a facility that acts as a workforce".

Now that looks like someone has made the inside running ! A "Facility" forsooth !

No chance of being told what, where and when, and for who, I suppose - a bit of transparency, accountability, consultation and communication with the yobs, or is this just a concept yet, an exposure plan. "Cage Rattler" is not going to like this!

David Clement

It's the numbers that count

The Break O'Day Council's five year Strategic Plan 2003 -2008 sets an objective of encouraging the creation of additional employment within the Municipality, to be achieved by 7 strategies, and the success of those strategies in achieving the Objective will be measured by 13 Performance Measures. Fairly typical of the performance measure is to be a member of the St Helens Chamber of Commerce, to attend meetings, approve draft inputs, be involved in partnerships, initiate initiatives, facilitate and develop stuff, and provide reports on a quarterly basis. All highly commendable, but nowhere do these performance measures actually mention "counting the number of people employed" to see if there has been a change !

It might be better to spend the \$120,000 or so to be spent on memberships, subscriptions, etc., on employing gardeners/maintenance staff in the townships, to encourage new settlers to settle in these beautifully maintained towns and boost the local economy and increase the numbers in employment. After all, the ones attending meetings, providing reports etc. are already employed, providing Draft Plans.

David Clement

Just for the record

For those of us who believe democracy requires transparent government, consultation and communication, we are indebted to the "Suncoast Community News" June 2003 for the item "Councillor (Daly) calls for Improved Records", referring to the need for accurate minutes of Council Meetings, which states: -

"Cr Osborne warned about being over-zealous in the recording of meetings. We can easily record everything we say, and then it's all a matter of public record" she said."

Well, that's on the public record.

David Clement

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JULY 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30th June	1st July	2nd July Drama Improvisation Workshops	3rd July	4th July
7th July	8th July	9th July Drama Improvisation Workshops Big Newsletter home	10th July ENE Gymnastics - St Marys	11th July
14th July CSIRO here for Gr 8 - 10's	15th July CSIRO here for Gr 8 - 10's	16th July	17th July	18th July
20th July Gr 10 Work Experience	21st July Gr 10 Work Experience	22nd July Gr 10 Work Experience Small News Sheet home	23rd July Gr 10 Work Experience	24th July Gr 10 Work Experience
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St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 3pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

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Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

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Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna: 2nd & 4th Sunday
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8am and 10.30am

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St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM:

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Fri 11th	Tracy Bean	Julie-Anne Claridge
Mon 14th	Annette Davey	Sharon Hall
Tues 15th	Audrey Wright	June Hall
Wed 16th	P O'Donnell	Wendy Blair
Thurs 17th	Yvonne Salter	Christine Woods (P)
Fri 18th	Trish Pike	Robyn Miller

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board as well as the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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Townsafe

As a consequence of the Forestry Commission's proposed logging at St Patricks Head and the advice by Gunns Ltd that it will cart the logs to Triabunna via St Marys Pass, a submission has been made (11/6/03) to the Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources that the junction of Irishtown Road and Esk Main Road "is a deficient and unsafe access which does not have an acceptable level of risk in relation to the avoidance of collision between vehicles travelling along the Esk Main Road and those which are turning".

55% of Tasmanian road accidents occur at intersections or accesses. Accident Indicators for the St Marys Pass show that heavy vehicle involvement is over represented by state norms. This junction is not designed for long vehicles such as log trucks.

It was printed out that the access is dangerous in 10 respects, including inadequate Intersection Sighting Distance, speeds in excess of the marked speed limit, line markings which allow overtaking at the access, and inadequate road width to allow long vehicles such as log trucks to turn from Irishtown Rd within a safe time.

It was submitted that these factors, both individually and in combination, make this access unsuitable for log trucks, and that such vehicles be prohibited from using this access until remedial action has been taken to ensure a safe junction.

D W Clement

For Townsafe St Marys

St Marys 1903

"Some eight years ago there was a public meeting convened to discuss establishing a public cemetery for St Marys. A subsequent meeting announced that suitable ground had been found and steps taken to secure it; the ground in Gray Road was commenced three years back, consecrated firstly by the Methodists in 1899 and the Catholics and Presbyterians two years ago. As yet the Anglicans have not done so. There are two Undertakers in the township, Mr Mitchell and Mr McHugo, apparently keenly in competition, with rates of ten shillings for a grave and five pounds for a burial. Last year, Mr Mitchell complained in the "Examiner" that "it is virtually impossible to find vacant ground in Cullenswood Cemetery. Some times three attempts are necessary to find ground that does not contain other bodies." Mr Mitchell urged that now there was a public cemetery in the area, burials at Cullenswood should be ceased, except for reserved sites." 1.

"Lest we forget" rings a little hollowly, when the St Marys Cemetery is still nameless after 104 years !!

Council should engage a craftsman to design and construct an entrance gate and signage, "St Marys Cemetery 1899", adding dignity to the cemetery and recognition of the forbears of the district; it has previously rejected a proposal that cemetery fees be waived for ratepayers and their spouse who have lived in the area for 25 years or more, as a gesture of community respect - not putting a name on the Cemetery is even more dismissive. Last year Council budgeted \$10,771 for Cemeteries for the municipality, compared with \$52,917 for the control of animals.

It was only at the suggestion of the Town Theme Committee that Council placed a 'CEMETARY' sign on the signpost at the Main St / Storey St corner. It seems that "out of sight, out of mind" applies to the residents as well as to the town of St Marys, yet another reason to consider secession.

1. An extract from "St Patricks Head District Historical Monograph", 'St Marys 1903', not yet published.

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'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 3rd/7 **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoints available by calling 0409 361 005
- 3rd/7 **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00
- 9th/7 **Pap Smear Clinic.** A waiting list is available by phoning 63722111
- 10th/7 **Community Information Day** Day Centre-Hosted by Wendy Aulich 10:30am-3pm
- 10th/7 **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00
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- 19th/6 **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

ST MARYS CHILD CARE CENTRE

The St Marys Community Chid Care is excited to announce that due to a community grant from the Break O'Day Council and help from local community groups and individuals we are commencing work on our sandpit, as well as an extension to our play area. Come along and see the progress. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Helen and Jenny



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The St Marys Division of the Tasmanian Ambulance Service is in need of volunteers, are you available?

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Information from this page was submitted by:

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

The Say by Cage Rattler

Half time 2003

I thought we might have a mid season review on some of the topics we've raised in Cage Rattler so far this year and how the responses have come.

Firstly I would really like to thank the respondents who have chosen to put pen to paper, whether they agreed with me on the issues or not. That was the whole idea for this to act as a forum for all Valley voice readers to use.

Secondly I wish to thank the Valley Voice for allowing me to write the column in the first place. Let me assure you that the opinions are mine and are never to be confused with those of Valley Voice staff.

I hope in the second half of the year we can continue to discuss important issues facing us all.

Undoubtedly the most controversial opinion expressed and caused a great deal of angst was that of Break O'Day FM. Believe it or not I took on board the broad level of support for the station as expressed by the authors of the letters and must accept by way of these people that most listeners are satisfied with the morning show. Perhaps there was only two matters I took real issue from the responses were:

1. Criticism that I was not prepared to put my name on the 'letter'. This is a thing that has to be clarified again for future reference. "I was asked at the very beginning not to use my name which makes good sense for a variety of reasons. My writings however badly done, are not letters. They are columns and forums.
2. Queried that I've never done any voluntary work so I shouldn't target Break O'Day volunteers. I have and still am involved in voluntary work on a regular basis, so I feel qualified to mention volunteers and what goes on.

I was quite surprised that we received no real responses to the paper in regard to two big issues.

1) St Marys water or the lack of it during summer and, 2) The aquatic centre proposal.

The Aquatic Centre issue was a hot topic for a while and I've heard plenty of locals expressing their views on that one but unfortunately no written ones. More recently the SMACD one and follow-up to SMACD received a good response and I for one appreciated the detail that came back, being an old SMACD'er myself.

We'll see how we go about Rates and Capital Works writings, maybe even in this issue with a bit of luck.

If you are a reader and you think that something should be referred to, please don't hesitate to drop 'the Voice' a line to begin the forum. This is not exclusive to Cage Rattler you know? It would be great to see. We are only small in number but we can have a big say and initiate discussion on things. Let's hope through our writings both yours and Cage Rattler we can make a difference.

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Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

The 2003 East Coast A Grade pennant has been won by the St Marys team again courtesy of an undefeated 9 game result. Unfortunately the last game at Freycinet was washed out with only 2 holes played for the day. It has been a tremendous effort by the team all year and a terrific 7-0 result against Scamander was a fitting way for the season to end. Captain Chris Davern would be proud of everyone's efforts.

The team now plays Mowbray on July 13th to see if a crack at the NTGA Division 3 Championship is not out of the question. It is a much stronger side this year than the 2002 winning side because Jack Viney's inclusion and John Miles terrific form adds to the already strong performers from last year.

In A Reserve the boys finished off the year in fine style and all looks good for next year. A special mention to Jim Haas, Skeeter Webb, Paul and Todd Spilsbury, who have been the core of the team this year and with help from the ever reliable John Cox, Rex Floyed, Brad Ennis, Graham Hayes and one or two others, the club is proud of them.

St Marys hosts the Memorial and Wallace Shields and Champion of Champions on Saturday 5th July at 9.30 am. All St Marys players are welcome to play that day, and we hope to get a full team photo after golf, it has been a while. See you there.

Here's hoping also for a great finish by our ladies team who are hanging in there for the pennant. I believe it all depends on the final games to decide the winner. Good luck everyone.

To club golf now and it's great to report an excellent roll-up for the recent Pinehurst Foursomes with 6 teams taking part. Congratulations to Shan Wilmot and Todd Spilsbury for winning the event.

Last Saturday the stroke event was taken out by Bob Hersey with a terrific nett 64.

Once again don't forget about the shields this week and in the near future, subject to the pennant situation, we will see the popular Spilsbury Trophy series in men's golf.

This week is the start of the Ladies Club Championships. Good luck to all competitors.

On behalf of St Marys we would like to congratulate Scamander and Freycinet A Reserve sides on a joint win in the pennant this year. The sides could not be split so the Association has resolved to put both names on the shield and issue two flags. Both are deserving winners.

It is great to see Helen Hayes back playing golf after her recent bout of ill health and she even managed to win the comp. Well done Helen.

Our best wishes also go to Mark Carrick's Mum and of course to Mark and we hope she will be on the mend really quickly. We are thinking of Mrs Carrick and Mark and family.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



Soccer News

Both the Junior and Senior soccer teams found the going tough in St Helens last week-end. Our youngest players came up against older and more experienced boys from St Helens but still gave a good account of themselves in their round-robin.

The older Juniors again came up against a very talented Junior team from St Helens. The St Marys team played better as the game progressed and some sharp shooting from Dylan kept the home team on their toes. St Helens won 8-2 and are looking good.

The Senior team also struggled despite their massed ranks of enthusiastic debutants. The wirey experience of the St Helens team was hard to break down and the only goal for St Marys came direct from a corner. St Helens were triumphant 4-1.

Thank you to all the St Marys players who came down to St Helens and thanks to all the supporters. It was a great turnout from St Marys and I've never seen the soccer pitch so busy. The next game against St Helens will be at the St Marys District High School, 11 am on Saturday 26th July.

Junior soccer training is after school each Wednesday at the school footy pitches.

Jack Foreman 6372 2034

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Junior Football and a few minutes of glory

The last two weeks of Junior Footy have been busy with a game against St Helens at St Helens and then a game at York Park at half time of the Hawthorn v Fremantle game.

First to the game at St Helens and although about 40 boys travelled down, we were still well out numbered, so it was decided to play combined teams in all age groups. This turned out to be a good decision as it removed all parochialism (for the want of a better word!) and allowed the boys to concentrate on football, not that we have ever had any trouble but it was just a better standard of football in all groups.

Now to the game everyone had been looking forward to all year, one quarter at half time of an AFL match.

Arriving at the ground about an hour before the curtain raiser to our game started (Hawthorn and Freo were the curtain raisers!) it was great to see the majority of the boys already there outside the rooms we had to get changed in, waiting for their chance to play footy in front of 17,000 people. As quarter time of the "curtain raiser" (our call up time to get changed) approached, the enthusiasm and excitement of these kids was almost uncontrollable and when we went into the rooms it could only be described as extremely well run chaos.

Imagine getting 34, five to twelve year old boys, along with 60 from other Auskick centres around the state, ready to play footy in a room the size of St Marys Club rooms, but to the boys and their parents credit all was ready on time for the main event.

As they ran through their banner and on to the ground, down came the rain but this only made them keener and more eager to perform. Although we only had a small ground to play on and it was very wet, the standard of play was very good with some good comments coming from the Auskick Managers after the game.

Scores were not kept from the game but the highlight of the day for myself and the other parents I am sure, was to see our children playing football and conducting themselves very well at a high standard facility in front of a very large crowd.

When the game was over we formed a guard of honour for the Hawks to run through and had the chance to hi-five players such as Shane Crawford, Nick Holland and Jade Rawlings and others.

A big thanks to all the parents who helped and to the boys for their good behaviour, a special thanks to Adam Viney for his help and AFL Tasmania for the invitation to play.

This week we have a roster day at St Marys on Sunday, then the next week a game at Scamander.

Leigh Spilsbury Co-ordinator

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Our courageous players were Billy Singline, Richard Howe, Daniel Cooke, Aaron Midson, Darren Jones and Ryan Stuart, with a great team effort by all. Well done boys.

This week we play at Fingal against St Pats. Good luck players.