

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## Police Report

These reports being provided by our Police Officers at St Marys Police Station are becoming a regular feature of the Valley Voice and it is hoped that by keeping the community informed, the community will assist our Police by providing them with valuable information relating to any crime and acts of nuisance and vandalism being committed within our communities.

**Deadline  
for next issue of  
The Valley Voice is  
Tuesday  
29th July '03.**

## Quick apprehension of Offenders

Since the last Valley Voice, several crimes have been committed in our Division. Two jerry cans of fuel were stolen from a farm at Four Mile Creek on Sunday 6th July 2003, then three days later on Wednesday 9th July 2003 a burglary occurred of a dwelling in St Marys which resulted in a male being charged.

More burglaries occurred at a business in Fingal on Wednesday 16th July 2003, in which a large quantity of cigarettes was stolen. A further related burglary occurred at a business at Scamander which resulted in another large quantity of cigarettes being stolen. A third burglary involving the theft of alcohol occurred at a business in St Helens. Police subsequently charged a male offender from the Hobart area with these three crimes.

It is essential that we realise criminals frequently cross municipal boundaries to commit crime and can not stress enough the importance of recording descriptions and registration numbers of any strange/suspicious vehicles sighted.

Bob BAKER Sergeant, St Marys Police



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## Proposal for Irishtown

Interested persons are invited to participate in the development of a camping ground with information centre, bicycle rental and camping equipment hire at Irishtown Road under the auspices of the Break O'Day Community Enterprise Initiative Co-op.

The aim would be to offer employment for local people in setting up and running the facility and an opportunity for visitors to stop and enjoy the area with a strong emphasis on ecological sensitivity and sustainability.

If you are interested, Marissa Walker Break O'Day Council, is organising a meeting with the tourism people and other relevant bodies.

Enquiries please phone Marissa at the Break O'Day Council on 6376 1281 or Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291



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#### Happy Hour TONIGHT

Thursday 17th July  
between 6 and 7 pm.

#### LIVE MUSIC

from 7 to 9 pm  
with Louise Bovin

Nibbles & usual Meat trays  
continue on Friday evenings

#### Next Gig:

The *Spa Pikers'*  
Saturday 9th August

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Happy Hour with  
Live Music.

31st Aug: Terese  
14th Aug: Comedy

A member of United Cellars Discount Liquor

## Coming events & Community notices

### Brackets & Jam

Music Night

Friday 18th July 7 pm

Jack's Shop

GBRA HQ 7 Storey Street

St Marys

### Tasmania Lymphoedema

Centre Inc. Next meeting

Monday 21 July at 10 am.

### Fingal Valley Meals on Wheels Inc. AGM

The Annual Meeting of the above group will be held at St Marys Health & Community Centre on Monday 18th August 2003 at 1.30 pm.

### Business:

Annual Report

Treasurers statement

Election of office bearers for the ensuing year.

N.B. Nominations for all Officers need to be in the hand of the Secretary, J.S Miller P.O. Box 41, Fingal 7214 by the 11th August and signed by the nominee.

J S Miller Hon Secretary

### Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105.

Audrey: 6372 2337

Fax: 6372 2172

Leave written material with Kathryn, Marys Health & Beauty Centre, or post:

Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

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#### Rates:

Classifieds, (25 words or less) are free.

Small ad. \$6. ¼ page \$15.

½ page \$25 Full page \$40

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## A sad day for everyone.

This morning contractor Fieldwicks, moved in with their equipment to demolish what was remaining of the structure of Todd's Hall which has been the social heart of the St Marys community for so long. Fire destroyed the hall in November 2002 and devastated the owners Andrew and Jen and the people of this community.

Some of the history and the highlights of life at Todd's Hall over the years will be reminisced in the next issue.

## Thankyou

I would like to thank family and friends for their concern and well wishes for my recovery while in hospital.

Thank you to all

Peter Spilsbury

## GET TOGETHER

with Doris and Keith Bullock prior to their move to Launceston

Sunday 31st August at 12 md

Community Hall St Marys

All welcome !!

Please bring a casserole, finger food or sweet.

Contacts:

Eric & Claire Bean 6372 2136

Gerald & Wendy Aulich 6372 2283



## Grassy Bottom Regional Arts News

Please note that due to lack of interest, the Grassy Bottom Friday Flea Markets have been cancelled. We will maybe try again in Springtime, if support is there.

### Grassy Bottom 'Cinema Project'

We are busy sourcing funds for the purchase of Cinema equipment to screen movies in the St Marys Town Hall.

At present we have \$8,000, but will continue applying for more so that our community can have a high quality cinema with the latest DVD theatre and surround sound equipment affordable.

The Council has been very supportive and have agreed to allow us to use the hall, improve the hall for sound quality and maybe even add some new curtains.

Appling for funding has become a very competitive field, so if you or your group/committee would like to see a cinema returned to our town, your letters of support will assist with the grant applications.

Please address and post them to:

'To whom it may concern'

Cinema Project

C/- P O Box 25 St Marys 7215

**Community Ownership = Success !!**

**What do you think ?**

## CLASSIFIEDS

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Dear Editor

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Monday 28th July to Friday 8th August.

Service recommences

8 am Saturday 9th August.

If you're in Launceston, check out:

**Mt Elephant Pancakes @ the Quadrant  
opening soon.**

*Same lovely recipes*

*but new tortures for rowdy children are being devised.*

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#### Monday -Thursday

Depart St Marys 9.10 am

Arrive Launceston 11 am

Depart Launceston 4 pm

Arrive St Marys 5.45 pm

#### Friday

Depart St Marys 9.10 am

Arrive Launceston 11 am

Depart Launceston 6 pm

Arrive St Marys 7.45 pm

#### Sunday

Depart St Marys 4.30 pm

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- 72" x 2' x 19g x 50 m (NZ) \$99
- 1800 x 50 x 1.0 x 50 m (Chinese) \$80
- And much more !

#### ♦ Cool specials

- ♦ Ingham No 22 chickens \$6.50
- ♦ Golden Award 1 kg Margarine \$1.99
- ♦ Tasmanian Heritage Brie 125 g \$2.55



### Rae & Partners Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors

93 York St Launceston  
Ph 6337 5555

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Appointments:  
St Marys Health & Beauty Centre  
6372 2172

## What can the Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre do for you.

- ♦ Give you some exciting options on where to volunteer (approximately 60 positions available within a wide range of community organisations).
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    - ✦ Rights and Responsibilities of being a volunteer
    - ✦ Ethics, morals, confidentiality and privacy
    - ✦ Occupational, Health and Safety
    - ✦ Communication and Interpersonal Skills
  - ♦ Educate your committee / staff /volunteers to ensure against negligence claims with free Risk Management Training
  - ♦ Help with Policy & Procedures - some examples are:
    - ✦ Privacy and Confidentiality
    - ✦ Grievance Procedures
    - ✦ Code of Conduct
    - ✦ Anti-Discrimination
  - ♦ Also help with submissions and trying to locate a pot of funds for your organisation
  - ♦ Support groups for volunteers and for volunteer managers
- For more information please phone Penny on 6376 1545 (answer machine attached) or 0418 997 010

9 July 2003

Secretary  
Townsafe St Marys

### 'St Marys Police Station-Disabled and Elderly Access'

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2003 concerning the issue of disabled and elderly access to the St Marys Police Station.

As part of its Strategic Asset Management Plan, the Department of Police and Public Safety is conducting assessments during the 2003/2004 financial year on all departmental buildings regarding compliance with the building code and *Discrimination and Disability Act*.

This review will identify urgent maintenance requirements. St Marys Police Station will be assessed during this period and if, as indicated in your letter, access for disabled or elderly persons is inadequate, measures will be taken to rectify the situation.

This issue is of concern to me and I assure you that Tasmania Police is fully committed to providing adequate access to all police buildings for every member of the Tasmanian community.

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention and I trust this letter answers the concerns you have.

Yours sincerely  
R McCreadie  
Commissioner of Police

## Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

World renowned and travelled concert pianist Roman Rudnytsky's Premiere Tasmanian concert is presented by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.

Mr Roman Rudnytsky, a Ukranian-American concert pianist, began piano studies at the age of 4 and gave his first full recital at 7 years of age. He is a graduate of the prestigious Julliard School of Music in New York and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, and has done further studies and master classes in Austria and Italy.

On Saturday 26th July, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts will be presenting Mr Rudnytsky's premier performance in Tasmania as part of his 13th Australian tour. This will be held in St Helens at the Portland Memorial Hall, starting at 7.00 pm.

The concert will include a selection of works by Mendelssohn, Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin, Bizet, Anton Rudnytsky and some short works by Spanish composers. A CD of his works will also be available for purchase.

Rudnytsky will also be conducting a Masterclass for piano students and teachers on the same weekend.

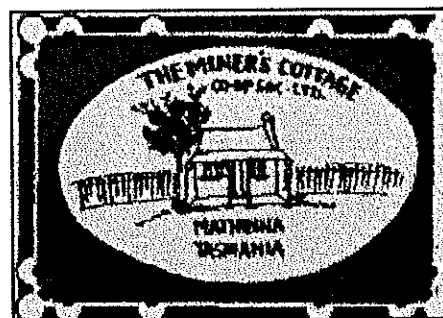
For more information or bookings, please contact Terese Tanner on 6372 2846

### Grassy Bottom Regional Arts present:

**Roman Rudnytsky** Internationally renowned Pianist and Virtuoso  
**Saturday 26th July 7 pm** Portland Memorial Hall St Helens  
Tickets: \$18, \$16 / \$15 GB members  
Bookings essential, 6372 2846

### Meals on Wheels Roster

July	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 21st	Glen Lodge	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 22nd	Ruth Aulich	Katrina Johnson
Wed 23rd	Lorraine Gill	Lynda Bean
Thurs 24th	Heather Griffiths	Jan Marshall
Fri 25th	N & A Challis	Bob Yates
Mon 28th	P & Y Davern	Debra Speers (W)
Tues 29th	Kath Read	Raylene Hall
Wed 30th	Pam Lynch	Mim Woods
Thurs 31st	Gail Gamble	Maureen Hall
Fri 1st	N/A	N/A



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Wednesday	Kelly	9 - 5
Thursday	Kelly	9 - 5
Friday	Kelly	9 - 5
	Fran	10 - 1
	Lyn	2 - 8
		(by app)

6 Lagoon Esplanade  
Scamander  
Ph 6372 5529  
scamandersurf.com

### Scamander Beach Surf Shop



### Bay Surf

Shop 2  
2 Pendrigh Place St Helens  
Ph 6376 1755

## The Editor Valley Voice

Sir

Recent letters published in the Valley Voice have caused me to respond to some of the issues raised.

Firstly those relating to seceding from the B.O.D Council. What a great idea (I don't think)! Are we expected to follow this idea like sheep, a great deal of soul searching and common sense must have gone into thinking this through? Some basic questions for the proposers of this concept.

- (a) Where do initial set up funds come from, the ratepayers of St Marys (not likely)
- (b) Where is the infrastructure to do so, there are no assets such as council buildings, sports grounds or machinery/equipment let alone employees to carry out duties or tasks.
- (d) How is the concept to be managed and by whom?

So the real issue appears to be to raise funds to stand alone for the management of St Marys or others that may join this scheme. What studies have been done that show without rates collected by our current townships in the B.O.D how it will be sustainable for St Marys to stand-alone? I think most of us would get a shock at the costs involved in doing this, with a probability our rates would be significantly higher than those currently paid. Can you imagine any State Government allowing a break away of this nature to happen simply to please the chosen few? It is not all doom and gloom, if successful we can have important issues resolved such as the color of wheelie bins, like choose your own, pink orange etc and forget that they are actually there for the collection of household rubbish. That wouldn't matter because if we seceded - we won't have a rubbish tip that takes waste collection, the ratepayers of the B.O.D - not the new group, will own it.

Of course there are lots of other issues both legal and those requiring common sense which indicate strongly this is simply a pie in the sky scheme which would require much more time, space and effort to address the various issues involved apart from the basic ones I have raised.

One last blast, we do have a democratic way of addressing these issues. If you want change and you do really feel strongly enough about it, don't just bag the Council, you can nominate for election or use your voting power to assist in removing those you think are not doing the job. Pretty simple really, I wonder who will nominate themselves to actually do something, instead of sitting on the fence like some of us do and just be critical.

My next question is who is 'Town Safe', a single person, two or three people or a group as such. I ask this because I have never seen any notices about their formation or meetings that may have taken place, yet correspondence has been written to various organisations about road safety issues at St Marys. So who do they represent, certainly not me, because as a resident I have never been consulted publicly regarding ways we could have any input into these matters? I do have a matter that they could consider, what would be their policy if any person removed speed signs within the town boundary without any authority, thereby placing all residents at severe risk, simply because a protest has to be made for a cause.

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## St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

42 Main Road St Marys

Phone 6372 2172

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## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

#### **Fingal**

Every Friday Mass 10am  
1st and 3rd Sunday Mass  
10.30am

#### **St Marys**

Every Sunday Mass 9am

#### **Bicheno**

Every Sunday Mass 3pm

#### **St Helens**

Every Saturday  
Vigil Mass 5pm

#### **Mangana**

5th Sunday Mass 11am

### Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

#### **Services each Sunday**

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna: 2nd & 4th Sunday  
monthly at 11.30 am

#### **Daily Office Reading**

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

### Anglican Parish - St Helens

**6376 1144**

#### **St Helens**

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

**St Marys 10am**

No service 5th Sunday

#### **Monday JAM:**

3.15 pm to 5 pm  
for children 5-12 yrs

**Pyengana 11am**

2nd and 4th Sunday

### Break O'Day Uniting Church

**Fingal 9.00am**

**St Helens 11am and 7pm**

### Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

### New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with  
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afterwards.

Last Sunday of month we will  
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108 High St Mathinna

Ph 6377 1234

New Beginnings Church is a  
branch of The Vine Church A.  
O.G Launceston

## Letter to the Editor *continued*

It is obvious to blind Freddy that removal of these signs would place this community at a far greater risk than any justifiable protest action (but I could be wrong).

My next concern relates to a recent letter drop about weed spraying. The author should be congratulated about the public notice retraction made in the Valley Voice because it clears up any misconceptions that may have occurred over this issue. However, again I am confused because the retraction states clearly the issue involved is a 'community initiative'. The question is what community, I again have never seen any notices seeking our concerns or input requested from community members. So is it a community concern or simply that of those who have no sanction from the general community to represent them (again I could be wrong). I appreciate everyone is entitled to their individual views and causes, but attempts to paint a different picture to that other than reality when using the word community, or anything which implies a group is involved, is potentially misleading, especially when the community has not been consulted or given input. So are they crusades of a single person or a very few (I wonder).

Let us not worry about something like a real issue, for example the state of the Esk Highway which is in need of major works throughout the valley. It is in fact a danger and embarrassment, not only for us who drive it but see so many other Tasmanians and visitors doing so (ever been in the back of an ambulance on it). With the advent of more ferries to this State it will mean more tourists, more turnover for businesses in this town, possibly creating more employment. But that would not suit some people because we may actually have tourists. Business proprietors may have an opportunity to get a decent return for their investment and risk taking. This may also have the effect of some of that income flowing on, with their continued support of service groups and other organisations by way of assistance or donations. Perhaps that is something to really think about (but again - I could be wrong).

Bob Hersey Resident St Marys

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## After the War by Jeff Morris

So, the war was over. Everything was booming, I had tried everything from baking, butchering and for the last twelve months or so in a grocery shop working for Mr McGeary delivering groceries and carting goods from Railway Station for a while with an old grey horse and cart until one day the horse bolted and smashed the dray. Mr McGeary then got an old canvas topped car, cut the back down to a ute, got me a special licence to drive because I was under age for a driving licence. I have driven ever since, roughly sixty years and never had an accident (touch wood!).

Stories can be told about those times, plenty of them, like going to Scamander one evening to pick up a load of vegetables. On my way home, came on dark and the lights would not work, so my old friend Clive Berwick who had come with me, sat on the front with a torch that we were lucky enough to have with us and I drove all the way up the Pass and home at about 'no miles an hour' and could see only a yard or two in front of us.

Another day I went to Cornwall delivering, when I got to Mrs Williams she asked if I could possibly get her a little bit of rice (which was terribly hard to come by then) because Leon was coming home next week and he always loved rice. Now Leon was a sailor on the HMAS Perth which was sunk with the American ship "Houston" in the battle of the Coral Sea, he was picked up by the Japanese and served the rest of the war in Changi. He only weighed around 6 stone when he came home. After some trouble I did get a little bit of rice for Mrs Williams. Some time later she told me the first day Leon was home she served up the rice and perhaps you can guess what happened. Out the back door went the rice, plate and all with the words, 'I've lived on bloody rice for the last three years and I don't want to see the darned stuff ever again', or words to that effect. I always felt terribly sorry for her.

But, did I get into some rows during that time when the tobacco rations and other food stuff that was rationed did not arrive on time. About this time I was in the 'Call up', only away for a couple of weeks, but when I came home my job was taken so had to look for something else.

Being winter at that time rabbit skins were a good price, about twelve shillings a dozen, so I would go three days a week out across the 'back run' until I got a dozen then skin and peg next day, which was about 30 shillings to two pounds a week. I would pay Mum ten shillings board and was still getting more than one pound five shillings. I was paid working and certainly enjoying myself more but of course winter came to an end but the Dawsons who were skin buyers offered me a job in the skin shed learning to class skins and pack them in bales under the eye of Bert Dawson and Albert Brown.

When the skin season was over Geoff Dawson gave me a job in the shop and delivering groceries in an old rough Bedford truck - more stories there to be told, like the day I brought a big barrel of mutton birds up from the railway. Geoff said to bring them into the shop and take the top off, when I did - oh the smell - they were rank. Bert said to put them back on the truck and take them up the bush and burn them. So I did put them back on the truck, Geoff rushed out and told me to take them back into the shop, so I did. This happened at least three or four times until eventually Bert won out, so away I went, tipped them behind a log and set fire to them. I have never seen anything burn like them and I have not been able to eat mutton birds since.

Every Friday night Mr Silas Jones used to come into the shop like everyone else but he would go straight to the biscuit tins and grab a handful of biscuits and eat them. Geoff got sick of this so one Friday he got a tin and filled it with real big hard dog biscuits which were a new product.

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### C.D.D.M EXCAVATIONS

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## After the war by Geoff Morris continued

When Mr Jones came in he said 'got some new biscuits Mr Jones, try some'. So Silas took a handful and started munching away, 'best biscuits I've ever tasted' he said. Every week when he came in he used to ask 'have you any more of those lovely biscuits'.

One evening Alec Burrows came into the shop to tell me there was a job on offer at the weigh bridge at Cornwall screens. It was a railway job but half the wages paid by Cornwall Coal Co. but twice or more money than I was getting. So I applied for the job and after going to Launceston for interview and exams I got the job and stayed there for a few years. Great times about then, what wonderful clubs and sporting fixtures. To mention a few, we had a two day Agricultural Show and Gymkhana, terrific football association, cricket club which I loved and played in. Three tennis courts, golf, pigeon racing - one of the strongest clubs in Tasmania, also a very strong bike club with some wonderful riders. I could name a few like Kevin Morgan who started racing with us and went on to represent Australia in the Mexico City Olympics.

I would like to write about some of these clubs later on or perhaps some one else would like to tell us about them.

Jeff Morris

## Wombat Post News

Good news for  
Break O'Day Council  
Ratepayers.

From the 1st of August you will be able to pay your rates at Wombat Post.

This will be in time for you to claim the discount.

Your quarterly payments can also be accepted.

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## Noise

Noise annoys, particularly when we want to relax and enjoy our leisure time at home. It can affect the nervous system, disturb sleep, spoil concentration and damage hearing. Neighbourhood noise problems are amongst the most frequent causes of complaints received by local Councils, the Police and the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

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

### Permissible hours for the operation of:

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

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

#### Lawn Mowers

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

#### Off Roads / Recreation Vehicles

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

#### Please note:

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

#### If you are annoyed by noise:

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

- ◆ Formal action may be necessary where the noise is a recurrent problem. You may lodge an individual complaint or where the noise affects a number of neighbours a combined complaint, with your local Council.
- ◆ Council has the power to investigate and ease many of the offensive noise problems in the community.
- ◆ If the noise is a 'one off' problem (especially at night) you should consider contacting the local Police.

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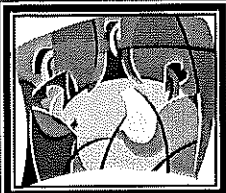
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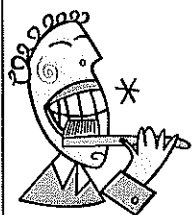
## PARENTS & FRIENDS

### GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 29TH JULY**

7.00pm in the staffroom.

ALL WELCOME



#### DENTAL THERAPIST

The dental therapist will be visiting the school on

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July

For emergency treatment please phone Kelham Street - Launceston 6336 4100  
St Marys Dental Van - Phone 6372 2488

### NEET

*North East Education Training Centre*

**Short Courses on offer**

#### Fork Lift Training and Assessment

**Date: Mon 25th August** - Group theory training 4 hours (Mon morning)

**Venue: Theory Session - St Helens NEET Centre Inc.**



**Practical Session - "St Helens Building & Landscaping"** - one on one training with individuals taking 4 hours per participant at a convenient time in the week 25th - 29th August. All participants must be at least eighteen years of age and require some form of identification: ie - birth certificate or drivers license. Please phone and leave details with Liz at the office 6372 3900.

#### Asian Cooking and Quilting

We have sufficient numbers for these courses to go ahead  
but there are still spaces available.

If interested please leave phone no. with Liz - 6372 3900.



JULY 2003				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14th July CSIRO here for Gr 8 - 10's	15th July CSIRO here for Gr 8 - 10's	16th July	17th July 9/10 Parent Information Session - 1.30pm Playgroup- 1.30pm  BOOK CLUB due	18th July  Primary Tuck Shop 10.30 - 11.00am
21st July Gr 10 Work Experience Parent Teacher Interviews  Primary Assembly 11.10am - Hall	22nd July Gr 10 Work Experience Parent Teacher Interviews	23rd July Gr 10 Work Experience  Small News Sheet home	24th July Gr 10 Work Experience	25th July Gr 10 Work Experience
28th July	29th July Parents & Friends 7.00pm Staffroom	30th July	31st July Playgroup- 1.30pm Kinder	1st Aug

# Farm News

## *Slushing around in the mud.*

Slush is quite a big pig nowadays. As soon as Sherbet left she began to grow and develop her character.

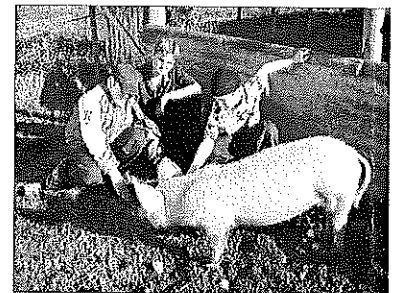
She enjoys a tickle behind the ears, and sometimes a scratch on her back. Like most pigs she loves it so much that she lies down with the sheer delight.

She behaved herself very well during the cross country training, only once going up to some students to ask them why they were hopping across her field. Why were they

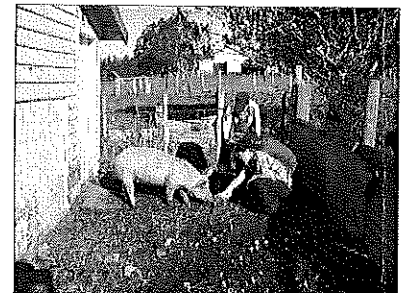
hopping? Because most of the students were very well aware of the importance of avoiding stepping on the pig poo. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of staff. One particular staff member Mr Matthew Beattie had a close encounter of the sticky kind, all over his sandshoes. He was most unimpressed, but it is not as if poor Slushy did it deliberately!

Just to be on the safe side we closed up the gate to

keep Slush off the cross country course, we did not want to make her a mobile obstacle, and we didn't want her to join in the race and beat all the competitors. Besides she enjoyed a day in the sty pigging out on bananas. Thanks John and Mark at the St Marys Supermarket for your continued support of the school pig.



*Slush enjoys a tickle and some nice grass and bread rolls*



## *Preparation for the show*

### *No bull, just a bunch of cows...*

...and a few steers.

Hopefully Boris the bull did his job though, and we will be expecting some calves in September through to October.



We are hoping to enter a few chooks into the Launceston show this year.

We had a few problems with neighbourhood or feral cats at the end of last year eating up our silkie chicks when they made little excursions out through the wire netting.

Unfortunately this means our numbers are down.

Students will need to spend a lot of time handling the chooks and getting them used to having their feathers groomed and their toes cleaned.

We are hoping to have some more silkies available for the training process early next term.

Students may enter a special chook or breed of chook from home, under the St Mary's District High school Entry if they wish, but they will need to speak to Mrs. Heather Marshall



# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## GP ROSTER— ON CALL:

**DR SHAH** Sat 19th—Sun 20th

**DR GENIOLA** Sat 26th —Sun 27th

**DR SHAH** Sat 2nd—Sun 3rd

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 6372 2311

**Medical Emergencies phone:**  
000 or

**The Ambulance on:**  
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000 works on Mobile Telephones.

## 'A DAY WITH DAY CENTRE' WEDNESDAY 23rd July 2003

### 11:00am-12:00- TRADE TABLE

-Come and get yourself a bargain or donate something to the table

### 1:30pm-2:30pm- ' THE MUSIC MAN'

- Then join us for an afternoon of Music with Jerry Moody 'The Music Man'.

Cost is a Silver Coin Donation  
We look forward to seeing you there!  
Further details phone 6372 2111

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

The St Marys Community Health Centre will again be a collection spot for this years Christmas Giving Initiative.

Please see reverse of this page for further details on the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes.....  
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## 'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

17th/July **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoints available by calling 0409 361 005

17th/July **Continance Clinic** with Karen Bell.

17th/July **Wetaway** here from 9:30am

17th/July **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

18th/July **Centapact**, Margaret 11am-2pm

21st/July **TLC Meeting** 10am-11am in Day Centre

22nd/July Tom Bain, **Barrister**

23rd/July **'A Day with Day Centre'**, activities starting at 11am-2:30pm

24th/July **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

24th/July **Hearing Services** for appoints. Phone 63317455

24th/July **Garrotts**. It's Tax time! Peter Hayworth 9am-5pm

28th/July Pam O'Hara, **Psychologist** 1am-2pm

31st/July **Garrotts**. It's Tax time! Peter Hayworth 9am-5pm

31st/July **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm in Day Centre Room 5.00

For further details on any of these visiting services or to find out when the service will be available again please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111.

~ Every path has its puddle. —English Proverb

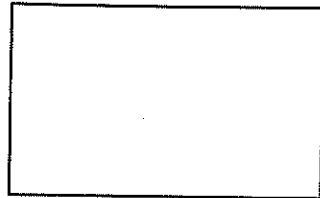
## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

### **Dear Samaritan Purse Participants,**

Once again that time of year is fast approaching us and once again there are many children who will not receive a Christmas present without our valuable contribution/s.

Boxes are available from Hayley at the St Marys Community Health Centre. This year there will be a restriction on the size of the box due to an increase in parcel numbers. See below diagram.

Box size:



↑ Depth= 145mm

← 180mm

→ 300mm

Information packs and pamphlets are available for the Community Health Centre about your Samaritans Purse Gift Box. As in previous years there are some guidelines for items that you include in your Samaritans Purse.

Happy shopping and a big *THANK YOU* for your participation in this important cause.

For further details about this project please phone Hayley at the CHC on 63722 111 Tuesdays-Thursdays.

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### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

| Life's fellow traveler-Monica Neulist

Last week I attended a two day workshop at the Community Health Centre which was Mental Health First Aid. My interest was personal, professional and community orientated. The information in the manual is appropriate to equipping the average person with the basic understanding of self, intimate's and those we meet in the community and in professional circumstances, with an understanding of health issues of the mind. This realm is usually clothed in stigma and mysticism and an area we usually find hard to share with others let alone understand or accept certain aspects of. Neglect of ours and others well being of the mind is common and this is becoming rectified with the holistic approach to health care, encompassing the physical, psychological and spiritual. The course taught us to know the symptoms and some of the reasons ( based on current statistics and research) behind anxiety, depression, suicide, substance abuse, psychosis and the treatment options. Cognitive Therapy was explained to us as a good alternative to medication for such disorders as anxiety and depression. It is reality thinking rather than positive thinking and can help to change some of the negative self talk we choose to tell ourselves which can contribute to worsen our situation's. It also taught us the protocol for the situation of trying to help a person having a psychotic episode which minimizes the harm they can do to themselves or others whilst not being rationale. I think we all have our eccentricities or have the proverbial ' Mad ' relative in the family but when there is an extended problem coping with everyday issues then the problem needs to be addressed. In this information technological trend and ME'ism society we are evolving with, a common theme comes through, self empowerment; but this needs to be tempered with the understanding of ourselves and others with empathy and tolerance.

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

## Keeping them here

My dad once told me something that I never forgot. He said that when he left school at age 14, getting a job wasn't the issue. The issue was working (within reason) somewhere that you wanted to.

It goes without saying that half a century ago occupations were much more labour intensive and manual work was exactly that. Some might say good riddance to that amount of hard physical work but at least everyone had a pay packet to look forward to. Unfortunately those days in that regard are long gone, probably never to return.

Even in my time there was substantial employment at the Hydro, Telecom, DMR, Railway, farm work, forestry industry and mining.

Just look now in the Fingal Valley. So many of our young people have to move just to even get close to finding a job. Quite a few succeed but it is highly unlikely that we will see them back here again. That is a real tragedy. It is one way traffic.

Perhaps it is about time we seriously asked our Federal, State and Local Government officials to try a lot harder encouraging decentralisation of services to rural communities like ours. For an instance why do computer based jobs necessarily have to always be located in cities. With networking like it is now, it would be just as easy for much of this to be done in the bush.

Our area has a large and ever growing older population. Why not lobby our politicians to alleviate the load from Medea Park and develop an elderly home and home care service based out of our hospital / health centre. I am sure that there would be plenty of our local aging population, their families and also a number of our young folk who are working there, who would welcome being able to stay in the familiar territory of their valley.

Thank goodness for our NEET Centre and the quality training it provides, however once again why not seek a much wider and more detailed training facility based here. Perhaps this may encourage not just the young people to stay but also bring people in as teachers or lecturers, to country life and possibly involving locals, organisations and clubs in providing locations and supplies, e.g. horticulture.

Maybe even a co-ordinated approach to local talent, arts, crafts, market gardens, skills advice and new cottage industry could be based in our town or close by.

It is about time our politicians took a punt on us country folk. I can guarantee they would not be disappointed. What better example of a non city based service being a success than our Lymphoedema Centre. It says it all.

This could happen in all sorts of areas, but it needs imagination, foresight and knowledge, something we would have bundles of in our young ones. Wouldn't it be great to see the polities and local government giving our valley a real leg up again. We can only ask can't we.

*Readers, what do you think ?*

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## Sports News by Kackhander

It has been a huge fortnight. Firstly to the Memorial and L T Wallace Shields and Pennant Presentation day. Congratulations to St Marys on winning both shields in a convincing style. It was a great effort. In the Memorial shield each of our scores that counted were sub 80 and in pretty terrible conditions.

In the L T Wallace Shield all but one of the nett scores were under 70. Just fantastic. The Champion of Champions was won for the 5th time by Chris Davern with 72 and John Miles with 75 did well. Todd Spilsbury won the Junior title and John McDonald the Senior.

Dudley Hayes presented Chris Davern with the 2003 A Grade flag and Pennant Shield, Bill Kelley and Jim Bowen accepted joint pennants for A Reserve for Freycinet and Scamander respectively and the 2003 Player of the Year awards went to Rod McGiverson St Marys, A Grade and to Rod Shaw Scamander, A Reserve.

A big thanks must go to Heather Hayes, Yvonne Davern, Pam Peart and Beth Haas for an incredible lunch and again to Betty and Kath for a wonderful effort behind the bar.

This recent weekend, the A Grade side travelled to Mowbray to take them on in the Regional Semi-final for the State pennant series.

With everything stacked against the boys it is great to report that almost every game was a close affair even though we only had one winner for the day. In his first year back with the team, Jack Viney has played exceptionally well and won a great game for us. No mean feat, let me assure you. Bad luck to Dale Ridgers who came from well behind to only lose at extra holes.

This is not the complete end for the team because we hope to have a fun day and challenge game including all players in a couple of weeks as a thanks for a great effort this year with the usual things that go along with it, it should be a real fun day.

While still on pennant, we must make a very special mention to the all conquering St Marys Ladies team who pulled off a sensational win over the Scamander team then watched as Freycinet were defeated by Bicheno. These two results combined to give St Marys their fourth flag in five years. This is even more incredible given the amount of players each week to pick the team from.

They now play Georgetown at Ringarooma on the 17th July for the prestigious Cons Pearce Shield and we wish them the best.

In the past fortnight they have also conducted the 72 hole Championships. A big congratulations to Carole Gunson who has won her first ever club title from Bobby Harwood with the same result occurring in the handicap. Putting for the event was won by Kath Blair.

Well done to all who played and especially pleasing was to see Barbara Davern joining in as well. Well done Barb and congratulations again to Carole.

To the men, don't forget the next two weeks will see the playing of the fantastic Spilsbury Memorial trophy. You must play both days to win this special event. See you there.

Finally our deepest sympathy to Mark Carrick and his family on the recent loss of his mother Betty. Mark is a terrific member of the club and committee and we are thinking of you.

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



## Soccer Field Day

St Marys Soccer Club will be hosting another match against St Helens on Saturday 26th July.

Junior games will kick off at 11 am and Seniors about 12.30 pm. All spectators and players are welcome.

Details from Jack Foreman  
6372 2034

## St Marys High School Under 16 Football Club

Two weeks ago we played against St Pats. After a slow start in the first quarter we lifted our game in the second and third quarters, but unfortunately St Pats held on for a win.

Ben Miller and Billy Singline were outstanding, along with Joel Salter, Darren Jones, Richard Howe, Ryan Stuart and Daniel Cooke.

Last Saturday we played a hard and tough game against Scotch with Scotch Oakburn coming out winners.

All boys showed courage and determination on the day with Brock Leedham kicking two goals in the last quarter. Best players were Ryan Stuart, Andrew Lowe, Jason Mitchell and Darren Jones. Great team effort.

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