

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## Crime Report

### On the spot fines handed out for speeding

Since the last report, there has been the theft of a set of Auto Gauges from a vehicle parked on the Esk Highway west of the town boundary and one incident involving a smashed window at the St Marys School Opportunity Shop. Both incidents are still being investigated.

Several motorists have received 'On the Spot' fines for speeding within the township in the last two weeks, but I am happy to say complaints in regard to speeding have decreased, so hopefully this means other motorists have slowed down.

### Dogs must be kept under proper control

I am concerned about the number of dogs I have seen wandering around the town and ask that dog owners keep their animals under proper control.

It is a requirement under the Dog Control Act that dogs are on a leash or close to their owner and responsive to their command.

Robert Baker  
Sergeant St Marys Police

Please!  
Deadline for next issue of the Valley Voice is  
Tuesday 26th Aug. '03.

### Tree House

The earliest settler in the St Patricks Head District was Robert Vincent Legge, who arrived in Van Diemens Land on 17 August 1827. As reported by Karl R. Von Stieglitz "R V Legge named "Cullenswood" after his old home in Ireland, and while the first house was being built, lived in a large hollow tree".

The accompanying photograph is not of R V Legge, but gives an idea of the standard of accommodation enjoyed by our pioneer settlers.

Of some concern, however is the nature of the accommodation provided for those convicts "assigned or lent by the Government "to the settlers. A "List of convicts residing in the District of Break O'Day Plains mustered on Sunday the first day of February 1829 at the hour of 12 o'clock" shows four such assigned to "Mr Legge".



A column on the Muster is headed " If the Prisoner is not lodged under the same roof with the Master, state what lodging he has, how far from his masters dwelling and where the lodging is". The column is completed "All have comfortable lodgings near their masters dwelling"!



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#### Happy Hour coming events :

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28th Aug: Ray Singline  
11th Sept: Joff & Ted

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## Coming events & Community notices

**TONIGHT 6.30 pm, Thursday 14th August** in the St Marys Hotel Lounge. Meet with SMACD and share your ideas for the town.

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts 'Spring Fair'** meeting Thursday 21st August at 7.30 pm in St Marys Hotel Lounge.

**Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc.** Next meeting Monday 18th August 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.

**North East Bioregional Network** meeting Tuesday 19th August at 4 pm in St Marys Hotel Dining Room.

### St Marys Hospital Auxilliary

Next meeting 2 pm Monday 1st September at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

*Thank you to all who contributed with both the history of and personal memories of Todd's Hall.*

### Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105  
Audrey: 6372 2337  
Fax: 6372 2172

Leave written material with Kathryn, St Marys Health & Beauty Centre, or Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

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Local Hero**

This is an opportunity for everyone to highlight an Australian they believe deserves recognition. If you know someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the community, consider nominating them for these prestigious awards.

Nomination forms are available from:

[www.australianoftheyear.gov.au](http://www.australianoftheyear.gov.au) or from Commonwealth Bank branches.

Nominations close Friday 29th August 2003

## St Marys Playgroup TODAY

Playgroup in St Marys is a place to relax, enjoy our children and have some fun.

**Thursday 14th August '03 1 pm to 3 pm**

At the Kindergarten room St Marys High School.

Come and make some macaroni jewellery, have a chat and a cuppa. See you there.

Enquiries to Trish 6372 2072

## Wanted :

St Marys District Hospital Auxilliary is needing new members to join and help in the support of our hospital.

The next meeting will be Monday 1st September at 2 pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre. Please join us and help our community. 'New comers' to the town are most welcome. If you would like a member to bring you along to the meeting, please call 6372 2123.



At the meeting, venue and format for this years Carols by Candlelight is to be discussed. Any person or group interested in the Carols night are asked to please come to the meeting and bring along your bright ideas for the **41st St Marys Carols by Candlelight.**

*St Marys District Hospital Auxilliary Members*

## St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130  
Ah 1800 808 178  
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## River bank rehabilitation

It has been disheartening to observe over the months that many plants have been removed from the bank along Wombat Walk St Marys Rivulet where beautification work is being carried out. However these areas will be replanted and it is hoped that members of the community will keep an eye out to protect the plants from being removed and thus allow them to mature and upgrade the appearance of this lovely town.

Species have been chosen to maximise ground cover and which will not detract from the overall effect of the river and resident's views. Any person wishing to join the group of workers are invited to join in on Wednesday mornings and also enjoy a great social time as well !

Mr Greg Stewart who is a weed strategist manager has come on board and is putting in much valuable time to help with this project, together with the flood mitigation works and it is these works that have necessitated much of the regeneration program.

Conservation Volunteer Australia members will be on site at the end of August to assist with the regeneration of the banks of the rivulet for stabilisation which is necessary since the removal of the willows. The area covered is about 1.3 kms from The Flat bridge to the School bridge.

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- ◆ Blue Crush
- ◆ Changing Lanes
- ◆ Die Another Day 007
- ◆ Catch Me If You Can
- ◆ Two Weeks Notice

**Fathers Day Sunday 7th Sept.**

## St Marys Association for Community Development - Update

Over the last four weeks SMACD has had more proposals and suggestions as to what we could or should be doing in the community, than in the previous year or more.

Projects include town murals, markets, upgrades to the Recreation Ground toilets, purchase of trestle tables, town cinema equipment, bushwalking group and follow on with townscape objectives. We are delighted to receive such a response from the community but it now poses other challenges such as resources and prioritisation.

SMACD sees itself not as the town executive decision maker but as a body to reflect and focus community will. As a result we have called a gathering of interested individuals and groups within the St Marys area to informally discuss these possibilities and future directions.

This is your opportunity to raise issues or offer suggestions for the benefit of the town and community. The venue is St Marys Hotel Lounge at **6.30 pm on Thursday TODAY 14 August.**

*Greg Loudon*

## Dear Cage Rattler and Editor

Readers may be interested to know that we have set up a small historical display at our newly built premises 'The Golden Gate Gallery' at Mathinna, opening 1st September. It features historical photographs and some artefacts of yesteryear. We are surprised to learn that in the goldrush era Mathinna boasted a brass band, tennis, football and cricket clubs, four or five pubs, four churches and thousands of people.

We are a small community who did decide to get off our backsides and do something. We have built "The Golden Gate Gallery" entirely with volunteer labour provided by a few hard working and dedicated members of our co-operative and materials purchased with a grant from the Federal Governments Regional Solutions Programme. We are very proud of what we have achieved. We urge the community to support our endeavours by coming to see us.

There must be some talented individuals out there who have some art/craft they wish to sell. We offer an outlet to display and sell your work. Also if anyone has any old photographs, stories or artefacts relating to Mathinna that we could copy or display to add to our collection, it would be greatly appreciated. Much of our success will depend upon the input and support of the people of the Fingal Valley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have been involved and assisted us to date and there has been many, and close by saying that assistance is available if you have a good idea and are prepared to put in the time and effort.

The support is out there. Go for it!

Linda Burns President

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Opening date: Tuesday 23rd September  
to Tuesday 7th October  
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## Wombat Post News

Yes, you can pay your Break O'Day  
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## Grassy Bottom Regional Arts



We are really low on active members at  
present and could use some input and  
support from the community to ensure  
that this years "Spring Fair" goes ahead.

We would continue to incorporate the market and of  
course the Maypole Dance and some live entertain-  
ment. Any ideas ? Please present them and your  
most welcome selves to the **GBRA 'Spring Fair'**  
**meeting on Thursday 21st August @ 7.30 pm in**  
**the St Marys Hotel Lounge.**

Anyone wishing to have a market stall should attend.  
We will be holding a general meeting @ 6.30 pm if  
anyone is interested in attending.

### What's Coming Up ?

Do not forget 'Brackets & Jam at Surfside Motor Inn  
Beaumaris this Friday night the 15th August @ 7 pm.  
All entertainers and those who appreciate entertain-  
ment should attend. Gold coin donation kindly ac-  
cepted.

Cheers, Terese Tanner GBRA President

### GET TOGETHER

with Doris and Keith Bullock  
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Sunday 31st August at 12 md  
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Contacts:

Eric & Claire Bean 6372 2136

Gerald & Wendy Aulich 6372 2283

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## Letter to the Editor

There are plans for the logging of around 400 acres of bush up Irishtown Road this Spring/Summer. As a resident of Irishtown Road and a frequent user of our roads this causes me a great deal of alarm. Coupe ELO34A (the Mill Ridge) visible from St Patricks Head and the Tasman Highway will alone involve some 960 truck movements not to mention the 8 log trucks per day from the Forestry/Gunns Coupe ELO38B (90 acres approx.) and the unknown number of trucks involved in the clearfelling of the recently granted 'Private Timber Reserve (50 acres) - either side of ELO34A which was purchased by Lilydale loggers from the BODC rates recovery auction.

If you've driven to the end of Irishtown Road you would understand my concerns. The road is very narrow with unsafe corners and no room to pass a log truck. I can't believe the existing state of Irishtown Road is substantial for 1000+ trucks and I can't begin to imagine the dust that such heavy vehicle traffic will generate.

Don't forget if they make it safely out onto the main road they will then travel east down the St Marys Pass or west through the town and up the Valley, so we all will be affected.

I wonder if the tourists on the 'Adventure Tours' buses who walk up St Patricks Head will still mark it down as the highlight of their trip when the view to the East will be that of devastation?

This should not be allowed to go ahead and as a ratepayer I demand representation from our council and an explanation as to why we should be placed at such risk for no apparent gain whatsoever.

**Terese Tanner**  
Irishtown Road St Marys

## TownSafe

Gunns Ltd have advised 29/4/03 re "Timber Haulage for Coupe ELO38B" :-

- ♦ harvesting of timber is scheduled to commence in August 2003
- ♦ cartage will occur along Irishtown Road, accessing Esk Main Road at the junction with Irishtown Road, and proceeding over St Marys Pass to Triabunna.
- ♦ timber will be hauled 6 days a week, between 6 am - 8 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am - 2 pm on Saturdays, with a break between 8 am - 9.30 am and 2.30 pm - 4 pm on weekdays.
- ♦ harvesting with machines and chainsaws will occur 7.30 am - 4.30 pm, Monday to Saturday.

A conservative ratio of truck movements per hectare of coupe is 10 : given the currently advised coupes of 32 ha and 95 ha at Mill Ridge, the existing harvest plans will generate 1270 log truck movements over the forthcoming months, out of an unsafe access at Irishtown Road and across St Marys Pass.

Gunns Ltd have advised that the company " would like to thank those who have taken an interest in forest management, and look forward to working closely with the community in the future".

In the event of an accident involving a log truck working out of these coupes, copies of all correspondence to DIER, Gunns Ltd and Forest Tasmania have been lodged with Police Tasmania as a matter of public record.

**D W Clement**  
for TownSafe St Marys



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## The Hills of St Marys

As the town signs say "St Marys, Town of the Eastern Highlands and Break O'Day Plains", echoing a newspaper description in 1903 "St Marys is ensconced on the north-east corner of an immense basin of agricultural and grazing land, the Break O'Day Plains, in length about five miles and breadth three miles. On either side rise mountainous rugged ranges, with bluffs and peaks of basalt and sandstone, heavily timbered, their sombre hues throwing into bold relief the brightly green and fertile valley stretching its length at their foot".

The Break O'Day Planning Scheme 1996 is currently under review, and the new scheme will be placed on public view in due course, for comment. When the 1996 scheme was advertised, I made a representation, which was opposed by the Break O'Day Council. The representation was that the "values" of St Marys, as defined for the purpose of the Scheme, to be protected, include: "the high visual amenity of the surrounding vegetated hills." Not an original concept - I pinched the words directly out of the "values" included in the scheme for Scamander! I did not want to demean the hills of Scamander but I did believe that the hills of St Marys were of at least equal visual amenity - I still do.

Of course it is obvious why the Council would not want the hills to be included in the "values" - it could cause a difficulty for logging contractors when development applications are made.

I hesitate to suggest that residents should join together as "Hillsafe" St Marys", some people get really upset about that sort of thing - it smacks too much of passion, and caring and commitment, which is definitely not to be encouraged if it leads to criticism of those set in authority over us, even if we do pay their salaries and pay for their new cars. But I would ask all those who care about our town, and the surrounding hills which are so much a part of it, when the new Planning Scheme is "exposed" for public view, please make a written representation to Council that the values of the St Marys include "the high visual amenity of the surrounding vegetated hills".

David Clement

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### Break O'Day Community Enterprise Co-operative

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**Thursday August 14  
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#### TODAY

more info from  
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## What is Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre ?

It is a Commonwealth funded program designed to support volunteers and volunteer organisations and has been running in the Break O'Day Municipality for nine months. The idea for this program came from community organisations and workers in the local area because of the high number of volunteer organisations within the municipality.

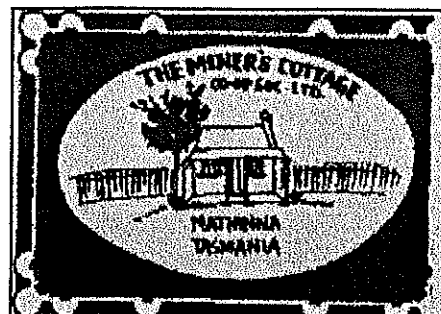
Since the start of the program the Centre has referred 81 volunteers to organisations and 48 organisations have registered with the Centre. One of the common misconceptions of the program is that the volunteers 'belong' to the Volunteer Resource Centre. This is not so - volunteers are interviewed and referred to the organisation in the area of their interest - after all volunteering is all about choice. The Centre provides information and helps you choose an organisation that will ensure that you are fulfilled in what you do and where you enjoy spending your valuable time.

The image of volunteering is changing - it is not just about sitting on a committee (which does not suit everyone) - it's a whole lot more. You can choose to volunteer for as little as one hour per week and volunteering is now much more about people within the community looking after each other. There are many exciting options available and giving a small amount of your time can really touch someone's life.

Some other ways the Volunteer Resource Centre can help you or your organisation is through;

- ♦ Free training
  - includes training specifically aimed at volunteers (new and mature)
  - guarding your organisation against insurance claims
  - co-ordination of any training your organisation may need ie Food Safe, Conflict Resolution, Self Care etc.
- ♦ Setting up new community initiatives
- ♦ Help with policy and procedures, position descriptions and submitting for grant applications.

The Resource Centre is in St Helens Neighbourhood House from Mon - Wed (6376 1545), Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House on Thursdays and St Marys Town Hall Office on Fridays. You can also contact Penny on 0418 997 010



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# Rock Challenge



On the 28th of July our school band which was made up of grade 9 and 10 students travelled into Launceston to compete in the Tasmanian Rock Challenge. They performed two songs an original and a cover of a "Donna's" song. The band members were: Josh Rice, Jesse Bannister, Sheridan Spriggs, Laura Cornelius, and Jamie Burn. They were supported by 50 St Marys students who made the trip up on a cold and wet Launceston night. Unfortunately the band did not make the finals but they "amped" the mosh pit into a frenzy, with students from the North of the state making up the huge crowd. Special thanks to Mr Wardlaw who puts in tireless hours into both the music and the final performance, Shaw Maddison who was the "Roadie", and Mrs Targett who supervised the group overnight.



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## COSXWAIN RESTRICTED

### Sheltered Waters Ticket

Seafood Training Tasmania propose to run a Coxswain Restricted course at St Helens. This course is dependent on numbers please enrol ASAP

**DATES:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2003

**VENUE:** North East Education & Training Centre Inc.  
16 Groom Street  
St Helens TAS 7216

**TIME:** 9.00am - 4.30pm

For further information please contact Helen Bell on (03) 62 336442

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### Parents and Friends Association

Parents and Friends meetings are an opportunity for us to discuss things that affect us and our school. P&F meetings are a chance to keep up to-date on important things both positive and negative happening around the school.

At our next meeting we will be discussing: Ideas on the Op Shop, Cheaper uniform alternatives:- fleecy jumpers and track pants etc to be made available at the office. If you have any thoughts on these topics or any other areas of concern please come and join us or pass your ideas on through someone else. This is our school and we can all be involved!

See you there.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2003**  
**1:30PM SCHOOL MEDICAL ROOM**  
**(ASK DIRECTIONS AT THE OFFICE).**



**NEET Inc.**  
**North East Education and Training Incorporated**

Short Course on Offer  
**Basic Computer Skills**

Instructor : Jenny Wells  
Venue : NEET Centre Inc., St Marys  
Time : 6:30 - 8:30pm Wednesday Evenings  
Cost : \$30 for 8 weeks



This course is open to both men and women.

Please phone Jenny on 6376 1366 or Sharlene on 6372 3900 to leave name and contact details.



### DENTAL THERAPIST

The dental therapist will be visiting the school on  
Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th August









For emergency treatment please phone  
Kelham Street - Launceston 6336 4100

St Marys Dental Van - Please phone and leave a message  
on their machine - 6372 2488.



## AUGUST 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th August Dentist here 	12th August Dentist here 	13th August	14th August Playgroup 1 - 3pm 	15th August
18th August K-6 Special Primary Book Week Assembly	19th August	20th August Book Fair in Terrapin 9am-4pm 	21st August Book Fair in Terrapin 9am-4pm 	22nd August Book Fair in Terrapin 9am-4pm
25th August Dentist here 	26th August Dentist here 	27th August	28th August Playgroup 1 - 3pm 	29th August

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## GP ROSTER- ON CALL:

**DR SHAH** Sat 16th—Sun 17th

**DR GENIOLA** Sat 23rd— Sun 24th

**DR SHAH** Sat 30th—Sun 31st

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 63722311

**Medical Emergencies phone:**

000 or

**The Ambulance on:**

1800 008 008

000 works on Mobile Telephones.

## ANY DRIVERS OUT THERE????

The Community Health Centre *URGENTLY* need drivers for the HACC Bus. If you can spare a day a week/ fortnight to help your local community please phone Sophie at the Health Centre on 63722 111. *Help keep the community spirit alive!*



## DAY CENTRE RAFFLE

1st— Hamper Raffle

2nd— Neon Sport Watch

3rd— Tickle Me Doll

4th— Bathroom Bag

5th- Gift Card Pack 20 cards.

\$1.00 ticket or 3 for \$2.00

Tickets at reception area.

Drawn 10th September 2003.

Funds raised will be split and divided between the:

\* *Red Cross Lending Library and*

\* *The Special Children's Christmas Party*

Thanks you for your contribution.

## 'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

14th/Aug **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
in Day Centre Room \$5.00

14th/Aug **Continence Clinic** with Karen Bell.

14th/Aug **Living Longer Living Stronger.**  
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC.

14th/Aug **Breast Cancer Support Group**  
2pm-3pm in Day Centre.

15th/Aug **'Tantalising Taster'** Volunteer  
Training with Penny Clifford  
1pm-3pm in Day Centre.

18th/Aug **TLC Meeting** 10am-11am  
in Day Centre.

18th/Aug **MOW AGM** 1:30pm in Day Centre

19th/Aug Tom Bain, **Barrister**

21st/Aug **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

21st/Aug **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine  
McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon  
appoints available by calling  
0409 361 005

21st/Aug **Living Longer Living Stronger.**  
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC

22nd/Aug **Hearing Services** phone 63317455  
for appointments.

27th/Aug **Perry Daly** Lightfoot Podiatry

28th/Aug **Living Longer Living Stronger.**  
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC

28th/Aug **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm  
in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

Information from this page was submitted by:

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

By Marguerite  
McWatters

# Blooming Women



## St Marys Community Health Centre

*Presents:*

*A Day in  
September to  
remember*

**Date: 4th of September  
Thursday**

**Time: 9 am to 2.30 pm**

**In the Large Day Room**

**RSVP: 63722111**

*by the 1st September*

### **Gold Coin Donation**

*(Vergola roof for your Centre's outdoor function area)*

**Lucky door prize** (champagne & chocolates)



### **FOOD**

St Marys Community  
Health Centre &  
Healthy  
Communities  
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Morning Tea  
LUNCH  
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**Pampering  
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for women of all ages**

## 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 children's time, tea and coffee afterwards.

Last Sunday of month we will share lunch together.

108 High St Mathinna

Ph 6377 1234

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

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- ✓ Compact Roller
- ✓ Tippers & Water-cart



- ✓ Firewood
- ✓ Land clearing
- ✓ Water holes
- ✓ Dams
- ✓ Roading

## Cornwall by Jim Haas

It was a typical morning on the Cornwall bank-top in the early sixties, about seventy or so miners were waiting for the 7-30 whistle to blow, the cue for them to head down the mine for another day under the hill. Some were cleaning or filling their carbine lamps, some stood around talking while others just sat on their haunches or leaned against a building.

The whistle finally blew and the miners headed off down the tunnel, which was carved into the side of the Mt. Nicholas range. A kilometre or so down they came to what was known as the "Flat". This was where the endless rope ended.- The endless steel rope ran on rollers along two sets of rails. It pulled the skips as they were called or small railway carriages in and out of the mine. There were two kinds of skips wooded and steel, each carrying between one and two tons of coal. Two men worked at the flat one to unclip the empties and one to clip on the full skips.

From the flat the tunnels went off in all directions to the coal face ; here the miners, who always worked in pairs, would be faced with a heap of coal that had been blown out with explosives before the shift by another crew called the "Shot firers". As well the "Wheelers" - or horse handlers - would have pulled the empty skips from the flat to the coal face with ponies - these sections where the miners worked were called "Boards". Each wheeler would have four or five pairs of miners to look after and he and pony would have to pull the full skips back to the flat and keep the miners' in empties. Another crew called "Shiftmen" were responsible for laying rails, putting up timber supports and various other jobs to make the mine safe. Then there were the Fitters, electricians, surveyors and mangers in and out of the mine performing their given duties.

The miners would break the coal down to size with their picks and shovel it into the skips. Because it took time to change the skips over from full to empty and because empties were not always readily available they would build them up above the top of the skip some half a metre with big lumps of coal. These were called "Setters". Then a number stamped into a piece of leather for identification was tied to the skip and it was ready to go to the surface where it was weighed and the tonnage accredited to the miners number.

It was hard work, the carbine lamps did not show all that much light, it was always hot with little air, claustrophobic and of cause dangerous, but the miners loved their work, most of them would never have considered another profession. So much so that in 1964 when Cornwall closed and they were all offered jobs on the forestry they still fought tooth and nail to keep the mine open and most went on to be uncomfortable with work in the outdoors.

Every so often I walk along the old Cornwall bank-top and to me it comes alive, I can still see the winch houses, the weighbridge, the shower house and work shops, the skips overflowing with coal. I can smell the grease, sweat and coal dust. The smell of sulphur from the coal fired shower boiler and blacksmith's forge was always present. A sniff from the stables fifty metres down the track will drift up in the breeze and the shower house with a unique clean smell will always mingle with all the rest.

I can see blokes like Bruce "Gunner" Nailer clipping the skips onto the endless rope, I can see Mick Gatty weighing the coal, Keith "Splinter" Spilsbury the blacksmith making shoes and shoeing the ponies. Gordon Freeman is building and repairing skips; Curly Calvert is in the electrical workshop talking with Jack Lind the under-manager. Perc Llewellyn is driving the winch; Noel Bradbury and Jim Shepherd are loading timber. Ken Worsley is cleaning out the stables, the smell of horses entrenched in his clothes.

They were great times and I'm so grateful that my memory allows me to relive the times we most treasure and to share them with those who want to listen.

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## Where to now ?

As you turn around the main intersection pub corner every morning now, you are confronted with a great gaping hole in the St Marys streetscape.

It sort of reminds me of a kid with a big smile but missing a tooth right in the front. That kid (our town) is waiting for another tooth to stick through. Trouble is it looks like the Insurance tooth fairy has lost the street map where to deliver, so no money under the pillow yet.

Analogies aside, it is extremely sad to see the vacant block now in existence where only nine months ago a fantastic vibrant entertainment centre stood. We all know that Todd's Hall was a building but much more it was the symbolic lifeblood of our town. Through the incredible efforts of two wonderful people it brought the place alive like never before. We all enjoyed the fruits of Andrew and Jen's visions.

It has all been said before but there is no way our town can allow Todd's Hall's achievements to slip silently into obscurity. Andrew and Jen can only decide for themselves what they need to do and we must fully respect what path they choose to tread in the future. I'm sure I can speak for us all by saying that we'd love to see them remain a major component of our increasing community and continue strong links in the artistic and cultural side of our area.

We have to fight as a community to develop a new venue for that purpose, it's an absolute must and it's our duty to do so. There has been some talk about trying to more fully utilise the Memorial Hall. In my humble opinion this could never really work under the current system simply because it is administered by a council entity. Only if it was long term leased to some enterprising people who could develop the facility might it work. For a myriad of reasons this is highly unlikely, not least promotional, legal and liability concerns.

As Todd's Hall so magnificently proved a place with unique character is the way to go. Time and time again people came back to Todd's to feel and encapsulate a century of it's history in an ever growing variety of ways.

I think I could say that a chapter in the St Marys History Book might have closed with the recent demolition of Todd's Hall but perhaps someone will soon pick up the pen and start to write a new chapter in big bold ink.

I'd like to think that somewhere somehow in the coming years that a tooth fairy might land and help to replace the gap. One thing is for sure though, let us not see the site one day just be a vacant block where a few cars get parked.

That would be a real tragedy.  
What do you think ?

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### Meals on Wheels Roster

August	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 18th	P & Y Davern	Sharon Hall
Tues 19th	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed 20th	Wendy Aulich	Lynda Bean
Thurs 21st	Gail Gamble	Christine Woods P
Fri 22nd	Kath Read	Shirleen Woods
Mon 25th	Tina Floyed	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 26th	Pauline Berwick	Alana Johns
Wed 27th	Pam Lynch	Karen Lohrey
Thurs 28th	Jean Schier	Maureen Hall
Fri 29th	Claire Bean	Julie-Anne Claridge

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## St Marys Sports Centre by Kackhander

Firstly to Leigh 'Blairy' Spilsbury in winning this years Harold and Tom Newman Memorial Trophy. Blairy has just returned in recent weeks to playing competitive golf after a long break and it is good to see him win a perpetual event. Chris Davern won best gross with a fine 68 off the stick.

Last week a good field competed in the Pennant players day with Daffy's Team and Roy's Boys tying on 4 wins each to share the "Bogroll Cup". The nett score was won by Skeeta Webb and the gross was won by Jack Viney. A big thanks to everyone who supported the day.

The fields in the past month have been tremendous with nothing less than 17 players. In the coming weeks we hope to increase this even further with the Men's Foursomes Championships Monthly trophy and Club Championships being scheduled. Also the popular Michael Loughland's Golf Day will be held in mid September as well as a major Junior Golf Clinic on September 16. All interested juniors must register with Rod McGiveron as soon as possible. State Junior Coach Bill Husband will be running an extensive day.

The Mens Foursomes over 36 holes commence on August 23 and conclude the following day, so please get your entries in as soon as possible.

To club news and October 3rd has been set down for the Annual General Meeting. The date is later than usual by about a fortnight but as it is such a crucial meeting for our club's long term future it was decided to use the first Friday after the football season conclusion to give us the best chance of a good attendance.

We really need members to support the meeting and maybe consider standing for positions on the committee. A detailed agenda will be published in the Valley Voice in the next couple of issues or so.

Bowls season is not all that far off and with many hands needed to help Greens Manager Peter Davern get the green up to speed it would be great to see plenty of support. New Bowls President Jack Viney will also be seeking keen bowlers to bolster our numbers this year and a real tilt at the pennant might be possible. More news later.

A special mention goes to Betty recently for a terrific effort doing extra bar duty. Thanks Bet.

Finally to our woodcutters at the club. A big thanks to Rex and Tina Floyed who gave up a Friday morning recently to start the ball rolling with a big load. A great effort Rex and Tina. Last Sunday some of the sub-committee joined in removing some dangerous trees and cut up a nice stack for the future. Well done to you all.

Just a reminder to all. We have a great club and if everyone can do a little bit to help out in these tough times like some of the above mentioned, then our future is a lot more rosy.

Looks like things are on the up.  
Let's keep it that way.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



### YOGA

**St Helens Neighbourhood House**

Thursdays: 6.00 - 7.30 pm Starts August 21st '03  
6 Classes \$50

(no classes during school holidays)

**St Marys Yoga Room**

Wednesdays: 11.00 - 12.30 pm Starts 20th August  
6 Classes \$35.00

Fridays 10.00 - 11.00 am Starts August 22nd '03  
6 Classes \$30.00

Teacher: Jack Foreman 6372 2034  
All Welcome

### St Marys Tennis Club

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th August at 7.30 pm at the Clubroom. This will be followed by a General Meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of our decision making process.

Susan Miles Secretary