

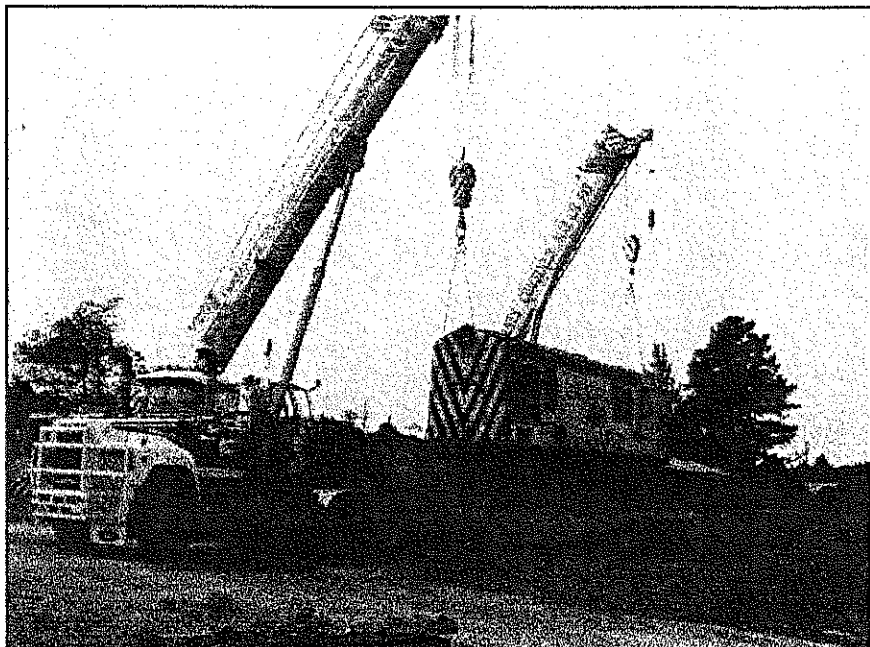
# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is Tuesday 18th May '04

## POLICE REPORT



I would like to bring to light the number of minor matters in relation to alcohol. In recent weeks a number of people have been spoken to in relation to drinking alcohol while walking or socialising in the streets. I believe this matter was raised in an addition of the Valley Voice late last year, but it has come to light again as a number of youth this time have been spoken to about this.

I am sure that everyone is fully aware of firstly there is legislation prohibiting drinking alcohol in public places (streets, parks, football ground or any where else that the public has access to) and secondly of supplying alcohol to those under the age. I would just ask those that do have younger ones at home to be vigilant that when they are attending parties to make sure there are responsible adults present.

This week we see a change in the St Marys Station as Linda commences maternity leave. We welcome Carol Inches to the station who will be working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

The office hours remain the same and in case you have forgotten they are:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday:**  
9 am to 4 pm

(closed between 12 pm and 1 pm).

**Tuesday and Thursday:**

9.30 am to 3.30 pm

(closed between 12 pm and 1 pm).

*Const. Simon Triffitt*

## Last Train Departing: 12.45 pm Tuesday 4th May 2004

Cranes, trucks and a hive of activity at the St Marys Railway Station signaled the departure of the X 30 train as it was loaded up to be transported to its new home with Derwent Valley Rail where it will be given a complete rebuild ready for use on scenic tourist excursions.

The X 30 was purchased from the State Government many years ago by the Lions Club of St Marys and was driven to St Marys and 'parked' at the railway station. St Marys Lions had visions of running short train trips between St Marys and Cullenswood Station but this did not happen as the track was removed and the train was left sitting. Over the years the X 30 suffered badly from vandalism and then because of the onus of liability, the Club made the decision to sell the train by Tender and use the money towards a playground in St Marys.

Several tenders were received, most were for scrapping the X 30, but the Lions Club Members sold to Derwent Valley Rail because of a guarantee by them to have the train completely restored for use within Tasmania.

This train is the last of its type left, so it is a real piece of history. We look forward to seeing the X 30 back in use, proudly displaying the logo of the Lions Club of St Marys.

Volume 37 No. 1 : The 37th year of this paper begins with this issue. The Valley Voice has been in continuous circulation since 1968 and is produced by a small group of volunteers..



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY TO DECEMBER 2004

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information for it's 2004 Calendar of Events - July to December 2004.

If you are holding an event between July and December this year, and would like to advertise your event free of charge on the calendar, please contact Tim Faircloth on 6376 7900 or email: [tim.faircloth@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:tim.faircloth@bodc.tas.gov.au) and provide the following information:

- ✕ Name of Event
- ✕ Date of Event
- ✕ Contact Name
- ✕ Contact Phone Number

Information must be received by Friday 18 June 2004

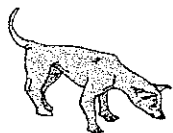


## Township Funding 2003- 2004

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking applications from local community organisations for the Township Funding grants program. All community groups that represent the ratepayers of the township/area are eligible to apply for funding.

An application must be submitted which addresses the criteria set out in the Township Funding Guidelines. Guidelines are available from Council and submissions can be left at the Council Office or mailed to P.O. Box 21, St Helens, 7216.

Closing date for all submissions is Friday 28th May 2004. For further information, contact Chris Hughes on 6376 7900 or email [chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au)



### FOUND:

Dog found in Mt Nicholas Forestry plantation.  
Phone 6372 5487

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### Items for Sale

Baby capsule, 5 point harness, mint-green/grey, style meets Australian Standards. \$120 ono.  
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4 Tier pine book case in good order \$20.

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Large Hills clothes line \$50

Electric oil heater \$25

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Carpet & underlay (secondhand)

2 pieces 3500 x 4200

1 piece 3600 x 2100

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Playstation games, good condition. \$15 each.

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Can view both parents.

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St Helens  
Ph 6376 1755

## **ANZAC Day. No breakfast for a Digger**

I was shocked after the Dawn Service at St Marys, to find that 'Gunner' Noel Bradbury was asked to pay a \$5 fee for his mince on toast, he refused to pay and subsequently went without breakfast.

84 year old Mr Bradbury put his life on the line for this country and now he is expected to pay for his mince !!

I find the behaviour of the RSL Women's Auxiliary in this matter to be of a disrespectful nature.

Shame on you.

Doug. Ex. RNZASC

## **Winter Solstice Extravaganza Funding for Fireworks**

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts would like to thank the following Businesses for their contributions:

St Marys Parents and Friends Association, Tasmanian Lymphoedema and Laser Centre Inc. and St Marys Newsagency.

Along with the previous businesses acknowledged, our tally sits at \$495.

A minimum needed is \$600 for a small display. Please look out for our raffle in which all proceeds will go towards the Winter Solstice "Fireworks" Extravaganza.

## **Valley Voice Advertising Rates**

Classifieds 25 words or less free.

**Small ads, Garage sales, Notices, etc. \$6**

¼ page \$15. ½ page \$25 Full page \$40

1 year posted subscription \$25

### **Contacts for Valley Voice**

Fax 6372 2172, Ron 6372 2105, Audrey 6372 2337

Please leave written material at the Amcal Health & Beauty Centre St Marys,



**Mothers Day Lunch \$20**

Roast-dessert-tea/coffee

Sunday 9th May

Bookings recommended

The Historic St Marys Hotel

48 Main Street St Marys

Tel: 6372 2181

## **Community notices**

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.** General meeting on Tuesday 11th May at 2 pm in the Yoga Room 7 Storey Street St Marys.

**SPIT ROAST.** St Marys Catholic Church fundraiser. Everyone welcome and invited to come along.

12 noon Sunday 16th May at the Catholic Church St Marys

Hot meats and vegies. BYO drinks and chairs

\$12.50 per person, \$30 per Family.

\$6.50 for Children under 12 yrs and not accompanied by an Adult.

Chocolate wheel, crab races, other novelties.

Please RSVP to Wendy or Gerald 6372 2283 by Wednesday 12th May.

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

### **Lantern Making Workshops with Grassy Bottom Regional Arts**

May 20, 21, 22 and 23rd

From 10 am till 2 pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

St Marys Town Hall

All welcome! - under 8's with a helper.

Come along and make a lantern for the Winter Solstice Celebration !

For more information contact Eo 0438 571 291

**St Marys Playgroup** meet every Friday 10 am to 12 noon at the St Marys District High School Kindy Room. We welcome all families/carers of young children with fun activities and a relaxing cup of tea! Come and join us!

Coming up in May:

Autumn activities, painting, playdough.

May 19th: lunch box treats 12 to 2 pm \$5 Insurance and membership fees are now due.

More info contact: Claudia 6372 5510, Tanya 6372 2534, Christie 6372 2154

## **Rae & Partners Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors**

93 York St Launceston

Ph 6337 5555

Visiting St Marys Community Health Centre

**Alternate Tues. 9 am - 10 am**

Appointments: 6372 2172

St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

## Sport and Recreation Grant Information Session

Sport and Recreation Tasmania will be holding a free information session outlining the Community Sport and Recreation Tasmania Program which opened on 24 April and closes on 11 June 2004.

Incorporated not-for profit sport and recreation organisations and community groups with the primary purpose of providing sport and recreation services to the community are invited to attend.

The information session will be held at 7 pm on Monday 17th May, at the Council Chambers in St Helens.

The program provides up to 50 per cent of the total project costs up to a maximum grant of %10,000, and includes the following categories:

- ✱ Equipment
- ✱ Development programs
- ✱ Sport and recreation events

Guidelines and application forms are available from Sport and Recreation Tasmania offices:

the website [www.development.tas.au/sportrec](http://www.development.tas.au/sportrec),  
e-mail [sportrec@development.tas.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@development.tas.gov.au)  
or phone 1800 252 476

More information: Phone Penny on 6376 1545 or 0418 997 010

## St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary Raffle

Raffle drawn on Election Day Saturday 1st May 2004

1st B. Miller Fingal. 2nd Polley McGee St Marys  
3rd Marj. Spilsbury St Marys

Many thanks to all who supported our raffle. Next Auxiliary meeting Monday 7th June at 2 pm. New members welcome.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Stuck for simple, no fuss, ideas for your child's lunchbox ?

St Marys Playgroup, Healthy House Project, Heart Foundation and Eat Well Tasmania invite you to join us for a 2 hour hands on cooking session.

**Wednesday 19th May 2004**  
**St Marys District High School**  
**Kindergarten 12.00 to 2.00 pm**  
**Cost \$5.00**



Bring an apron and container to take samples home.  
Maria Scanlon, a Home Economist & Adult Education Tutor will conduct the session.

Lee-Anne Mundy, Community Dietitian will also discuss what & how much to offer children.



**Book now, places limited.**  
Contact Lee-Anne 6376 5242 or 6376 5243

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## Letters to the Editor

Reminder:

Anonymous correspondence will not be published. All articles must be accompanied with the writers name, address and contact number.

Name can be withheld and a pseudonym used if requested.

'Can of Worms' may resubmit their letter.

## Autism Awareness Fun Day

On Saturday 15th May 2004.

Autism is being recognised and diagnosed more frequently, now creating a stronger need for early diagnosis, support and information for families.

Some of the ways in which Autism can be recognised are:

- \* communication difficulties
- \* speech delay
- \* may appear to be deaf
- \* odd repetitive movements
- \* tends to play alone

To find out more about Autism, come along to our Fun Day complete with:

- \* Guest speaker **Cassie Le Fevre** from Behavioural Intervention Services

Free Jumping Castle

Barbeque and Curries & Beverages

Favourite Musicians

Lucky door prize

Chocolate Wheel

Lila with her "Wackyaggy" instruments.

### Admission:

Adults \$5.00

Children \$2.50

Family \$10.00

**Date:** Saturday 15th May 2004

**Venue:** St Helens Footy Clubrooms

**Time:** 12.00 to 4.00 pm

A free bus will run from St Marys to St Helens return and Weldborough to St Helens return but booking is essential. RSVP FOR BUS no later than 13th May 2004

Contacts: Karen Rawnsley 6372 5077

Fiona Watts 6372 5242

## Equipment Grants to support our local volunteers

Government funding of \$26,000 will allow 16 community organisations to purchase much needed equipment.

Five groups in our area were amongst those to receive funding as follows:

♦ St Helens Neighbourhood House Association	\$2,672
♦ St Helens Playgroup	\$319
♦ St Marys District High School	\$772
♦ Break O'Day Community Enterprise Co-op	\$4,500
♦ Grassy Bottom Singers	\$845

'The funding will be used to purchase a wide range of equipment' Senator Watson said.

2082 volunteer organisations across Australia have been allocated up to \$5,000 to purchase a wide variety of small equipment items.

'The amount of interest this year was fantastic and it follows on from the 1,400 community organisations that received funding from Volunteer Small Equipment Grants in the 2003 program'.

'Each purchase will make a significant difference to the work of volunteers, and is equipment that organisations may not have been able to otherwise afford.'

The latest round of funding is the fifth time the Australian Government has committed its financial support to volunteers since 2001, bringing the total funding to over \$19 million, distributed to approximately 8,500 community organisations.

The Australian Government is committed to supporting the important work volunteers do for the community'. Senator Watson said.

## Meals on Wheels Roster

	May	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 10th	P & Y Davern	Kaylene Sutton	
Tue 11th	M & P Berwick	Robyn Holder	
Wed 12th	C & G Dawson	Katrina Johnson	
Thu 13th	Yvonne Salter	Maureen Hall	
Fri 14th	N & A Challis	Mim Woods	
Mon 17th	Annette Davey	Sharon Hall	
Tue 18th	Lorraine Gill	Simone Walker	
Wed 19th	Pam Lynch	Debra Speers (N)	
Thu 20th	Pat O'Donnell	Tom Brady	
Fri 21st	Mary Viney	Chris. Woods (S)	

## "SING, SING A SONG"



The Grassy Bottom Singers have just returned from an exhilarating and motivational singing workshop held in Bicheno.

The weekend was hosted by the Tasmanian A'Capella Association and Tony Backhouse - a well-known Gospel choral teacher from Sydney, who shared his knowledge, repertoire and wonderful voice with us. To sing with 100 other vocalists was a totally uplifting experience and has given us a new boost of enthusiasm

Our tiny little group performed (with shaky knees, mind you) in front of the other choralists in an informal Saturday evening concert. We couldn't believe it - we received enormous applause and foot stamping and cheers for "more, more". We scampered off, nerves having the better of us! Compliments and more compliments were received the next day and an invitation to perform at the state A'Capella Festival in August has been received this week by email.

Grassy Bottom Singers meet every Wednesday at 5.00 pm at the St Marys Yoga Room - next to the Purple Possum. We would LOVE you to come and sing with us and share in this heartening and healing pastime.

The Grassy Bottom Singers are also hosting a "Weekend of Singing" on June 5th & 6th with Margot Lampkin from Hobart. Margot is an experienced choral teacher who has worked on many stage productions and has taught voice for many years.

The Grassy Bottom Singers invite you to join us for the weekend workshop.

Where: The St Marys Community Health Centre - Day Room

When: June 5th & 6th 10.30 - 4.30 daily

Cost: \$20.00 per person per day

Lunch: Can be booked for \$5.00 per day

Enquiries: Lyn - 6372 2318 / Liz 6372 2034 (after 7 pm - 9 pm) or look for flyers around town

RSVP: by 25/5/04 - for catering purposes..



## SUPERMARKET / HARDWARE

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**St Marys Top Shop**  
Graham & Karen Saunders  
Phone 6372 2242

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## Mothers Day Gifts Available

- ✧ Plants from \$3.50 in decorative container
- ✧ Plants now in stock include: flowering Butterfly Zygos, Cyclamen and Chrysanthemums
- ✧ We also have Aralia, Rubber plants etc.
- ✧ Buy Mum a lasting gift

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## GRASSY BOTTOM REGIONAL ARTS

formed as a branch of Tasmanian Regional Arts in 1999 to increase arts activity in and around the town of St Marys. Being a branch of TRA we have the opportunity to host touring shows and exhibitions that are shown throughout the state. Activities are planned and run by a dedicated committee of volunteers who work hard to bring an exciting and diverse range of entertaining activities to the community. We apply for funding on a project by project basis and rely on the generous support of the community and local businesses.

**Membership is only \$6 and can be acquired by dropping in to the Purple Possum.** It enables you to discounts on TRA shows throughout the state, you also receive the newsletter *Tactics*".

Its a great way to support local arts!

**FOR INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS CONTACT: 6372 2255 or 6372 5175**



### *EXHIBITING ART*

We are pleased to bring **"Ghosts"**  
by **Caroline Amos** to St Marys.  
A stunning collection of mixed medium  
recently opened at **E-Scape Cafe gallery**  
(next to the town hall) **until the 25th May**

### *"FEAST ON FILM"*



**3 Course meal and a film!**  
at the St Marys Golf Club on the  
**12th of June**  
\$18 Early bird (prepaid)  
\$22 pay on the night  
**All tickets must be reserved!**  
(all proceeds go toward the  
Winter Solstice Fireworks Extravaganza)

### *WINTER SOLSTICE*

### *FIRE EXTRAVAGANZA*

Coming to the Football grounds on Saturday  
**the 19th June**

Take part in the Lantern parade,  
sit and enjoy a delightful meal,  
warm yourself by the fire and let the  
entertainment unfold.....**live music, belly  
dancing, A Cappella singing, shadow  
puppetry, firetwirling, and  
FIREWORKS!!**

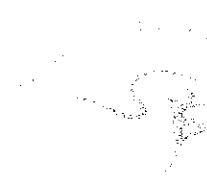
### *WORKSHOPS*

Coming over the next month:  
Lantern making (big & small)  
Mask making  
Look out for dates (from the 20th May  
and throughout the school holidays!)

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts would like to encourage *everybody* in the community to utilize the survey forms provided in the mail to *have a voice* in how the St Marys Town Hall is maintained. Our members will be out and about with spare forms if you didn't receive one or have misplaced it. *Please take the time* to fill one out, the hall was built by people in the community to be used...lets see it maintained effectively so that it can be enjoyed!

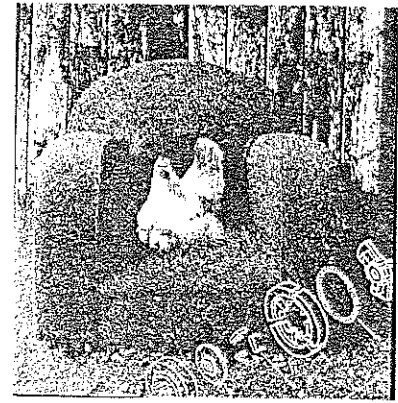


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**"Chooks, chainsaws and crayfish ... a country music odyssey"**

It is the classic tale of triumph over adversity.

At first glance the characters appear unremarkable and then, as is the rural way, their humour, courage and strength emerges. The principal characters are Dora, the mother, and Harold her eldest, who is obsessed with cars, determined to make trouble, but also to make the best of his lot in life.

St Marys District High School Hall  
**FRIDAY May 21 @ 8pm**

PLEASE join us after the show for  
a "Meet the Cast"  
and Fundraising Supper.

(all proceeds from supper will go towards the Winter Solstice Fire Extravaganza)

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important piece of theatre  
Tasmania has yet produced"  
.... Richard Flanagan, novelist  
and film maker.

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Bookings: Phone Rachael - 6372 2255 or Jen - 6372 5175



# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## GP ROSTER- ON CALL:

PLEASE PHONE THE AFTER HOURS  
NUMBER FOR THE DOCTOR ON CALL.

PHONE: 6372 2111

## Medical Emergencies phone:

000 or

**The Ambulance on:**

1800 008 008

**Dr Carolyn Barrell** will be the GP at the  
Health Centre for the following week.  
(Monday 3rd May- Friday 7th May 2004)

Dr Geniola will be on leave  
until 20th May 2004.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Scripts will no longer be taken over the  
phone by our receptionist. A Doctors  
appointment will be required, if you cannot  
speak directly to the Doctor. Your  
cooperation would be appreciated.

## GUESS WHO'S BACK?

### TAI CHI'S BACK!

**Tai Chi will be recommencing on  
Tuesday 11th May 2004 at the  
Health Centre.**

When: Tuesday 7th May 2004

Where: St Marys Health Centre

Time: 6:45pm-7:15pm

Cost: \$5.00 hour

Contact: Hayley Gilbert on 6372 2111

Everyone is Welcome but a phone call to  
confirm a place would be appreciated due  
to the increase in expressions of interest.

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As this will be the first week back of Tai Chi  
we will use this session to confirm the  
official meeting time, introduce ourselves to  
the group (or just catch up) and to get  
started! This is a fantastic form of relaxation  
which has proven to be very popular in our  
community. We hope to see you there!

## 'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

### 10-16 MAY 2004- VOLUNTEER WEEK

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| 6th May  | <b>Child Health Centre</b> with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appointments are available by phoning 0409 361 005 |
| 7th May  | 1pm-3pm <b>Volunteer Resource Centre</b> with Penny Clifford.   |
| 10th May | <b>Regional MOW Meeting</b> 12:45pm   |
| 11th May | <b>Samaritan's Purse Info. Session</b> 10am-10:30am at CHC with Hayley.   |
| 12th May | <b>Self Massage</b> in Day Centre 12:30pm-1:30pm with Terese Tanner.  |
| 11th May | <b>Quilts</b> with Rita Summers 10am-3pm in Day Centre  |
| 11th May | <b>Tai Chi</b> - first session back. 6:45pm-7:15pm with Dawn Denholm. Please RSVP due to large numbers.                 |
| 14th May | 1pm-3pm <b>Volunteer Resource Centre</b> with Penny Clifford.   |
| 17th May | <b>Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre</b> 10am in the Day Room.   |
| 18th May | <b>Diabeties Educator</b> please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.  |

Information from this page was submitted by:

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

Community Mental Health Nurse

Helen Gibbs

Is providing education and  
information on:

- Referrals
- Community Mental Health Team
- Schizophrenia, Bi-Polar Disorders
- Any other questions you would like to know about mental health.

All welcome to come

**18th MAY 2004**

**10 am to 12 noon**

At  
**St Marys Community  
Health Centre**

**Day room**





## Esk District - Parent Forums

Assessing and Reporting against the Essential Learnings

Since 2000 Tasmanian government schools have been involved in a major curriculum reform. This reform was in response to concerns and issues about curriculum content, teaching methods, student learning and assessing and reporting as well as societal changes of the twenty-first century.

A main focus of the reform has been on co-construction, that is, at every stage of the process key stakeholders, including parents, have been involved in determining the direction that the curriculum reform will take.

To date, some of the Key Milestones in the Curriculum Consultation have been:

Community Consultation - Values and Purposes of Education	2000
Values and Purposes Statement	2000
Co-construction of Essential Learnings Framework 1	2001
Launch of Essential Learnings Framework 1 March	2002
Student Outcomes Development	2002-2004
Launch of Essential Learnings Framework 2 March	2003
Launch of Learning, Teaching and Assessment Guide April	2003

Lifelong learning is a key goal of the project and the intended outcomes include:

- improved student learning
- improved engagement of students in their learning
- improved cultural and structural conditions in schools, related to learning
- increased selection and use of teaching practices
- improved communication and collaboration between childcare, parents and schools.

The Essential Learnings are now being implemented in all schools and from 2005, teachers will be assessing and reporting student achievement against these which will mean changes to the way student reports are written.

The Minister for Education has approved a transition plan for assessing and reporting to assist schools and parents to adjust to the new requirements. Parent forums are being held across the state to inform you about the changes and to get your opinion on draft reporting formats. The department is seeking your valued input and invite you to attend one of these forums which have been sanctioned by the Tasmanian State Council of Parents and Friends Associations.

In this district there is a choice of forums you can attend. Please choose the forum that best suits you and then RSVP your intention to attend by phoning the relevant phone number.

### Esk District

Wednesday 12 May

Venue: The Tramsheds

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

RSVP by Tuesday 11 May 63 362594

Wednesday 12 May

Venue: The Tramsheds

Time: 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

RSVP by Tuesday 11 May 63 362594

Thursday 13 May

Venue: Scottsdale Primary School

Time: 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

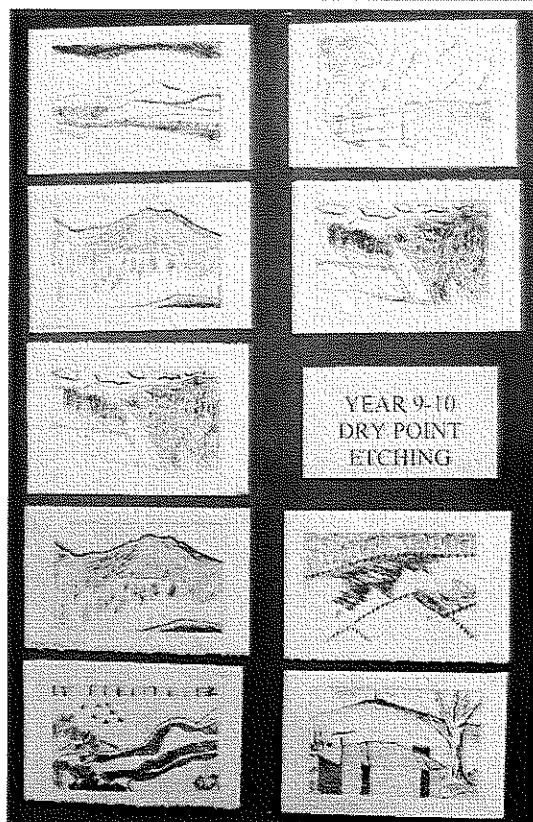
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Thursday 13 May

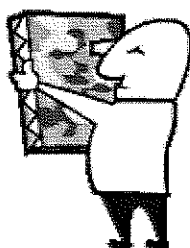
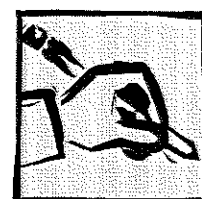
Venue: Scottsdale Primary School

Time: 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

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### NOTICE TO POOL KEYHOLDERS













The school pool closed on Sunday 25 April.  
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## MAY 2004



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>3rd May</b> Primary Assembly & Ghana Performance	<b>4th May</b> Ghana Secondary Performance	 <b>5th May</b> Sports Afternoon Soccer after school	 <b>6th May</b> Sweet Charity Drama Excursion - L'ton	 <b>7th May</b> AGFEST excursion
<b>10th May</b> STUDENT FREE DAY	 <b>11th May</b> School Cross Country	 <b>12th May</b> Sports Afternoon Soccer after school	<b>13th May</b> "Rain Day" School Cross Country	<b>14th May</b> OER Parent Forum on reporting 1.30pm
 <b>17th May</b> Primary Assembly	<b>18th May</b>	 <b>19th May</b> Sports Afternoon Soccer after school	<b>20th May</b>	 <b>21st May</b> Sports Exchange - St Helens
<b>24th May</b>	<b>25th May</b> ENE Combined Cross Country - Mathinna	 <b>26th May</b> School Cross Country Rain Day	<b>27th May</b> Secondary Assembly	<b>28th May</b> Term 1 ends

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

As is being seen at services around Australia, there was a good attendance at both the Dawn Service and the 11 am Service at the St Marys Cenotaph. The beautiful crisp autumn morning allowed the service to be held outdoors and a crowd of about one hundred joined in the service conducted by Peter Rubenach.

Peter spoke of Love and Peace, "Love must go beyond politics, beyond countries, beyond religion. It is in the heart of almost every person on earth to want love and peace. Let us maintain the love and peace the men and women we remember today died and sacrificed for. First love and peace must start in our own lives, then in the family, the community and beyond."

Deputy Mayor Margaret Osborne representing the Break O'Day Council spoke of remembering those who went to war to fight for their country's freedom and more recently those who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In an address by Ian Summers, he recalled the importance of ANZAC Day when he was a young boy in Launceston and growing up without a father and the great friendship of his many uncles and especially the wonderful support from Legacy. In particular Ian remembered the day a gentleman from Legacy collected him from the classroom and took him to look over an A-class submarine - much to the envy of the other students! "All this demonstrates the importance of family, friends and others and having an optimistic outlook on life. When there is trouble, join with others and you can succeed".

The message that came through all the speakers was about love, peace, helping each other through adversity and the freedom of living in this country.



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#### **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  
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#### **Daily Office Reading**

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

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**St Marys 10am**

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**Pyengana 11am**

**2nd and 4th Sunday**

### Break O'Day Uniting Church

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**St Helens 11am and 7pm**

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## A CLOSE CALL

Last weekend we almost saw something occur that would have defied belief six months ago.

This was the possible downgrading of services at the St Marys Community Health Centre because no Locum was readily available.

It flies in the face to so many people in the area through the magnificent work of the Hospital Support Group who fought so hard to re-establish all hospital services after the ridiculous efforts of the authorities in the late 1990's.

We all know it did not actually happen, thank goodness, but that it may have been considered is the real worry. Our hospital is even more important now that we do not have the wonderful services of Dr Pravesh Shah.

What we have to do, perhaps through the Hospital Support Group, is to get procedures put in place that this possibility is never even remotely considered again.

We need the Health Minister and Health Department to assure us of that. It is not a petty issue because it affects every single one of us as no-one can predict when emergency care will be needed.

Nor even once can we allow a precedent to be set that such a health facility cannot operate because once it occurs and we let it, than it becomes all too easy for it to happen again.

I always thought good basic around the clock health care is what we pay our taxes for and is an essential right.

Let's hope this is the end of it.

What do you think?

*An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"*

*The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says, "For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!"*



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## St Marys Tennis Club

### Night Roster Function

On Friday 30th April our end of season Night Roster function was held. Many thanks to those participants who attended when the weather was not that grand. The Men's section of the competition was very close with Leigh Spilsbury winning by one point from his nephew Todd Spilsbury. Many thanks to the Club members who assisted in the running of the competition with delivering balls, rosters and opening up the courts.

Congratulations to:

Men's Winner: Leigh Spilsbury

Men's Runner-up: Todd Spilsbury

Men's 3rd Prize: Paul Aulich

Ladies Winner: Kaye Nailer

Ladies Runner-up: Karen Spilsbury

Ladies 3rd Prize: Michele Bennett

Our next roster will start again in September.

### Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 26th August 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Susan Miles Secretary

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## **Sports Centre News** *by Kackhander*

It is fantastic to report that we have a really good number to choose our pennant teams from this year thanks to the willingness of most if not all our members. This is great.

The team began the season last week with a solid 7- 0 in A Grade and 4 - 1 in A Reserve against Malahide. This was without three of our best players unavailable due to other commitments. Special welcome to Andrew Marshall, Mark Birch to the team and to Bob Hersey whose troublesome shoulder to date has made it difficult to play but his availability last week certainly helped greatly. Andrew 's introduction to the team was a lengthy one and 21 holes in cold sleety rain finally resulted in a very good win.

We must pay tribute to Malahide. Even though it's a long time between drinks for them, they continue to support East Coast Pennant and never let the Association down. This is what it is all about and great to see. Good on you fellas. No pennant this coming weekend due to Mothers Day. The following week we play at Freycinet and it's anticipated that we might have a bus available subject to at least 10 players wishing to go. If interested or just wishing to go for support please contact Rod McGiveron, John Miles or Mark Birch.

To Club golf now and after a washout the previous week for our second Monthly Trophy, a wonderful field of 18 took part last Saturday. Especially exciting was that we now have 6 Juniors within our ranks which is fantastic to report. These kids are learning quickly and a couple of them judging by recent scores will soon be keeping our handicapper busy.

Well done to Floyedy returning a marvellous score to win the main trophy for the day and to Shan Wilmot for another consistent score and the points he gained makes him a clear leader in that award this year so far. Shan also recorded the best gross score.

Proputt jackpots to the next week (Single Flag) because both Bob Hersey and Shan Wilmot tied on 29 putts, so it will be well worth winning.

Just a reminder that we will always have a 10 am start time for any players wishing to start early unless it's a special event that makes this unfair or too difficult. To make sure, all they have to do is arrange at least one other player but the captain or vice captain will always be there at 10 am anyway. Any ideas for after golf food will be keenly accepted so we can keep up a good variety especially in the cold winter months approaching.

Ladies golf saw the Foursomes Championships last week with Carole Gunson and Meg Ennis taking out this year's title in both gross and nett. Congratulations.

Runners-up were Heather Hayes and Kath Blair with a good second day performance in particular.

New lady golfers are always welcome and if you are interested please contact Carole, May, Beth or Heather at the Club.

A huge thanks to Greg 'Frog' Cooper for organising the 8 Ball table and team for the Valley roster this year. It's brilliant and will keep the joint jumping on Friday nights.

Look at the next Valley Voice for the Trivia Night date which promises to be a ripper. President Rex and some helpers are organising that.

Lastly and very important: Jack Viney has arranged for Mr Andrew Baird from Launceston to be at the club this upcoming Sunday to help level the green for next year so Jack asks everyone who can to show support by being there to get the job done as it should be. So far the support has been terrific.

*Until next time, good hitting and rolling.*

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## Junior Football AUSKICK KICKS OFF

Junior football has kicked off again for season 2004 with around 60 children, boys and girls, already signed up. Junior Football is run in conjunction with AFL Auskick and caters for children aged between 5 and 12 years of age. Some of the highlights of the roster this year are games against St Helens and Swansea, a night game at Fingal and a game at York Park at half time of the Hawthorn v West Coast match.

Any children interested in playing are encouraged to come to our next club day to be held at St Marys football oval on Sunday 16th May at 10.30 am.

**Please note there has been a change of date on the roster, our next game will be played at St Marys on the 16th May and not at Bicheno.**

See you all at the oval on the 16th. Leigh Spilsbury Co-ordinator

**Coming dates:** 16th May St Marys 10.30 am  
23rd May v St Helens at St Marys 10.30 am  
29th May Night game at Fingal 4.30 pm

## St Marys District High School Under 16 Football Team

### First match win over St Pats

After a bit of a wait our season finally kicked off on Saturday 24th April. We played St Pats at Fingal in horrid conditions, rain and a cold southerly. We bounced out of the blocks to have a good lead at quarter time.

After the break the boys relaxed and St Pats won the second quarter to level the score at half time. After a bit of a rouse up at half time the boys came out firing in the third quarter and had a handy three goal lead at three quarter time. In a fiery last quarter the boys held on to win by a couple of goals.

It was a great team effort with better players Joel Salter, Ben Miller, Brock Leedham, Daniel Cooke and Todd Spilsbury kicked four goals Lee Gillies kicked three and Adrian Speers two goals.

Our next game will be against St Pats Green on Saturday May 8th at Perth.

Good luck boys !

Bus leaves:  
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7.45 St Marys Hotel  
8.00 Fingal Hotel

### Health and Happiness quotes:

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