

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Reminder: Please have material to be included in the next Valley Voice, in by **Tuesday** 16th November 2004.

Great fun and fundraising

The weather man was kinder in St Marys than at Flemington and topped off what was a great day for all who went to the Melbourne Cup Luncheon hosted by the Tasmanian Lymphoedema and Laser Centre Committee at St Marys.

Eighty-two people all up enjoyed a sit down four course roast luncheon prepared and served by the T.L.C. Committee with the extra help of Julie and Fran.

The event was held at the St Marys Sports Centre and almost everyone went home with a prize or gift which ranged from gift vouchers for meals and hair cuts, bottles of wine, homemade Christmas cake, chimney sweeping, wallets, watches, handbags, camp chair, perfumes etc. etc. Sweeps were run during the day and quite a few punters appeared happy!

The generosity of local businesses, also from St Helens and Bicheno was overwhelming. The variety and quality of donations did much to contribute to the fun and success of the day. Special mention to Charlie's daughter Tracey Payne in Melbourne, who campaigned on behalf of the T.L.C. and achieved a wonderful response from Melbourne business houses.

Very special appreciation to Freycinet Lodge, Edge of the Bay Restaurant, and Freycinet Air for their sponsorship of the 1st prize in the major raffle.

Funds raised from the raffle and luncheon will go towards bringing Professor Neil Piller from Adelaide University to Tasmania in February 2005 for Lymphoedema assessments and clinics in St Marys, Launceston and Devonport.

Thankyou to: Judges Jean Legge and Chris Hughes, to Len Miles M.C. on the day, Julie for flowers, Geoff and Craig who were a great help with setting up, those who lent televisions, the Sports Centre for use of venue, the girls behind the bar, and St Marys Lions Club.

The volunteer committee of the T.L.C. is extremely appreciative of the support and generosity of the larger community and the recognition given to their efforts in developing and funding the day-to-day running of the Centre.

Raffle and Cup Day winners next page.

Ahoy there all vessel owners!

Ten Days On The Island is urgently seeking vessel owners/operators and their craft to participate in a large-scale artistic event to take place in St Helens for Ten Days 2005.

A project will be specially created for the boating community of St Helens, reflecting the essence of the port, its users, and the sea-side community.

Come on board with us for a fun experience! We would love to have as many vessels as possible, commercial, private, or pleasure-craft matters not!

We would love to know if you are interested in being involved!

The Event will be held on 3rd April 2005 at 1 pm. Rehearsals will be conducted (on land and sea!) during the last week of February and the last week of March 2005.

Experience how such a performance is put together, see it through to the end and reap the satisfying reward!

We can't say too much at this point (its all a big secret until we launch the programme!) but if you are interested and want to know more, please contact:

Peter Tanfield, Event Coordinator:

03 6233 5700 or mobile 0416 053 437;

e-mail ptanfield@tendaysontheisland.org

St Marys Christmas Parade

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November, 7 pm at the St Marys Hotel. People who have any ideas or can help on the day please come along.

Any clubs or organisations that wish to be involved or fundraise, please attend or contact me. Support is needed or the parade will not happen.

Paul Aulich 6372 2573



Letters to the Editor — reminder

Anonymous correspondence will not be published. All articles must be accompanied with the writers name, address and contact phone number. Name may be withheld and a pseudonym used if requested.

'Rattled - if you dare!', and others without an address and contact number may re-submit their letter with these requirements.

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Christmas boxes

Thanks to all who so generously
supported Operation Christmas
Child by filling a shoe box for a
child who has never received a
present at Christmas.

184 boxes were delivered ready for
shipment, plus 2 bags of clothing
and 2 bags of toys.

A great effort from the Break O'
Day area!

Many thanks,
Eileen McManus
Falmouth

90th Birthday

*Congratulations to Maisie Finney
(LeFevre, Royle) on your 90th Birthday
November 3, 2004.*



*A party was held last Sunday to celebrate with family
and friends. A lovely afternoon was had by all.*

*Present address: 11 Harrington Court
South Norwood 7250*

Paul, Genevieve and Lochie
would like to thank every-
one for the cards and good
wishes on the birth of
their daughters and sisters
Kate and Bridie

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Major raffle drawn by Mayor
Stephen Salter.

1st. 'Freycinet Getaway' won by
Simone Walker, Fingal

2nd. Painting won by Rita
Summers St Marys.

3rd. Clock won by John Warren St
Helens

Cup Lady:

Jan Johnson St Helens

Cup Gent:

Grant Faulkner St Marys

Cup Hat:

Ruth McGiveron St Marys

Novelty Hat:

Linda Summers Fingal

Interested or curious about woodwork?

- ◆ Then come along to the meet-
ing at Reon and Wendy's
house, 34 Cameron Street St
Marys, Saturday 20th Nov.
2004 at 2 pm.
- ◆ To discuss the possibility of
forming a woodworking club
in the St Marys area.

Hope you will attend.
Phone 6372 2094

PAINTER Ray Rosskelly



Phone 6372 2218
St Marys

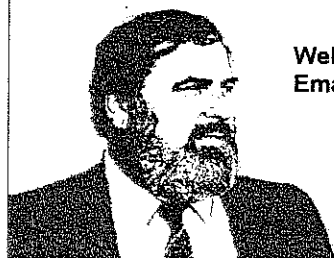
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Small ads. Garage sales, etc. \$6

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

1 year posted subscription \$25

Contacts for Valley Voice

Audrey 6372 2337. Fax 6372 2172

Please leave written material at the St Marys
Health & Beauty Centre, Main Street St Marys.
or Post: C/- Post Office, St Marys Tas 7215

Community notices

TONIGHT:

Die Fledermaus (The Bat).

At St Marys District High School
Thursday 4th November, 7 pm for 8
pm start. Bookings: Purple Possum
6372 2655 or The Quail St Empo-
rium St Helens 6376 2929

St Marys Christmas Parade
meeting 7 pm Tuesday November
9th at St Marys Hotel.

Spring Fair in St Marys Saturday
6th November at St Marys Commu-
nity Health Centre.

Getting the St Marys Tigers
back: meeting at St Marys Hotel
8 pm on Wednesday 10th Nov.

Tasmanian Lymphoedema &
Laser Centre Inc. next meeting
Monday 15th November at 10 am

North East Bioregional Network
Inc. -next meeting Tuesday 16th
November at St Helens Neighbour-
hood House at 4 pm

Movies: 'Touching the Void' and
'Spellbound', SAT. 6TH NOV.
More details inside paper.

Gone Rustic Quilt Studio opens
10 am, Wednesday 1st December
with a morning tea and Christmas
project introduction. Celebrating
Stage 1 of renovations!
Cost \$5. Bookings: 0409 289 997.

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

Phone 6372 2143
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Christmas Cards
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Decorations



Level 1 Coaching Principles 2004 St Helens Sunday 28th November 2004

If you want to become an accredited Level 1 Coach or to further your coaching expertise then the Level 1 Coaching Principles program is for you. Accredited coaches are valued members of any sporting organisation and are able to provide the best possible learning opportunities to the participants within their team or club.

The Tasmanian Sport and Recreation Skill Centre will be conducting Level 1 Coaching Principles Training Programs throughout Tasmania during 2004.

If you are interested in attending this course, please contact Chris Hughes, Break O'Day Council on 6376 7900 to obtain an enrolment form. This course is fully subsidised by Break O'Day Council and a minimum of 10 people is required for this course to be held.

COURTESY SERVICE GETS PEOPLE OUT AND ABOUT

On Thursday 21st October the Break O'Day Health Resource Association and Healthy Community Project launched the new Courtesy Wheelchair and Shoprider service.

This service is open to anyone requiring the use of an electric chair or motorised shoprider, the aim of the service is to reduce social isolation by providing individuals with access to the community. Priority will be given to individuals receiving palliative care and can also be used by individuals; waiting on wheelchair repairs, on a waiting list to receive a chair or visiting the area.

The service was launched by John Denman, Vice President of BODHRA. "The wheelchair and scooter each have a trailer for transport to anywhere in the Break O'Day Municipality. The new service has been made available through Regional Health Service funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. This funding allows communities to address health and wellbeing issues and identify local solutions for local issues." Mr Denman said.

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St Marys Playgroup

Every Friday morning 10 am - 12 noon
at the School Kindy room.

New families always welcome!

Coming up: This week - garden &
butterflies activities.

Spring Fair Stall - please return all
raffle books.

Donations of quality children's clothing
welcomed. Gluten or dairy free cakes.

12th/19th Nov. - play with all our new
toys!

26th Nov - talk by Trish McArdle on
water safety for young children.

- start Christmas activities.

For more information:

Tanya 6372 2534 Claudia 6372 5510

GET UP AND GO SEMINARS

If you weren't able to make it – you missed out!

If you didn't know they were on – it wasn't for you!

If you did know, could have been there but didn't bother – you should have!

The Break O' Day "Get Up and Go" Motivational seminars held last Wednesday at Dohertys in St Helens and Thursday at e.Scape in St Marys, were both enjoyable and successful and most worthwhile for those who attended.

Participants at both seminars had their minds broadened, spirits lifted, motivation stimulated and taste buds tantalized.

Peter Kenyon got us reeling in disbelief at the tragedy of missed opportunities, poor planning and little foresight that sees a town like Dorrigo in Northern NSW suffer the consequences of rural decline.

Due to prevalent social discord and a lack of vision, the town (which could be any in rural Australia) is missing out on the economical and social advantages that 200,000 + visitors that pass them by every year could create. Hmm??

Mike O'Meara sent us off into small groups to share what makes us proud, and then back together to build what we saw as our town's future through our collective visions.

We were shown examples of what a few can do to benefit many – which we are no strangers to, when you look around our small towns, but sometimes need reminding of.

Tassie's own Angel, with rotor blades for wings – **Allana Corbin**, moved some to tears with her own story of triumph. Cheating death, only to be told she would never walk again, Allana's personal and business success inspired many to not only purchase her book "The Best I Can Be" but to look at their own lives and potential with renewed optimism.

When the **Tom O'Toole** express finally pulled up to the station, those not still gripping their seats applauded and began digesting what unfolded to be a wild ride of wit, humour and honesty – a display of the profound genius that has propelled the eccentric and sometimes manic Baker from Beechworth to international fame and success.

It is my belief that no-one walked away from the seminars (some may have run!) without being affected or even afflicted? by four of the most highly, and internationally acclaimed motivational speakers this country has to offer.

Congratulations to all who attended, especially the youth of our municipality and to the venues for looking after us so well.

Two inspiring and unforgettable days.

Terese Tanner Events Manager

Fire Season

Police report by:

Constable Simon Triffitt

With the recent warm weather and the spate of both large and small fire in the region, it appears that we are unfortunately in for a busy fire season.

Those who are members of the numerous Volunteer Fire Brigades do a magnificent job juggling work and family commitments with responding to fires at all hours of the day. Their work is unfortunately made more difficult by people who deliberately light fires, sometimes in areas which are hard to access to purposely prevent the fire being extinguished too quickly.

Last season a small percentage of the fires in the St Marys area were determined to be deliberately lit and the Criminal Code carries severe penalties for those found guilty of unlawfully setting fire to vegetation or property. I would ask that with the weather warming up for everyone to be vigilant for those seen in and around areas of fires and report any suspicious activity.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

Enq: 6372 2034 or 6372 5175

\$1 off ticket price for Reg. Arts Members

MOVIES

St Marys Community Hall

Saturday 6th Nov. 1.30 for 2 pm

TOUCHING THE VOID

M-Documentary/Drama

\$7.00 – Snack bar available.

Saturday 6th Nov. 7.30 for 8 pm

SPELLBOUND

G-Documentary

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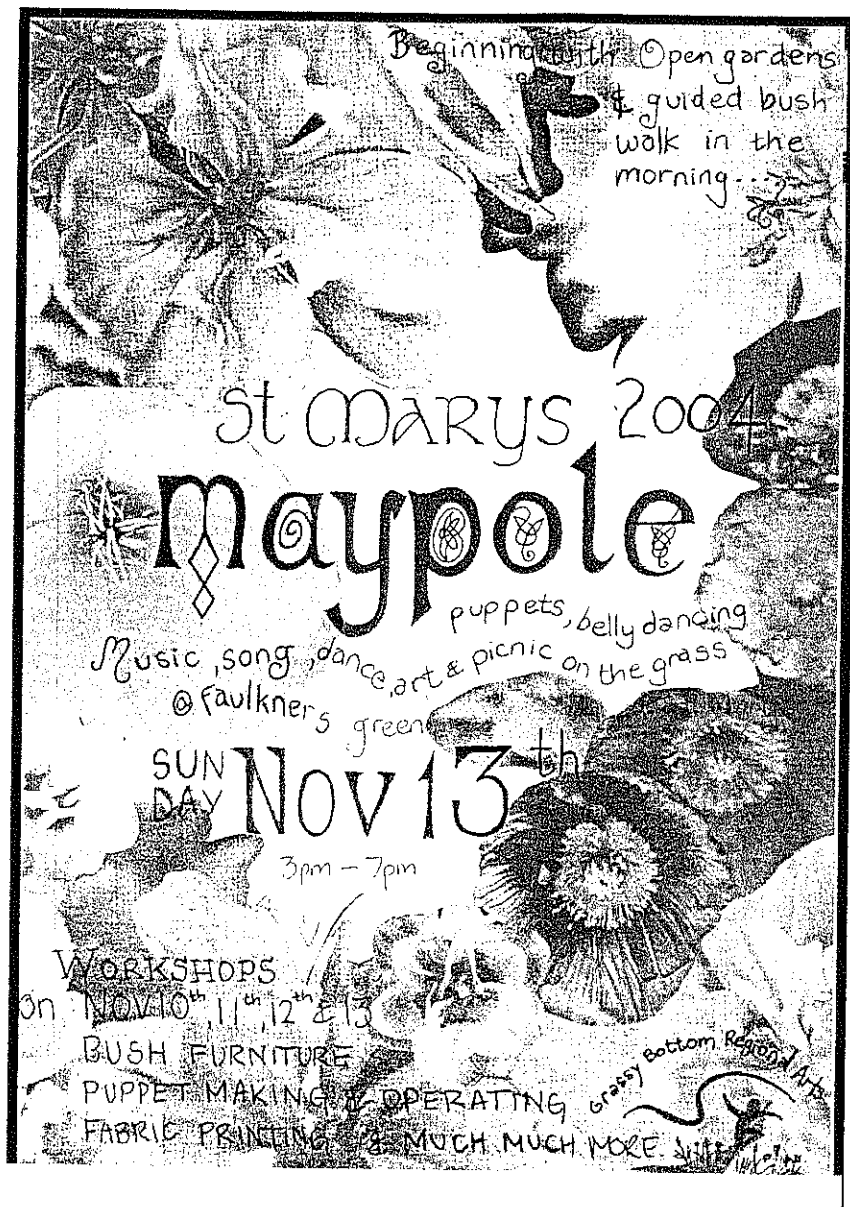
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**“Arts Festival
in a Teacup”**

&

**“Maypole
Day”**

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004

3 til 7

Faulkner's Green, St. Marys

Maypole Day

Music, Bellydancers, Puppet Show, Facepainter, Food
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Come and celebrate spring in ancient Celtic style-
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Followed by:

7-9pm at the Escape Café

***Live Music Session, Puppet Video Screening and
Exhibition of new Work*** free entry

**Workshop Schedule
Arts Festival in a Teacup
Details over page**

Wednesday 10 November 2004

10 am-3 pm St Marys Town hall

'Feltmaking' with Linda Heron

Explore this ancient and intriguing fibre craft.

Cost: \$10 + materials Bookings essential. Maximum :6

3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

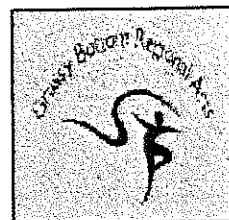
'String Games' with Tanya Greenwood

How long is a piece of string? Cats Cradle, string figures and the Buzzing Button, a folk toy of some antiquity.

Cost: \$2 Afternoon tea provided. Faulkner's Green (in the Hall if weather is inclement)

'The Green Man Walks' with Eo Greensticks

Help assemble and learn to operate a 3 metre parade puppet, The Green Man.



Thursday 11 November 2004

10 am – 4 pm

St Marys Town Hall

'Creative Fabric Printing' with Robina Balzer

Make a sarong for summer using a range of fabric printing techniques.

Cost: \$20, materials included. Bookings essential. Maximum: 12

3.30 pm – 5 30 pm

St Marys Town Hall

'Puppet Video'

Puppetry workshop – use puppets, props and backdrops in the puppet theatre with lights and sound – make the video and watch it at the e.Scape on the 'big screen' after the Maypole on Sat. Nov 13.

Cost: \$2 Afternoon tea provided on Faulkner's Green. Maximum: 12



3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Faulkner's Green

'Clay Workshop' with John McColl

Make a hand-pressed clay tile using a selection of clay moulds.

Cost: \$5 small, \$10 large, materials provided, firing extra. Maximum: 10



'Introductory Clay Sculpture for Adults'

With John McColl, by appointment:

2 hours of personalised instruction with the Master Sculptor.

Cost \$20, clay included. Limited no. of places.

Friday 12 November 2004

10 am – 3 pm

Faulkner's Green

'Make a Piece of Furniture Day' with Michael Brown

Make a piece of furniture using simple woodworking techniques.

Cost: \$15, materials included Maximum: 10. Bookings essential

3.30 pm – 5. 30 pm

Faulkner's Green. **'Circus Skills'** with Lianne Goldsmith

Juggling and hoops –hone your circus skills or learn new ones. Cost: \$2 Afternoon tea provided. Maximum 15

& 'Banner Painting' with Eo Greensticks

Paint a banner with your own design. Maximum: 10

'Clay workshop' with John McColl Cost: \$5 small, \$10 large, materials provided , firing extra



All workshop participants are invited to show the work produced in the workshops as part of a group exhibition to be held at the e.Scape Café Gallery.

Bookings are essential: for 'Felting', 'Creative Printmaking', 'Make a piece of furniture Day' and 'Introductory Clay Sculpture'.

To book, please phone Liz on 6372 2034



ST JOHN AMBULANCE CPR COURSES

St John Ambulance CPR courses with Jenny Singline and Roxy Cowie will be held on:

Thursday November 4th
at the NEET Centre
(Please note change of venue)

People who have not attended previous CPR courses are required to enrol in the 3 hour session, while regular participants only need to attend the 2 hour session.

Cost for this course is \$40.00 and certificates are valid for 12 months.

Bookings and Payment must be made directly with St John Ambulance. Please contact St John Ambulance on 1300 360 455 to book and pay for your preferred session.

10.00 - 1.00pm (for people who have not attended previous CPR courses)
2.00 - 4.00pm
5.00 - 7.00pm

OTHER COURSES

Other courses in the following locations are also available:

Fingal	Date to be advised
Bicheno	November 18
Avoca	December date to be advised

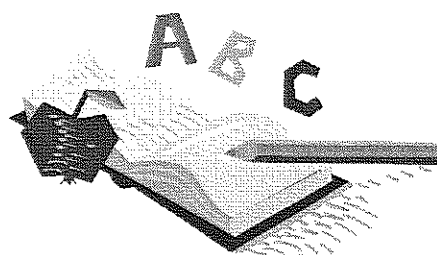
Please contact St John Ambulance on the above number for session times and booking arrangements.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

All parents of children who turn 5 years old in 2005 are invited to attend the Kindergarten Orientation session at St Marys District High School on **Monday 15th November at 1.30pm.**

Come along and find out about the kindergarten programme and school routines. For further enquiries please phone Anne Bennet or Susan Miles on 6372 3900

We are looking forward to meeting you!



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SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is open for family and community use until mid April 2005.

The fees for pool use are as follows:

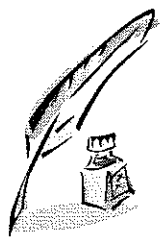
Keys	\$154.00	} GST inclusive
Resuscitation Mask	\$ 5.50	
Key Deposit	\$ 10.00	
TOTAL	\$169.50	



Please note it has been necessary to increase the fees for this coming season, and payment by instalments can be arranged with the School Executive Officer.

As this is an unsupervised pool, **EVERY** key holder and any "designated adult" (meeting the criteria stated in the rules) supervising swimmers **MUST** have a current CPR or First Aid Certificate.

Keys and rules will be available from the office from Wednesday October 20th. When collecting keys, please ensure that you have your valid CPR / First Aid Certificate with you for us to copy and keep with your key application form.



Writers' Week

Students viewing themselves as writers; as having something worthwhile to communicate; and providing a forum for their contributions to be heard and celebrated was our vision for literacy week 2004. During the last week of term, all students K-10, engaged in a range of writing workshops, with a focus on a variety of genres aimed at both writing for pleasure and as a professional pursuit.

Through the structure of our workshops we aimed to recognise, value and celebrate the contribution that each person makes to the literacy learning of our community.

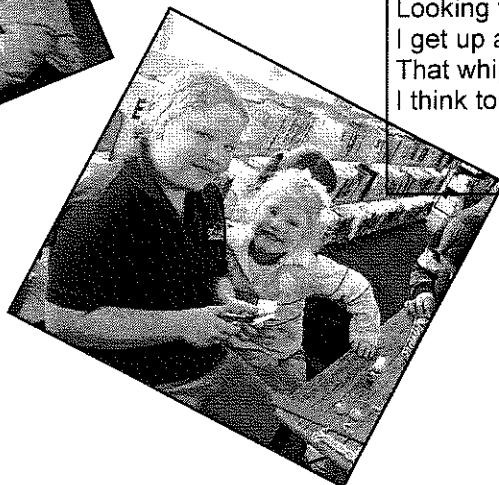
The first step in achieving this was to utilise mentors from within the school. We had older students sharing their literacy skills with younger students in activities such as storytelling, online literacy tasks and bookmark making. This extended the older students' personal learning within a safe environment, while also presenting positive literacy role models for the younger students.

We also acknowledged the importance of developing a love of writing and the role this plays in literacy development; therefore, we canvassed our staff for their talents and passions as well as invited community organisations to be involved. This aspect allowed students to see significant adults in their lives modelling both a love for writing and a commitment to life long literacy learning. Workshops included poetry, creative writing, song writing and story telling.

Exposure to potential career paths is extremely important for students in our isolated community and we viewed this week as an opportunity to raise awareness and promote the variety of possibilities within the writing profession, through giving the students access to experts, such as journalists and illustrators.

The week was enjoyed by all and provided opportunities for students and teachers to see themselves in new and challenging roles – as learners, as writers or as educators, regardless of age and experience.

Megan Gillard - English Teacher & Writers Week Co-ordinator



Swimming

Sparkly, frothy foam sticks in my fly away locks of hair.
Salty liquid swirls around my mouth.
Spray flies through the air .
And sharp little stones and shells stick into my new bathers.
The hot sun burns down on me and the wind whips my face.

I take a breath and dive down into the deep blue.
A world of marine, coral and fish surrounds me.
When I come up, I get washed down on my knees;
Small grains run around my legs as the tide goes out and in.

Flocks of gulls whirl through the cloudy blue sky,
Looking for a family with fish and chips for lunch.
I get up and walk onto the hot grains
That whip my wet legs.
I think tomorrow I'll go for a dip, too.

By Christa McColl - Grade 6

Meals on Wheels Roster

Nov	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 8th	Hannah Rubenach	Sharon Hall
Tue 9th	Trish Pike	Robyn Holder
Wed 10th	Lorraine Gill	Karen Lohrey
Thu 11th	Liz Rice	Jan Marshall
Fri 12th	N & A Challis	Robyn Miller
Mon 15th	Tina Floyed	Christine Woods (P)
Tue 16th	Pat O'Donnell	Tom Brady
Wed 17th	Pam Lynch	Patsy Death
Thu 18th	Heather Griffiths	Prev Mills
Fri 19th	Mary Viney	Shirleen Woods

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 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

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

Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday

8am and 10.30am

KANGA Sunday School

10.30 am - 12 noon every Sun-

day for children 5 -12 yrs

St Marys 10am

(No service 5th Sunday)

JAM: Mondays

3.15 pm to 5 pm for children

5-12 yrs

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

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

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Do you have bulbs that have multiplied and will
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Wombat Walk Landscaping Group would be
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Appointments:
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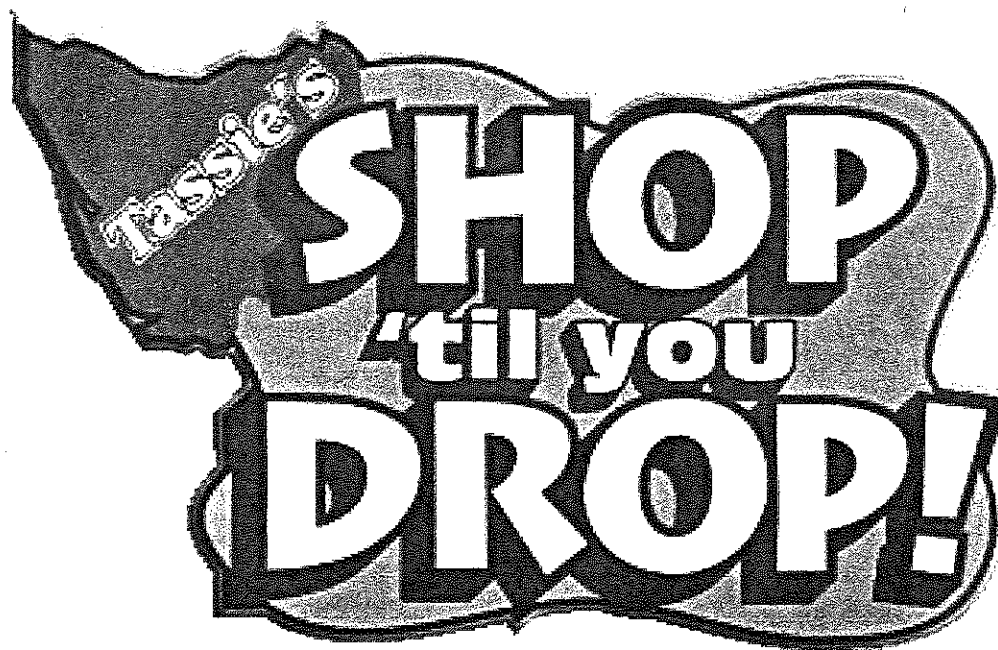
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SUNCOAST GARDEN CENTRE
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THE CARPET WALK



Neighbourhood Watch

If you have not joined Neighbourhood Watch please contact a zone leader in your area so that arrangements can be made for you to join and for your valuable items to be engraved so they may be easily identified in case of theft.

All zone leaders have a police clearance and identity badge.

In order to protect your property:

- 1: Lock your vehicles and remove keys.
- 2: Lock your home and outbuildings when absent. Do not leave keys hidden near your home.
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The Say by Cagerattler

There are many people who are a wealth of knowledge on all sorts of issues, and regularly espouse those views to us in different ways. Unfortunately this only seems to occur when its perceived things are not as they should be. In a democratic society they are of course entitled to their opinion the same as the rest of us.

I put it to you though that we would all be better off if their skills could be more effective if used in a more conciliatory and positive manner. Generally constant criticism only causes conflict and conflict rarely if ever achieves a desirable result for the majority.

St Marys is a unique place. How many towns could have retrieved their hospital from the depths of bureaucracy in 1997. Only us!

How many towns our size or even larger could boast being home to a facility such as the Tasmania Lymphoedema and Laser Centre. Only us!

How many places would have a school and community swimming pool with regularly upgraded facilities and a venue for important Water Safety and Austswim programmes. We have!

These three for a start came only because of most if not all involved had huge dedication to the job at hand. Lesser people would have thrown in the towel.

St Marys also has a terrific Online Centre borne from a group involved with SMACD, who wished to provide a means of gaining access to the internet for all who want it.

Dedicated people helped to save our local banking facilities when a solution and a site was found and so the Rural Transaction Centre was set up and is providing many extra services as well as retaining a bank in town.

All these services have been achieved simply because enough of the community wanted it and the respective committees fought long and hard, and importantly negotiated outcomes to achieve final results.

Unfortunately for a number of reasons the original Streetscape design could not be implemented.

This why I write this article as I do.

Lets get rid of conflict between our 'experts'. Perhaps its time that they sat and talked on the variety of battlegrounds we seem to have at the moment.

In recent times fantastic results have been seen in Bus Safety on the St Marys Pass, future upgrades to our roads, and the volunteer efforts on Wombat Walk and recreation areas around the town. Potentially the same can be achieved in regard to Town Hall management.

Rational discussion might also find a result with the possible logging issues if conciliation is the key.

I believe most of us are sick and tired of the armchair experts with their facts and figures. Give it a rest and talk. We don't want or need constant arguing, and if criticism comes, provide a solution or alternative to the problem and remember this; no-one is right all the time — no-one.

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Letter to the Editor

Sir,

The 'Get up and Go' seminar which was held at the Escape Café in St Marys on Thursday 21st October was a great success. The enthusiasm from the speakers themselves overflowed to the 40 plus participants in the audience. Like Allana Corbin said, Tom O'Toole's act is a hard one to follow. He projected himself and his ideas in a way that held you captivated. Allana Corbin's story of courage and triumph over adversity was compelling to say the least. Then to top it all off Mike O'Meara, together with Peter Kenyon, got everyone involved in ideas to keep our youth in the area and to convince visitors to stay that little bit longer and look at what we have to offer.

My reason for going to this seminar was a personal one. I wanted to thank Allana for writing her book 'The Best I Can Be', as it helped me to move on after the loss of my wife. Thanks must also go to Terese Tanner and Penny Clifford for organising the seminar. To Rod and his crew at the Escape Café for an excellent lunch and for coffee on tap.

These professional speakers kept to their scheduled programme and it was a privilege to listen to them all. I think you will all agree, this place feels like home.

Martin Hornibrook.

The enjoyment of a garden

A fun out-of-the-blue invitation to come along and see the Spring "High View" garden and nursery at Ringarooma led to thoughts and plans for my own much smaller and much more modest enterprises. Viewing other people's gardens is a very enjoyable pastime, and having taught at "High View" school in Maryborough Victoria, it was more than doubly appealing to enjoy an outing to Ringarooma.

"High View" garden, set within a property which was previously a dairy farm, had come alive with the spring, but it is the relationship between open spaces, the rolling very green countryside, and the solid plantings, that gives this garden its character.

The wide lawns surrounded by deep beds of herbaceous planting, a carpet of forget-me-nots beneath flowering shrubs and trees, shows all the freshness of spring.

Drifts of aquilegias and violas in the foreground with fat purple and yellow iris towering over them, surrounded by fresh green and soft yellow foliage are striking colour effects.

Bronze and purple leafed plants grow in sunny locations, making a stunning contrast to yellow and pink coloured flowers. Wisteria, with its beautiful fragrant flowers, framed the eaves of the house, creating patterns against the walls.

Like many keen gardeners, Rae is generous with her advice and happy to share her time and knowledge, so we were pleased to be able to choose and buy bags full of beautiful plants.

A pink and green herbaceous border backs onto the house and leads to the nursery and an outdoor decked area, where we enjoyed a home produced light meal, over animated conversation about plants, gardens and animals.

The return journey via Mathinna gave an ugly contrast from those recent savage fires. A lovely surprise outing. Thanks Sue and Barry, much to enjoy, think about and remember.

Jan Sparkes

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LOGGING OF SOUTH SISTER ICON DESPITE COMMUNITY UPROAR

The Tasmanian Greens are disappointed and outraged that their attempt to save popular tourism icon, South Sister, near St Marys from logging has been defeated by the combined efforts of both the State Labor and Liberal parties in Parliament today.

Greens Member for Lyons, Tim Morris MHA, said that it was heartbreaking for the local community that despite their pleas for South Sister to be protected, neither Labor nor Liberals saw fit to support the motion for the proposed logging to be abandoned.

"When will the Lennon Government stop cuddling up with the big business end of town and actually listen to the local St Marys community who have highlighted the economic, social and environmental benefit of preserving the South Sister."

"This particular logging proposal puts to doubt the effectiveness of the Forestry-Tourism Protocol Agreement, which should have prioritised the protection of existing tourism operations as well as ongoing tourism investment, over the logging proposal."

"The coupe in question contains at least six threatened species and is a water source for surrounding properties, and local tourism operators already depend on South Sister as a local attraction, having been encouraged by the state government to invest in tourism."

"How can the Government on one hand tell the community that they care about threatened species, water catchments and tourism, and then with the other hand destroy an area significant for those reasons?", Mr Morris asked.

Greens' Motion defeated on Wednesday 29th September 2004

That this house notes with grave concern the proposed logging operations on South Sister near St Marys, which will have negative effects on the future viability of the St Marys community and will also adversely affect, amongst other things:

1. At least six threatened species on the currently proposed logging coupe;
2. The visual landscape;
3. Tourism opportunities;
4. Water quality and quantity;
5. Council infrastructure including roads and bridges; and

That further this house directs the government to abandon the proposed logging of South Sister, which is against the wishes of many in the local community and notably opposed by former Labor forestry minister Dr Andrew Lohrey in correspondence circulated on 7 September 2004.

Letter to the Editor

Sir

South Sister Gate

Recent controversy about the quality of advice and intelligence provided to national leaders about such issues as "Children Overboard" and Iraq suggests a culture of lying, deception, ignorance, incompetence, indifference and self-interest permeates our political system.

Much is made of the heinous crime of misleading Parliament which should incur the sanction of resignation. However the device used to avoid the sanction appears to be that the "Honourable Minister" was "acting on advice". The adviser is never identified, both Minister and adviser get off scot free, the big lie remains on the record, and the decisions taken on the basis of the shonky advice unchanged.

In replying to a motion to abandon logging of South Sister (Oct 20 2004), the Minister for Infrastructure Etc., Mr Bryan Green, told the House of Assembly (Hansard) "we are not talking about pulpwood here, we are talking about high-quality sawlogs – this is the advice I have, that is what it says ... "logged for high-quality sawlogs".

One wonders from whence cometh his advice. The previous and current "Hardwood Three Year Production Plans" for the Bass District are consistent in showing a pulpwood take of 9600 tonnes from the coupe, while Mr A Corbould, then Acting District Forest Manager for Bass, advised in writing (24/09/04) "the proposed harvest will yield 10,000 tonnes of pulpwood". Mr Corbould further wrote "the proposed harvest will yield 1500m3 Category 1/3 (high quality) sawlogs, and 800m3 Category 8 sawlogs". Whichever rubbery Forestry Tasmania source is used, pulpwood will constitute 80% -90% of the coupe

Mr Green and Mr Corbould both emphasise "high quality" sawlogs, but "we are not talking pulpwood here" seems to be stretching poetic licence a bit much. Still, it seems to have hit the target with Messrs R Hidding, D Lewellyn and K Bacon, MHA's for Lyons, because they voted to continue logging South Sister (Mr Polley as Speaker does not have to vote). Three votes for 5 hamburgers per hectare, you can't get better value than that for flawed advice.

David Clement, Gray Road, St Marys



St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

Awesome Foursome Challenge an awesome day

The Club is doing well on all fronts at the moment and firstly to golf and a special thanks must go to Mark Carrick, John Cox, Roger Donald and Trevor Viney the 'Awesome Foursome', for putting on a brilliant day on 31st October.

The Awesome Foursome Challenge is becoming a much looked forward to event on our calendar each year evidenced by the teams participating and the enjoyment witnessed by literally everyone who plays. Its really what golf is all about. Together with the hugely popular McDonalds Cup this brings everyone together. The winners are too numerous to mention because basically everyone won a prize - I don't know how they do it. Thanks to Mark, John, Roger and Trevor, it was great. We also held the Roberts AGM Medal on Saturday with a good field in attendance and the scoring was solid. It is quite unusual that the lowest handicapper in the club Dale Ridgers, won the event on a countback with Tom Hawthorne. Either Dale or Tom or third placed Mark Carrick will represent the club on December 4th at Bothwell in the State Final. Well done to all. Dale also recorded a 69 off the stick and won Proputt, so he had a good day! Beth Haas won the Ladies Medal and Liz Clayton was the runner up and likewise will represent the club that day as well. Well done Beth, bring home the State Medal if you can.

It's extremely pleasing to note that of the 13 or so golfers who played last Saturday, only two were bowlers which hopefully means that Saturday golf can continue all the time through Summer.

Saturday 6th November will be a Single Stroke event and please try to be there about 11.30 am. Please also be aware that we will be holding a meeting soon of all interested club members who want a say in the Works program on the course in the next few months. It will be a Friday night in early to mid November. Please try to attend, its important.

Wonderful effort by Jim Haas and Trevor Viney who have re-instituted Friday Chicken Runs and evidence of their success is 17 (yes 17) taking part last week. Its been a long time since that's happened, fantastic Jim and Trev.

I know I promised to have an absolute definite date for our Monster Seafood Night and Trophy Presentation Night for this issue. Well we almost have it, its almost certain to be on Friday 10th December subject to confirmation but may be 3rd or even the 11th of December depending on our guest chefs commitments. We should know as the Valley Voice goes to print. The confirmed date will be published all over the place in the next few days.

Top after two rounds

Bowls now and a brilliant 3 rink win over Swansea last week sees St Marys on top of the ladder after 2 rounds, how long is it since that has happened? Great isn't it. Swansea are a solid team and take a bit of beating, so to win so comprehensively with players like Craig Mitchell, Glenn McDonald and Chris Davern not playing, it was fantastic. All our new players are as keen as mustard and in the next couple of years the depth will be even better. Lets make it a ripper. The next two weeks we travel to St Helens to play both of their teams. Subject to the Annual Golf Dinner (Seafood Night) we will be holding a Night Mixed Fours comp either 3rd or 10th December. This will be the first of our night events for the year and should be a great night. Posters will be out soon. The draw for the Singles and Pairs will soon also be finalised and we hope to see plenty in those events.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Cup Day Luncheon

Thankyou to the Tasmanian Lymphoedema and Laser Centre Inc. for once again choosing to hold their Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Club and although it will have happened by the time the Voice is out, we hope they have had a very successful fundraising day.

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Getting the Tigers back

Fifteen people turned up at the Hotel last Wednesday night for an unofficial meeting of the 'St Marys Tigers'. We discussed a lot of issues like; the possibilities of combining the footy and cricket clubs and maximising the use of the sheds, and the next step of getting the club up and running again.

We need a list of 30 players by December 31 2004, and we have a good crew of dedicated people who are willing to donate their time to get it together again.

If you want to have a say, come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 10th November at 8 pm at the Hotel.**

All welcome, don't just talk about it, come along and get involved.



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Saturday 13th November

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St Marys Tennis Club News

Spring Fair

The Tennis Club will be holding a cake and sweets stall at the Spring Fair at the St Marys Community Health Centre on Saturday 6th November. Anyone who could bake a cake, slice or sweets, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the stall on the day or delivered to Susan Miles beforehand.

Break O'Day Challenge will be on 26th & 27th February 2005. It would be great to have lots of locals playing, so get your entries in by phoning Francis Soyer on 1300 858 836 or email to fsoyer@tennistasmania.com.au entries close 16th Feb. 2005

Club Membership

Just a reminder that club memberships are due by 25th November 2004. Additional membership forms are available at the club rooms.

Meeting 25th November 7.30 pm

Please come along to the November meeting, there are several topics which need to be discussed that effect the whole club.

Items for discussion will be:

Club Championship Format

There has been great debate over the way the club championships are run, eg. People taking too long to play their games, and leaving it till the last week.

Please come along and discuss changes. Some suggestions already put forward are that we play the lead up games on a weekend. (or several, eg. Mixed one week, singles another, doubles another) or maybe a round robin so people get more than one game if they lose the first.

Do you have any ideas?

Junior Roster

Are you interested in running a roster for your child either after school or on the weekends?

Hope to see lots of people at our November meeting.

Donations needed

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