## THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE



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### Our Priest. Our Friend.

Our community has been deeply shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of Father Bill Egan, a friend to all who knew him. Father Bill was a local boy who hailed from Fingal.

As well as his deep love for his church he had a great affinity with the land and whenever possible, when his hectic schedule allowed, he loved to spend time on the family farm.

Wherever he went his friendly smile was for all, for Father Bill was a man of the people, as well as the church.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Father Bill's family and assure them we shall certainly miss our Priest and our friend.

Thankyou to all who contribute in any way to this paper which enables it to continue and especially to all the loyal businesses who have been advertising with the V.V. over many years on a regular basis.



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas season and hope to see you again mid-February 2005.

### Bay Surf Shop 2 Pendrigh Place St Helens Phone 6361 1755

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### Fire permit period

Due to a recent breach of the current imposed fire permit period by persons in this Division, I think it appropriate I reinforce the requirements of such fire bans.

On Wednesday 13 October 2004 at midnight the State Fire Commission declared a fire permit period under the Emergency Provisions, Part V. Section 61 of the Fire Service Act 1979 for a number of municipalities including Break O'Day. This ban was advertised in both the Mercury and The Examiner newspapers.

The declaration of the fire permit imposes the following restrictions.

Burning off: A permit is required from a Fire Permit Officer.

Cooking fires: Cleared around for three metres, no fires permitted in areas of peat or grassed sand dunes.

Cigarettes and matches: Must be extinguished before being discarded.

Household incinerators: Must be constructed in such a manner to prevent the escape of sparks and burning materials. Must be clear of over hanging foliage and situated not less than three metres from any building or fence. Incinerators may also be subject to Council By-Laws which need to be clarified prior to any burning.

It is important to note that the State Fire Commission may also declare any special days to be days of a total fire ban. These bans will be advertised through the media and further impose restrictions on any type of fires including cooking fires, incinerators etc.

As this will be the last Valley Voice article prior to Christmas, I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas on behalf of all staff at the St Marys Station.

Bob Baker Sergeant St Marys Station



## People power wins at Scamander

The Break O'Day Council voted at its December meeting to rescind a decision made at its October meeting to rezone a subdivide land adjacent to the foreshore at the north end of Dune Street. The land's primary use is recreational. A development application will soon be lodged by the community for a skate park. Further landscaping and car parking is proposed for the future. Council reversed its decision to sell the land after much outcry from the community of Scamander.

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## Community notices



Christmas Carols. Don't forget Christmas Carols Sunday 19th December @

8.30 pm in the grounds of the St Marys Community Health Centre. Would intending supporters please assist by bringing a chair or rug and candle holder if possible. Hope to see you there.

North East Bioregional Network meeting Tuesday 21st December, St Marys Online Centre at 4 pm.

Tasmanian Lymphoedema and Laser Centre Inc. next meeting will be Monday 17th January 2005. Final arrangements to be made for Professor Piller's visit and assessment sessions. Members please endeavor to attend this meeting.

## RATHA B'ZAR

40 Main Street St Marys Phone 6372 2487

Shelley our local reflexologist will be at the shop every Monday from Dec 20 – Feb 7 10am – 3pm.
Bookings are essential.

#### What's New

Tumbled stones, candles, crystals, incense, soap & magnetic jewellery.
A large range of dragons, buddhas & elephants.
Check out the new hematite, magnetic buzz beads.
Heaps of crystal jewellery, sun catchers, leather gear, living art, clothing, chimes & books.

Kelly, Robyn, Vicki, Dawn & Cathy would like to thank all of our treasured customers.

Without your support, Ratha B'zar would not be in St Marys.

Please come along Christmas Eve 'arvo for free nibbles & drinks. Lee-Anne and Wayne Morris would like to thank all their relatives and friends for all their prayers, good wishes, cards, flowers and assistance given to them during Wayne's illness. Thank you to both doctors and nursing staff at the Health Centre.

### The late Dr lan Naidoo

Dr Ian, as he was affectionately known, came to our town in 1975 from South Africa, sponsored by his brother Dan, who at that time was appointed to St Marys as Doctor of Dentistry.

His practice commencement was delayed whilst awaiting the completion of necessary documentation, which, on completion permitted him to take over the practice left vacant by the relocation of Dr Dan John to Hobart.

Ian was appointed Medical Superintendent of the St Marys District Hospital as well as running his Private Practice with surgeries being held in other towns within the district, this together with being a willing house call doctor at all hours resulted in him being a somewhat busy man, but never once wavering from his professional and heart-warming manner.

Six months transpired before he was blessed with the arrival of wife Thunga, daughter Darshini then 4 and son Suntheran 2½.

The whole family were warmly accepted into the community and Ian quickly became not only our family doctor but also a friend and mentor to so many.

Joining the local Lions Club as a charter member saw him on many occasions assisting at working bees, pouring concrete in black leather shoes and a white safari suit, so was his nature and disposition.

With the impending efforts to close our Hospital and after 23 years dedicated service, this community became the poorer and with much sadness we bade him and his family farewell on their move to Armidale, NSW in February 1998.

There they remained for 5 years, their door always open to many of their friends made whilst in St Marys, we being ones having that very pleasure.

By this time daughter Darshini had married Dean Chapman who readily and happily became a welcome and admired member of the Naidoo family.

With son Suntheran well established in his business in Melbourne it was time to relocate, this time to Perth, Western Australia which is the location of Darshini's employment with Qantas.

All too soon and after only 7 months, 5 of which were spent in the new family home, the sad news of Ian's passing crossed our vast country.

Ian's funeral was held on Monday 6th December and this town was very fortunate to be represented by Judy Spilsbury, Deborah Whitehead (nee French) and Umesh Pratap.

We as members of this community, having had the pleasure of the Naidoo family in our midst, can only send them our sad condolences, love and support at this sad time.

Kevin Faulkner

The address for any one wishing to correspond is: 15 Pinedale St

East Victoria Park

Western Australia 6101

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### Items for sale

1985 Mitsubishi Pajero 4 WD. In V.G.O. \$4,500 ono. Phone 0427 330 149

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### Wanted to buy

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8 tonnes of 10" dry stove wood Phone 6372 5772 evenings

Hungry goats. Phone 6372 2573

2 wheel shopping jeep, any condition. Phone 6372 2487

### Give away.

Golden Labrabor dog, 18 mths old, quite good dog, not savage. (Owner died recently). Phone 6372 2410

Thumbs Down to those who leave so much litter (mostly food and drink containers) around the Cenotaph. There are rubbish bins nearby.

Thumbs Down also to the morons who trashed the toilets at the recreation ground recently. Nothing up top!

(Anonymous 'Thumbs Down' are not published)



Graham, Karen, Nathan and Brendan Saunders would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year. Sorry we won't be at the races but we hope it is a great meeting. Catch you soon.

**Coach House Restaurant** will be closing at 7.00 pm Christmas Eve, 24th December. Re-opening Boxing Day, 26th December. Ross, Tracey, Family and Staff wish their many loyal customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Light up St Marys

Simply register your house by leaving your name and phone number at the Post Office, or call 6372 2573 or 6372 2231 All entries will go into a hat and three lucky people will each win a great prize. Drawn Christmas Eve.

### St Marys Christmas Parade

Any persons wishing to participate in the St Marys Christmas Parade on Christmas Eve, with motorbikes, old cars or anything of interest, please assemble in Newman St at 4.30 pm.

## New medical services arrangements

Due to stringent new AGPAL accreditation standards, I regret that it is no longer appropriate to consult from the Fingal surgery.

The rooms will be closed from the 1st of January 2005.

Dr Geniola will be consulting at St Marys Community Health Centre for **BOTH** sessions Monday to Thursday. Please continue to make your appointments by calling the Health Centre on 6372 2111.

### To the Valley Voice

I would like to say thank you to everyone involved with the fortnightly production of the Valley Voice. Where would we be without all the informative news that keeps us up to date with all that is going on.

Well done also to Cagerattler whose views offer "food for thought". . (What do you think!). Keep up the good work. Charlie

Wishing the Valley Voice people a happy Christmas and thank you for allowing us to earn pocket money with delivering the paper around St Marys.

Hannah and Jacob Spilsbury



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## Designer Hair Studio

Main Street St Marys 6372 2108

Lyn, Emma & Fran wish you all a Happy Christmas

Thank you for your well wishes with the recent passing of my Grandma and to the real estate clients who have had to wait, thank you for your patience. Lyn.

## End of year concert

By Emily Miles

On Friday night we had our Christmas JAM concert. We have been practicing for three weeks. Bryn Norton, our Junior Leader was the 'introducer for the evening. There are 26 kids at JAM, three who have been going since it first started in 2001, Liam Norton, Bryn Norton and me. We sang and did actions to lots of songs and my favourite one was 'Our God is a great big God'. Mr Ives played the piano for us.

Each JAMMER told the audience what they liked about Christmas. I like decorating the Christmas tree the best. We were very lucky as Melanie gave each of us a bag with the JAM logo on it and filled with lots of

goodies.

From all the JAMMERS I would like to thank Melanie Casey, Esther Rubenach, Hannah Rubenach, Joanna Stronach and Felicity Spilsbury for teaching us about Jesus every Monday after school and all the parents for making us yummy afternoon teas!

### JAM!

It was wonderful to be part of the JAM concert. Some highlights include:

\*seeing all children beam with pride and thoroughly enjoy singing and performing in front of their parents, grandparents and friends and to watch all the audience 'beam' back at them;

\*hearing the little and big children confidently and clearly speak to the audience using a microphone, even the shy ones!

\*watching the JAM leaders' enthusiasm for all children's successes;

\*everyone coming together at the end of the evening to chat over

We are very, very lucky to have in our community such a dedicated group of volunteers who give an immense amount of time to our children. Thankyou!

A parent's perspective

## How far they've come!

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) began in 2001 with an excited bunch of nine children meeting on a Monday for 'Sunday School'. Three years later, on the evening of Friday 9th most of the 25 children who now attend JAM delighted Mums and Dads, friends and relatives with an exciting end of year concert. Each year the concert has proved to be different and surprising. This year was no exception.

During proceedings the current group of 12 year olds in the upper age limit for the program, were bid farewell with a moving presentation by Melanie Casey the organiser of JAM. While they will be missed by all at JAM, their departure makes room for some of the 10 children on the waiting list, to be accommodated next year.

The finale of the concert was a slideshow presentation of photographs of the children in their various activities throughout the year. The show proceeded to the delight, surprise and laughter of the children who loved seeing themselves up on the big screen. They viewed themselves in groups either outside playing or inside doing all manner of craft, singing and as always eating afternoon tea with gusto!

How far they have come in such a short time. We look forward to next year's concert with eager anticipation.

David and Joanna Stronach



## ST MARYS SUPERMARKET

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### Cookies Corner Specials

### This Week:

Porterhouse Steak \$13.99 kg
Pork Leg Roast \$7.49 kg
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Next Week:

Rump Steak \$8.95 kg
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Santa's Super Special
Sides of Hogget \$29.95
(available both weeks)

It is not too late to chat to Cookie about your Turkeys/ Hams/ Pork/ Ducks.

Santa has blessed Value Plus with loads of Cadbury Four Roses Chocolates at just \$6.99 and Cadbury Favourites at \$7.99.

Christmas Stocking fillers, cards and paper still available.

Bike enthusiasts, we have a large range of tyres & inner tubes to get you on the move.



Last but not least
To all our valued customers and all
in the St Marys Community,
have a wonderful, fun and safe
Christmas.

Opening hours over the Christmas period will be displayed on our front door shortly.

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# Township Funding & Small Grants Program 2004 – 2005

The Break O'Day council is currently seeking applications from local community organizations for the Township Funding and Small Grants Program.

All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township/area are eligible to apply for funding.

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

Closing date for all submissions is Monday 31st January, 2005. For Further information, contact Chris Hughes on 6376 7900 or email: chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.



### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2004**

Nominations are currently being sought for the 2005 Australia Day Awards in the following categories:

### Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on 26th January 2005.

### Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years of age on 26th January 2005.

### Community Event of the Year

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

### Health Initiative Award

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Healthy Community Project
This award is for an initiative that encompasses an approach to health
and wellbeing including social, emotional, spiritual as well as physical.

### Award for Outstanding Volunteer Effort (individual)

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre.

This award is for a volunteer who has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication by contributing their time and skills to our community.

## Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement (organisation)

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre.

This award will be presented to an organisation that has made a valuable contribution and can demonstrate their dedication and achievements to the general community.

Nomination forms are available from the Council office or by emailing chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Completed forms should be sent to:
Australia Day Awards
Break O'Day Council PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216
or emailed to: chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au

All nominations must be received by 5.00 pm Wednesday 22nd Dec.'04.

## Catholic Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24th December

Bicheno 6.30 pm St Marys 8.30 pm

Christmas Day 25th December St Helens 9.00 am

Sunday 26th December

St Marys 9.00 am Fingal 10.30 am Bicheno 4.00 pm

## Wombat Post News

As you probably realise Wombat has sold Wombat Post and is leaving at the end of December.

I would like to thank all my valued customers for their support over the past 21 years. I will certainly miss you all.

To my loyal staff, thanks so much for your efforts over the years. We have certainly had a lot of fun and laughs.

I would like to welcome Harry and Kerry Veldums and their family to St Marys. I am sure they will enjoy living and working in the town.

To the townsfolk of St Marys thanks so much for your friendship and enjoyable times we have shared over the years. What a great place to bring up a family.

Thank you all so much. Wombat and Family

Happy Christmas & Best Wishes Wombat, from all at the V.V.

#### Meals on Wheels Roster December St Marys Fingal Mon 20th Tina Floyed Sharon Hall 21st D & K Floyed Debra Speers (N) Tue Wed 22nd Ruth McGiveron Mim Woods Thu 23rd Patricia O'Donnell Linda Bean 24th Fri Mary Viney Robyn Miller e independent in Arrich enti Mon 27th Annette Vinev Shirley Parker 28th Tue Leith Gatty Cheryl Rankin Wed 29th B & B McAllister Barb Saunders 30th D & V Rice Thu Maureen Hall Peter Williams Fri 31st 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 Sunday 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

## Landmark trees gone

For more than a century the giant pine trees that shrouded the St Marys Railway Station have been a landmark of our town.

So used to them being there it seems you just took them for granted until they are no longer there. As of last week over a few days three of these giants of our town were felled and removed.

These old follows that stood like guards at the town entrance had reached the end of their role. Road and safety issues among other reasons meant that, somewhat reluctantly, that there was no option but for them

The trees are not native to our country and like most conifers have a finite life but it's still sad to witness their departure. Some will remember that these trees had been earmarked for removal about 15 years ago but sentimentally a reprieve was gained for a while so we have been able to have them a little longer.

Unfortunately a close shave from serious injury a few months ago highlighted the potential danger which falling limbs from ancient trees can cause.

For all of us who have grown up with the towering pine trees it is very strange to drive in or out of town with the big gap that has appeared - almost like the blind has been left up!

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Alternate Tues. 9 am -10 am

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## ST.MARYS LIONS CLUB / CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE ANNUAL PARTY AND PARADE WILL BE HELD 24/12/04

## 3.30 PM CHILDRENS PARTY

GIVE – AWAY TICKETS ALL AGES GROUPS FOR PRIZE DRAWS.

SWEETS – ICY POLES – CHIPS – SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA.

## 5.00 PM - 5.30 PM CHRISTMAS PARADE

STARTS IN NEWMAN ST.
FLOAT PRIZES – 1<sup>ST</sup> \$150 – 2<sup>ND</sup> \$75 – 3<sup>RD</sup> \$50
PLUS NON – FLOAT PARTICIPANT PRIZE DRAWN FOR PEOPLE DRIVING ANY VEHICLE IN PARADE.
PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS. BEST DECORATED BIKE.

# 5.30 PM TILL 8.30 PM PARTY ON FAULKNERS GREEN

PRIZE DRAWS FOR HOUSE LIGHTS / DECORATIONS. FREE TRIKE RIDES WITH LEFROG, FAIRY FLOSS, CHOCOLATE WHEEL, BBQ, CORDIAL, NOVELTY EVENTS, BALLOONS, FACE PAINTING.

MUSIC BY KIRK MCGIVERON OF GYPSY ROSE.

LIONS STOCKING DRAWN 7 PM

SUPPORT YOUR TOWN
GET TOGETHER AND ORGANISE A FLOAT
FOR THE PARADE.

### Letter to the Editor

### Response to horse article

### Dear Meg

After reading your article in the Valley Voice, I was disgusted and absolutely ashamed of myself for not finding and helping the poor distressed horse as featured in your article.

So, so disgusted, as your article was the first I'd heard of the tragic event, I began to ask other locals and businesses trying to find out why and where.

Three days later the story was put together. Looking at the facts, I had to sit back down and re-read your story trying to read what type of response you were actually trying to evoke! Balancing the scales without the emotional transcripts, you forgot to mention to the readers:

- the creek bed is not visible from the adjoining Gardiners Creek Road and or Top Marshes Road
- that approximately 15 residents live past this point of the road
- our area is predominately rural and people here would never ignore an animal in distress
- ex-trotter? Trotter ex?
- agistment is common in this area and animal rotation is often.

As tragic as the events were, the inevitable would happen, the horse was indeed 23 years old and had injuries from a previous accident leaving her with eating difficulties, unable to eat she perishes un-noticed and out of sight from passers-by. People did not know she was there. Her owner is not a resident of St Marys.

I am at peace though knowing she had comfort in her final days and that someone found her before she died lonely in the creek. Well done to Dave and Ian and other rescuers involved.

Meg, it is everyone's business and I did find your letter out of line!
Lyn Dawes St Marys

## Travelling overseas?

## A Prayer for Tourists

Give us this day guidance in the selection of our destinations that we may find our reservations honoured, our rooms made up and hot water running from the tap.

We pray that the telephones work and the operators speak our tongue.

Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand. Forgive us for under-tipping out of ignorance and over-tipping out of fear.

Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the Cathedrals, the palaces and castles listed as 'musts' in the tourist guides. And if perchance we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, for our flesh is weak!

### For Husbands only.

Keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from 'bargains' they do not need or can't afford! Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do!

### For Wives Only

Keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and night clubs. Above all, do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do!

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The Carpet Walk would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We will be closing for the festive break from 1.00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and re-opening on the 29<sup>th</sup> December

Rugs – Vinyl Tiles – Hallway Runners – Outdoor Carpets – Kitchen & Bathroom Carpets – Domestic & Heavy Duty Carpets – Domestic & Commercial Vinyls – All types of Timber Flooring – Cleaning Accessories

The Carpet Walk will be moving across the road in Quail Street in the New Year, so keep your eyes and ears open for a Grand Opening Sale announcement!

Call for a free no obligation quote service in the areas of St Helens, St Marys, Bicheno, Fingal and Avoca

## ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

### **GP ROSTER- ON CALL:**

Please phone after hours number for doctor on call.

### DR GENIOLA ON CALL: DR GENIOLA:

Dr Gess Geniola-6374 2288

Dec 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th

## DR SINGH ON CALL:

DR SINGH:

Dr Mohan Singh-6372 2111

Dec 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st and 2nd

### Medical Emergencies phone:

000 or The Ambulance on: 1800 008 008

### **CHRISTMAS HOURS AT THE CENTRE**

23rd Dec

22nd Dec

8:30am-4:30pm

24th Dec

8:30am-4:30pm 8:30am-4:30pm

## 25th December-3rd January CLOSED

4th January Re-opened to normal hours

### **NEW MEDICAL SERVICES** ARRANGEMENTS

Due to Stringent new AGPAL accreditation standards I regret that it is no longer appropriate to consult from the Fingal Surgery.

### The FINGAL SURGERY ROOMS will be closed from 1st Jan 2005

Dr Geniola will be consulting at St Marys Community Health Centre for both sessions Monday to Thursday. Please continue to make appointments by calling the Centre on 6372 2111.

### *'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'*

16th Dec

Child Health Centre with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon, Afternoon appoint are available by phoning 0428 136 381

16th Dec

Antenatal Class 12noon-2pm. Held every 2 weeks and it follows the QV Programme, Phone 6372 2111.

19th Dec

Carols by Candlelight @ 8pm on the Community Health Centre front lawn. JAM children are to meet at the back entrance to the kitchen.

20th Dec

Weight Class 10am CHC. Meetings will be weekly on Mondays. Phone 6372 2111 for further details.

22nd Dec

Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA) Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.

29th Dec

Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA) Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.

3rd Jan

Auxiliary Meeting 1:30pm

25th Jan

Anne Blair Psychologist. Phone the

Centre for appointments.

28th Jan

Pat A'bel Diabetes Educator.

### VACCINES FOR MENINGOCOCCAL

Available from January 2005 FREE VACCINE TO:

- Children born since 1st January 2003
  - People aged 65 and over

### MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA (MMR)

Adults born 1966

If 2 doses haven't been received then the vaccine is available free.

### HACC BUS- JANUARY

The HACC Bus will have a limited service throughout January 2005. Thank you.

Information from this page was submitted by:

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



## PRIZE WINNERS 2004

### PRIMARY AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD

GRADE 3

GRADE 4

GRADE 5 GRADE 6

MERIT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 3 MACKENZIE

GRADE 3 MARSHALL

**GRADE 3 SMITH** 

**GRADE 4/5 MILLER** 

GRADE 4/5 MACGREGOR Bronti Cooke

**GRADE 6 HUNT** 

SPORTSPERSONS AWARD

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Georgina Williams

Kirsty Panoff Bradley Mitchell Sam Kelly

Lawrence Bretag

Grace Ennis

Kees Walker

Joel Bennett

Bryn Norton

Katie Singline

Josh Nehls

**Toby Wright** 

Billy Harris

Corey Thow

**Emily Miles** 

Elka McColl **Brodie Barnes** 

**Brad Thomson** Marcus Bretag

Fern Menogue Damian Graham

Danielle Williams

Allie Spilsbury

### SECONDARY AWARDS

GRADE 7

ACADEMIC AWARD

Hazel Buchhorn

**GRADE 8** 

ACADEMIC AWARD

Lana Stephens

MERIT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 7/8 WHITE

Blake Greaves Isaac Kreisch

Kirsten Viney

GRADE 7/8 BLACK

James Startup

Mackenzie Seddor Jessica Panoff

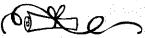
**GRADE 7/8 GREEN** 

Ruby Wallace Nathan Cox

Aaron Midson

7/8 Sports Person Award

Ella Cooke





ACADEMIC AWARD Jacqui McCullagh

Billy Singline

MERIT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 9A

Troy Street

Adrian Parsons Vera Nickson or

Renee Kinnersley Rebecca Holmes

**GRADE 9B** 

Jenny Quinn

Jadis Peacock

GRADE 9C James Lodge

Jenna Ward

Alicia Rosskelly

**GRADE 9 SPORTS PERSON AWARD** 

Todd Spilsbury

SCHOOL FARM AWARD (FOR STUDENTS GR. 7-10)

Trov Street

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT Todd Spilsbury

### NEET CENTRE INC. AWARDS

**GRADE 11/12** 

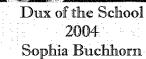
ACADEMIC AWARD Karin Sianipar

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Sophie Squires

Rebecca Barnes





# For Your Information



## 2004 GRADE 10 AWARDS

## SUBJECT PRIZES

HEALTH/PE

ART

Music

**ENGLISH** 

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SOSE

**MATHEMATICS** 

MATHEMATICS STAGE 1

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

SCIENCE

SPEECH & DRAMA

FOOD STUDIES

LOTE.

Auto

Nadine Ozols Sophie Douglas

Sheridan Spriggs

Sophia Buchhorn and Tamara Mason

Andrew Lowe

Tamara Mason

Sophia Buchhorn

Sophia Buchhorn

Sam Oates

Sophia Buchhorn

Nadine Ozols

Sophie Douglas and Sarah Brown

Sophia Buchhorn and Brigitte Mitchell

Michael Dawson

### SPECIAL AWARDS

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Sam Oates

Jacob Bourke

Ben Miller

**SPORTSMANSHIP** 

Richard Howe

TODD'S HALL/CORNELIUS &

WRIGHT FAMILIES DRAMA AWARD Richard Howe

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Bronwyn Wilson

AWARD FOR FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS Amber Coleman and Ashley Roberts

DICK ADAMS AWARD FOR

PERSEVERANCE

Michael Dawson

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Teena Gill Nadine Ozols

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND

ACHIEVEMENT

Andrew Lowe

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Richard Howe

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tamara Mason

UNIVERSITY AWARD

Lauren Quinn

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

Sophia Buchhorn





## We wish you a Merry Christmas. Happiness and Peace at Christmas. May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you throughout the year!

Just a week till Christmas and there is worry about lack of time. Fitting in all the demands of modern life. Allocating time to everyone's wants and needs. "Is work damaging the fabric of society because of the way we use time?" I am asked on the radio this morning.

Subcontracting out domestic duties and child care in order to work harder and to be more adaptable to fill the expectations of work.

We hear and see crimes of violence as entertainment regularly. There is road rage, trolley rage. The figures on teen-age binge drinking. There's gambling, the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. The physical, mental and sexual abuse of children from the past, and today.

It makes disturbing reading that there are 815 million malnourished children world wide, 8 million children needlessly die every year, and 1 billion children affected by severe poverty, wars and disease. Horrific statistics in this new century.

Here we are a week before Christmas, the time to celebrate the birth of a child born to refugee parents 2000 years ago in Bethlehem, and so to celebrate the joys and successes of our children, and I hear that Australia is estimated to spend \$21 billion during this period!

Let us celebrate the joys, the talents, the charms, delights and exuberances of childhood. In the words of the song sung by a group of youngsters in the NSW "Schools Spectacular" - "These happy days are yours and mine".

May you have a Joyful Christmas, a Happy Christmas and a Merry Christmas, and a peaceful New Year to you all.

Jan Sparkes



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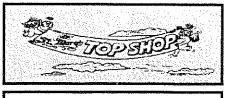
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Ricky, Ros, Deidre and Staff would like to wish everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## Educational benchmarks consultation

The Tasmania Together Board has invited Tasmanians to comment on eight educational benchmarks being developed for Tasmania *Together*.

The Tasmania *Together* document contains 212 benchmarks across areas including the community, the economy, culture, democracy and the environment, about half of which are currently reported on by the Tasmania *Together* Board.

Reporting against some benchmarks has not been possible because of a lack of robust data which in turn has prevented targets being established.

Board Chair Bob Campbell says Tasmanian now have the opportunity to comment on the development of eight educational benchmarks in the areas of lifelong learning and life skills, participation and retention rates, community use of educational facilities, access to services in rural areas and multicultural integration.

'A reference group drawn from governments, business and community sectors have been working to develop the six benchmarks' Mr Campbell said.

'This group has taken advice from experts and has made recommendations to the Board.

'The Board is now seeking input from the public and other interested stakeholder groups.'

Submissions on the proposed benchmarks must be made before 4 February 2005.

Details are available at:

www. tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au or by contacting the Tasmania Together Secretariat on 6233 5958

## Sugarless Plum Pudding

4 cups stale bread crumbs

11/4 cups skim milk

2 small or 1 large banana - mashed

1 teaspoon of cinnamon, mixed spice, nutmeg and bi-carbonate soda

3 tablespoons port, sherry or orange juice

4 cups mixed fruit

Soak bread crumbs in milk for 20 minutes.

Mash and add banana, spices, soda and liquids. Mix well, add mixed fruit. Put mixture into a well greases basin or oven bag. If using a basin, cover with greaseproof paper and foil, tie firmly and boil slowly for 3 hours.

Special Icecream! 1 large bottle cream, ¼ tin condensed milk, 3 chopped bars (Peppermint crisp or Cherry ripe or Crunchies). Whip cream, fold in condensed milk and bars. Freeze

## St Marys Tennis Club News

#### Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas raffle - a decorated Christmas cake, chocolates and wine is going to be drawn Christmas Eve. The tickets are \$1 each and are available from any Tennis Club member and the St Marys Newsagency.

### Memberships

Tennis memberships are now overdue. Non-financial members are asked to pay the Club Treasurer, Drew Adam. Additional invoices are available from the Club.

### **Special Meeting**

A special meeting will be held **TONIGHT** Thursday 16th December at 7.30 pm at the Clubrooms to further discuss the Championships format and Christmas Eve Chocolate Wheel. All interested are encouraged to attend.

## **Crossing rivers**

One day three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so.

The first man prayed to God, saying, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying 'Please God, give me the strength... and the tools to cross this river'. Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the tools...and the intelligence to cross this river'.

And Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

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### St Marys Sports Centre

Bowls, and with many players out, the team suffered a comprehensive loss in Pennant at Swansea last week. Well done though to Peter

Davern who skipped a winning rink that day. Last week the weather conspired against us so that the clash for top spot with St Helens Red had to be cancelled. That's the way it goes sometimes.

The final game before the Christmas break is this Sunday with a home game against St Helens Blue. Hopefully we can maintain 2nd spot then. All remember that on Wednesday December 29th is the Clive Berwick Memorial Triples which is a highlight for East Coast Bowls over the holidays. Entries are filling fast and Jack Viney asks that you get in early. Entries to the club directly or to Jack Viney.

Best wishes from all members go to Craig Mitchell who isn't the best at the moment. Hope to see you up and around again soon Craig. We're all thinking of you.

Club President Rex Floyed extends Seasons Greetings on behalf of the Club to all our members for a safe and happy holiday period and the Sports Centre extends our thanks to the Valley Voice for allowing us the space to get our news out every year.

Have a good Christmas. Good hitting and rolling in 2005!

### St Marys Pacing Club

Once again our annual race meeting is fast approaching and preparations are well underway. We have framed a seven event programme and hopefully again will have good entries. We will be running race trials this Saturday morning at 9 am so race track will be closed for about two hours.

Anyone interested are very welcome to come along and watch.

Owing to some of our volunteers leaving the district, some through illness and some of us reaching old age, we are getting short of helpers on race days for our food stalls. If any one would like to volunteer their services for a few hours we would be very happy to accept. Once again we will have race day competitions, a great raffle, plenty of food and refreshments and the jumping castle for children.

Hope to see you there. E Bean Secretary

## The Say by Cagerattler

### End of year

It is Christmas again and as the time draws closer there are thoughts of parties, functions, presents, Christmas dinner and so on. What a shame this is all Christmas is to many of us these days.

Without sounding trite I'd like to think that a few more of us would embrace the significance of the birth of our Lord which is the real reason for this special time. It really happened two millennium ago and history goes on to show the profound effect this had on us and led to Christianity. Whether people are true believers or not the very fact that Christians are everywhere means the birth, life and death of Christ is so special. No one could deny that.

Wishing all readers a safe and happy time at Christmas.

As this is the last Valley Voice for the year I'd like to say thanks to the readers who have endured Cagerattler. We've touched on quite a few local issues and some have been responded to which is pleasing for me.

A special thanks to the Valley Voice staff who have once again put together this fortnightly paper in the fantastic way they do. Can you imagine a time without the Valley Voice? I can't and that's got nothing at all to do with this little piece. The Voice is a true institution, it's part of our area, its done voluntarily and most of us do not realise what goes on to get it out every couple of weeks.

I'm sure I can really speak for the hundreds of buyers of the Voice to wish them an enjoyable spell until February 2005.

See you next year.

### **FOOTBALL**

Meeting Wednesday 22nd December to see if we have enough signatures to get a team for the NEFU. See if you can make it, and make it happen, its up to you now, we have tried our best!



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### St Marys Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

We didn't have any kings turn up on the night but if they had done, the Feast would have been fit for them!

About 45 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the Seafood Feast at the Club on Friday night and the vast variety of the fare and the individual touch of guest chef Jeff Peacock put a special touch to it all. We had a few patrons who are not usually overly keen on seafood who found themselves tucking in. Jeff is a marvel and all can see why he is highly regarded in the business.

A very special thanks to Salty Seas Seafoods who provided much of the produce for the night, thanks especially to the staff at Salty Seas. Finally a huge thankyou to Dale Ridgers whose concept and organisation for the night was the reason the whole thing took place, thanks Dale. He went out of hid way to tie the whole thing together for us. The only sad part is that while 45 enjoyed the seafood, many missed out on it due in many cases to it being close to Christmas but as it was mainly set up for Presentation Night this was when it had to be. I expect the next Seafood Feast will be earlier in the year. Thanks to all and well done to Trevor and Betty for their work on the night.

The presentation of trophies for 2004 took place after the meal and Club President Rex Floyed, Golf Chairman Glenn McDonald and Secretary Rod McGiveron presented the Men's, Mixed Foursomes, Men's Foursomes and Club Awards for the year. What was pleasing to see was some new faces amongst the winners, as well as many regular names who are long time members.

The Ladies Championship winners were presented with their trophies and a traditional luncheon about a fortnight earlier. Friday nights 2004 recipients were: Club Champion Dale Ridgers, B Grade Mark Carrick, C Grade Richard Davies, Senior John McDonald and Junior Kodie Donald. Handicap Champions this year were: A Grade Shan Wilmot, B Grade Mark Carrick and C Grade Richard Davies.

Mixed Foursomes Champions in both Gross and Handicap were John Miles and Carole Gunson. The Men's Foursomes titles went to Dale Ridgers - John Miles in the Gross and John and Glenn McDonald in the Handicap. Sorry Macca for my muck-up in the age thing.

Special trophies for this year to be continuing in 2005 were: Best Gross Dale Ridgers (65), Best Handicap Leigh Spilsbury (56) and Men's Consistency Award went to Shan Wilmot. Congratulations to you all. A reminder to all players keen on seeing golf go well over the summer. If the first Sunday Golf is any indication, things are looking good.

A big thanks to Glenn McDonald who kicked off the Summer program with a 23 attended Ambrose last week, with some excellent prizes.

Thanks Glenn. This week is a Canadian Foursome organised by Roger Donald and a similar attendance is expected.

While still on golf we have some fantastic news on our representatives in the Robert AGM Medal at Bothwell last week. One of our new members Tom Hawthorne won the Tasmanian title for the men. This is a wonderful outcome and we are all very proud of you Tom.

In the Ladies event Beth Haas only very narrowly (2 pts) missed out on the win but won best nine score as well. Highly successful indeed for the club against most of the total 70 golf clubs in Tasmania. Fantastic!



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