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Clean up Australia Day

On Saturday 5th March the Lions Club of St Marys Inc. conducted a roadside clean up, as part of Clean up Australia Day, of the three approaches to St Marys from:-

- ♦ Top of St Marys Pass
- ♦ Londavra entrance
- ♦ Gray Road Cemetery

and concluding at the Lions Park with a BBQ.

Although the turn out on the day was not as good as we thought it might have been, we still managed to put in a combined 78 hours, and collected 55 bags of rubbish mainly from outside the Town boundary

There were some very interesting and/or amusing items collected from the car park areas at the top of St Marys Pass and the Cemetery.

Congratulations to those who live along the approaches within the speed limits as there was very little rubbish picked up in these areas.

The main item found around the town centre was cigarette butts, hundreds of them, come on smokers, put them in a bin.

On behalf of the Lions Club, thanks to Lion Charlie for bringing this project to our attention and doing the groundwork and organisation on the day.

Thank you to the Club members who attended and to Heather Green, Leanne McDonald, Heather Lodge, Marguerite McWatters, Audrey Wright and a special thanks to Greg and Evelyn Keys, who after the BBQ continued the clean up past the Cemetery towards the Elephant Pass.

Brian Forsyth (President)
Lions Club of St Marys Inc.



St Marys St Patrick's Head Festival Thursday 17th March Today

3 pm

- Irish Music
- Cake Walk
- Markets
- Sausage Sizzle

4.00 pm Belly Dancing

4.30 pm Potato throwing competition

5.30 pm Joke competition

6.30 pm Photo Competition and Footpath Art
winners announced

7.30 pm Brackets & Jam @ escape café.

St Marys Volunteer Ambulance Station

This is the first news update from the St Marys Volunteer Ambulance Crew. We are a dedicated group of people keen to support you in our role as Volunteer Officers. We have a crew of men and women -12 original members and 5 new members. We are professional, caring and dedicated, very well trained to meet the needs of our community.

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Deadlines!

If you wish to have articles or advertising placed in this paper, it would be most helpful if you could PLEASE meet the Tuesday deadline.
Next paper deadline is Tuesday 29th March '05

Subscribers to the paper are reminded that the 2005 mailed subscription of \$25 is now due.

Thanks

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all those involved in the rescue of our son Michael from the ravine at Elephant Pass on February 24th.

Special thanks to Cameron and Bob of Tasmania Police; to our neighbours David Matthews, Gary Vulich, George Gall and the Rubenach family; and to our restaurant staff for making it possible for us to disappear into the hospital for days on end. Last but not least, to the SES volunteers, some having had to sacrifice pay to make themselves available for a search. Our consolation in those anxious hours was that this area has so many worthy people, ready to give so willingly.

Michael is recuperating in the LGH, has no long-term injuries and looks forward to bushwalking again before too long.

Lew and Pam Bretz

Big surprise for 40th

Our thanks and appreciation go to all who prepared and attended our surprise 40th Wedding Anniversary celebration. It was certainly a very successful masquerade!

Val and Ken

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Update on mural for St Marys

SMACD wish to thank the Woodcraft Guild of St Marys for their prompt attention to the erecting of the new wall boarding for the mural. Also we wish to thank Mitre 10 of St Helens for their most generous donation of two sheets of the wall boarding and thus helping us to proceed with this project.

It is hoped that this mural will be finished by the middle of April.

St Marys Volunteer Ambulance Fundraising Auxiliary formed

We are pleased to inform our community that a Fundraising Auxiliary has been formed to support the St Marys Volunteer Ambulance Crew.

We look forward to your support in this venture.

Ken Anderson Coordinator

Flying Doctor fundraiser

The Mahogany Hall Choir is practicing for a fund raiser for the Flying Doctor Service, to be held at the Uniting Church St Helens, on Saturday 19th March at 8 pm. \$10 donation to assist this valuable service organization.

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St Marys

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Mass 7.00 pm

Good Friday:

St Marys

2.00 pm

St Helens

4.00 pm

Easter Saturday:

St Helens

Reconciliation Service 6.30 pm

Vigil Mass 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday:

Mass

St Marys

9.00 am

Bicheno

4.00 pm



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Friday 18 March

The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra will perform the concert 'Travel by Night' at the third Break O'Day Seafood & Symphony Festival.

6.00 pm

Portland Memorial Hall St Helens. Cost: Adults \$31
Pension concession \$25
Student concession \$17

Tickets for the concert are available by phoning the TSO Box Office on 1800 001 190 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, or from Break O'Day Council St Helens.

8.30 pm Dinner with the Orchestra at Doherty St Helens Resort. \$45 per person, excluding drinks. Bookings essential. Phone TSO Box Office 1800 001 190 or Doherty St Helens Resort on 6376 1999 7 days.

Advance bookings for the concert and dinner are strongly recommended as both events are expected to sell out.

Doherty St Helens Resort is also offering special Seafood & Symphony packages to include the TSO concert, Dinner with the Orchestra, accommodation and a champagne breakfast.

Saturday 19 March

2.30 pm

'Tasmanian Delights Concert' at Portland Memorial Hall St Helens.

Tickets: Adults \$12.50,
Concession \$10,
Children under 14, \$5.

Tickets are available at the door from 1 pm.

Community notices

Tasmanian Lymphoedema and Laser Centre Inc. next meeting is Monday 21st March at 10 am followed by the AGM.

Junior tennis tournament Saturday 19th March. See tennis notes for details

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

- * General Meeting 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd March at Escape Café.
- * TAP. Project exhibition from Friday 18th March to 13th April.



Grassy Bottom Movies

Saturday 26th March
at Falmouth Community Centre

- * 2 pm: **Spirited Away**, Japanese animation, movie in English for children.
- * 7 pm: **Tank Girl**
- * For more info contact Robyn 6372 2309

St Marys Playgroup

- * St Marys Playgroup meets every Friday (school term only) 10-12 noon
- * Cost \$2 with fruit to share.
- * Membership fee of \$23 - \$16 concession due after 2nd visit. This enables you to attend any playgroup in Tasmania.
- * St Marys Playgroup aims to provide a stimulating, creative and secure environment for young children, their parents and carers.
- * We meet at the school Kindy room and always welcome new families.
- * Join us this week for an Easter Egg Hunt!!
- * More info: Tanya 6372 2534

Coming up roses by Jan Sparkes

Roses are red, violets are blue, so goes the old nursery rhyme, but we all know that violets come in shades of pale mauve to deep purple and from white to pink; and roses, roses come in an amazing array of colours, hues, shades and tones of yellows, reds and pinks and more.

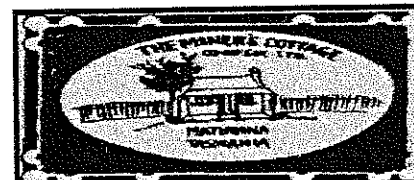
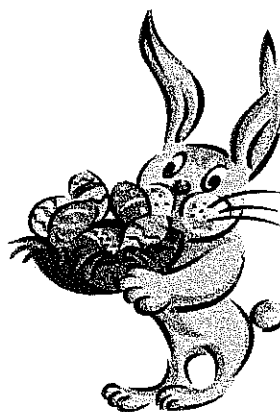
In the 12th Century BC roses were grown in Persia, now Iran, and the Rosa gallica was a religious emblem. From there they spread across the Middle East and Greece. During the time of the Roman Empire roses were cultivated and used for festivals. Roses were grown across Asia and were spread by Arabs from North Africa to Spain where they are still grown in many court yard gardens. In Southern Europe the cultivation of roses continued in Italy and France. The Empress Josephine made a large collection at Malmaison and probably had acquired most of the varieties then known. In the 19th Century roses came mainly from England and France.

Today repeated crossing of the original forms make it difficult and often impossible to know the roses parentage, but present day roses are descended from about 12 species, or ancient cultivated forms, and many countries have been active in the creation of the many varieties available.

Garden roses are the most popular flowers grown today and seem to do well in a range of climates and conditions.

When I'm confronted by rose books and catalogues I'm in a quandary - do I go for just a few of the well known and tried or do I attempt to grow a romantic rose garden to fill the air with scent and colour. Hybrid tea roses, R. rugosa, floribunda, climbers, mini roses, standards, and carpet roses - they are all hard to resist.

But what about the possums? You may well ask. Am I preparing a picnic, a feast, a banquet for all the possums in the area? Probably. Nevertheless I may give it a go. Frustrated to date, lets give it another go.



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ALCOHOLISM AND ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous welcomes men, women and children to a recovery program from alcoholism, where understanding that alcoholism is a disease. It is a disease accepted by the medical profession, and in America it is the fourth largest killer disease.

If you are an alcoholic the choice to drink is not in your control, once you start it is difficult to stop drinking. An alcoholic does not necessarily drink every day, you can be a bender or binge drinker, going out on binges and then swearing off the booze for a while.

Bender drinking has become a huge problem with our youth – weekend drinking can be the start of early alcoholism.

Blackout drinking, which is functioning without any memory of what you are doing, is one of the symptoms of alcoholic drinking. This type of drinking destroys brain cells which cannot or may not recover.

Drink driving, extreme headaches and stomach nausea, spending a night locked up in a police cell for abusive, aggressive or suicidal behaviour, extreme depression between drinking binges, are all common symptoms of alcoholism, the list is endless.

Family and friends are also widely affected by this disease, it not only involves the person drinking, which is why Al-anon Family Groups are there to support the family, friends, co-workers etc. of the alcoholic.

Fortunately there is help for alcoholism – it is a disease that can be arrested on a daily basis, provided the alcoholic is willing to receive help for his or her drinking.

Alcoholics Anonymous have daily meetings worldwide, and has the largest success rate in arresting alcoholism.

Alcoholics Anonymous has recently begun in St Marys. It is held every Friday night at 8.00 pm in the hall at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Main Street St Marys. Here you will find help, understanding and compassion with the help of other A.A. Members. It is totally anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous is not allied with any religion, sect or denomination. Anyone is welcome.

St Marys A.A. Ph: 6372 2725. There is also an alcoholics Anonymous meeting held every Wednesday night 8.00 pm at the back of the Anglican Church in St Helens. Ph: 6372 5026

Also, Al-Anon Family Groups meet every Sunday afternoon at 2.00 pm at the back of the Anglican Church, St Helens Ph: 6376 3335



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Easter Sunday No Service

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Tuesday Back to normal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DEIDRE

FOR MONDAY
21st MARCH

Meals on Wheels Roster

March /April	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 21st	G & M Derbyshire	Shirley Parker
Tue 22nd	Leith Gatty	June Hall
Wed 23rd	Ruth McGiveron	Christine Woods (P)
Thu 24th	Yvonne Salter	Patsy Death
Fri 25th	Mary Viney	Mim Woods
Mon 28th	Debbie Barnes	Debbie Speers (W)
Tue 29th	Trish Pike	Humberston McKenzie
Wed 30th	Pauline Berwick	Susan Woods
Thu 31st	D & V Rice	Maureen Hall
Fri 1st	N & D Challis	Julie-Ann Claridge

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Catholic Parish of St Marys

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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

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

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Anglican Parish - St Helens

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St Helens Every Sunday

8am and 10.30am

KANGA Sunday School

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St Marys 10am

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5-12 yrs (resumes after Easter)

Pyengana 7.30 pm

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Break O'Day Uniting Church

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Interim Minister, March, April '05

St Helens 9.00 am

Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

Dear Keith Bullock

By Rod McGiveron

Late last week we lost one of our dearest and deeply respected friends after 91 fabulous years. We heard with sadness that Keith 'Cardinal' Bullock had gone to his eternal rest.

Keith was one of those blokes who really didn't stand on ceremony. He got in, did his work happily, whilst usually rattling off a joke or a yarn, gave his face that unique rub that only Keith would, clean up, have his tea, potter in the garden, and go to bed. No fuss.

He loved his Doris, Chester and Roslyn, and of course all his immediate family. In the truest sense, what a family they are and Keith was a lynch pin with Doris, to it all.

Any one of us, including me, younger than Keith, could attest to the way he made an impression on us in the things he was involved in.

Two things in particular he directly made huge contributions to, that I personally witnessed, was the Catholic Church here in the Valley, and of course the St Marys Pacing Club.

Once again nothing was too much trouble, and he left his positive mark on anything he did.

No-one will ever forget his never say die attitude, his hands on work and his total dedication to the rebuilding of our church after the terrible fire in 1975.

Our family will never forget Keith and Doris' help when my grandparents passed away, and with more recent losses. Keith and Doris' cheerful words were reassuring and meant.

I don't know a lot about Keith's working years, because his many, many talks were more directly about people, places and funny happenings, even in his last frail years before moving to Launceston.

Some of his yarns and recollections would make a great book. The 'lovable rat-bag', Keith Bullock has slipped away both from his direct family and his valley family, but doubtless will be making Heaven a happier place.

Cardinal could go no where else.

It is not what happens to you in life that matters, but what you do with what happens to you in life.

Mark Horton

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Willie!

Save Our Sisters by SOS

Local residents made an application to the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal (RMPAT) in late February claiming that roading and logging activities on South Sister would cause environmental harm i.e. changes to water quantity and quality and increased risk of landslides.

An initial hearing on Friday March 4, 2005 took place with the Chairman concluding that **"there is a prima facie case established by the evidence tendered on behalf of the applicants"**. Despite this, no temporary order was issued because **".. no undertaking is to be offered the temporary order sought is refused"**.

The Applicants had proposed in the application that an undertaking should not be required in the present case. Given the limited recourse available to the community to address concerns regarding forestry operations, the Applicants submitted that it would be appropriate that the Respondent bear any expense resulting from a temporary order rather than Applicants acting in good faith where the potential harm is significant and where the application was supported by sound scientific evidence.

In addition it was stated that the Respondent bear the burden of the expense rather than the Applicants because of:

- the comparative financial positions of the parties
- the time frame for forestry operations within the Forest Practices Plan (roading operations expected until July 1, 2005 and harvesting completed by December 31, 2005 thereby having time to harvest the coupe in the said time).
- the expected royalty value of the coupe (estimated by applicants to be approximately \$138,000)
- the potential effect of the environmental harm on the Applicants and the broader community of St Marys
- the strength of prima facie evidence presented by the Applicants

the Respondent's failure to undertake appropriate risk assessment prior to commencement of the forestry operations

Finally, requiring the Applicants to give an undertaking to cover losses pursuant to a temporary order presents a substantial deterrent against applying for such an order. The principles of natural justice support the Applicants being afforded an opportunity to address the matters they raised in the Application. Imposing such a burden on small community groups and individuals seeking to protect the environment on the basis of strong scientific evidence effectively denies this opportunity. Objective 1 (c) Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Environmental Management Pollution Control Act (EMPCA) states "to encourage public involvement in resource management and planning"

Forestry Tasmania claims that losses would be **\$50,000 per week** for 9 to 10 weeks i.e. half a million dollars! (\$20,000 loss to Forestry and \$30,000 loss to harvesters and contractors per week) **YET** as mentioned above, the Forest Practice Plan states that harvesting can continue until December 31, 2005.

A Final Hearing is currently scheduled for **June 6 – 8, 2005** with no possibility for an earlier hearing. However, the **Final Hearing is under threat** after FT made an application to the Tribunal. Applicants are required to show they have a "proper interest". FT also argues that the "conduct" of harvesting will not lead to environmental harm but may be a consequence of the "conduct". The Chairman will decide before February 22 whether the Final Hearing will continue as planned. Forestry Tasmania says that **"..harvesting will commence in the week of 21st March....."**

The Tasmanian Attorney General has been asked by applicants to **"consider seeking orders to restrain forestry operations on Coupe NI 114A until the Tribunal has determined this matter"**. SOS members await her reply.

A letter from Mr Ralph Rallings (Consultant Engineer) to Hon. Bryan Green (Feb 7, 2005) says that **"the cost of stabilising a large slide may be in the order of millions of dollars"** and **"failure to properly investigate the slopes below the coupe is imprudent and borders on negligence"**. He recommends that **"No operations should be undertaken on this coupe or any coupe within the Nicholas Range until the slope stability issues have been appropriately investigated"** and that **"Mineral Resources Tasmania should be given responsibility for the investigation with the authority to define logging exclusion zones, based on land stability"**. At the time of printing, Mr Rallings was awaiting a reply.

How can harvesting activities begin when a legal case is pending?

Where is the justice for residents protecting the environment from harm?

Why can't the State government impose a **six month moratorium** as asked by SOS members to enable further assessment of the coupe?

SOS calls on Forestry Tasmania to **voluntarily refrain from logging** this coupe until the Final Hearing in June.

SOS members hope that the Council or the Attorney General will step in to assist in the public interest.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

KEITH LESLIE GEORGE BULLOCK

Recently we were saddened by the loss of one of our local icons, namely Keith, or as we all knew him, Cardinal or Cardy for short, Bullock.

Keith had lived and worked here all his life. He was married to Doris and they had two children, Chester and Rosalyn. He worked on the family farm, then at Cornwall mine, and later on the Forestry.

He was also an original member of the committee responsible for the building of the community hall.

For many years he was the local Santa Claus for our Christmas Parades, and according to most he was one of the best.

Keith was a very loyal member of the Catholic Church, and even when not well would strive to attend Church Services.

He was also a past Treasurer and later Patron of the St Marys Pacing Club. A very regular attendee at committee meetings even when aged eighty-nine years, and a tireless worker for all club activities over a long period.

On our own personal thoughts, Claire and I had a great friendship with Keith. After the loss of Claire's parents soon after we were married, he was always there to lend a hand or a sympathetic ear.

Over a period of fifty odd years we never had a cross word. Some friends are friends in name only. Keith was a true friend in every sense of the word.

He was a very kind and loving man especially to our children and grandchildren and will be sadly missed by us all.

Farewell old friend
Claire, Eric and Families

CORNWALL NEWS By Jim Haas

Due to circumstances beyond our control a couple of problems have sprung up to hold up progress on the Miner's Memorial Wall project. However, you can be assured that we are working through the issues and we will publish any progress in The Valley Voice as it happens.

The Community Hall is still causing some concern, although Grassy Bottom Regional Arts have shown interest in using the hall, more use will be needed to meet the running costs required.

One of the projects Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. has for the future is to seek expressions of interest from other Community Groups to work on a joint venture to establish walking tracks in the area.

One walk would be from Cornwall to South Sister and for the more enthusiasts continue on to the coast via the large oak tree. Other walks would take in the old coalmine workings of Jubilee, Cornwall and Mt Nicholas. The fitter could walk to all three from either Cornwall or St Marys and for those not so fit, it is a relatively short walk to Cornwall's old workings.

All the walks mentioned already have tracks that only need a little clean up and marking. The Jubilee to Mt Nicholas via Cornwall walk takes in magnificent bushland including rainforests with spectacular fern gardens and here and there you are treated to stunning views of the Fingal Valley.

The South Sister walk needs no explanation, we all know what views we have from there.

To top it all off we could put plaques on the old mining relics and give the walkers a history lesson on our coalmining heritage.

As Cage Rattler would say "What do you think?"

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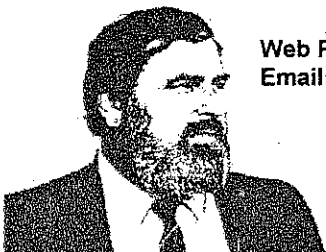
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to make some comments about the Forestry Tasmania article on South Sister in the previous edition.

FT says that their planning has "been extensive" however they failed to consider and mention in their plan numerous special values that the coupe has including :

- the numerous landslips which have occurred on the coupe (at least three), in close proximity (Jubilee Mine, Cheeseberry Hill) and the surrounding area (Mt Nicholas, Huntsmans Cap)
- the Jubilee Mine which sits below the coupe (>1 sq km)
- the heritage stumps which represent the interaction of local forestry resources, local sawmilling and the local railway history.

FT are quite correct when they mention that they have consulted closely with the community however they terminated the consultation process prematurely and failed to take "all issues raised by the community into consideration". FT and Forest Practices Board have ignored six expert reports which outline the risk of landslides in this already landslide prone area. Logging will lead to initial increases in groundwater which is the perfect recipe for landslips when "stable" dolerite talus sits on coal and mudstone. Ralph Rallings, Engineer with 40 years of experience considers it "imprudent and bordering on negligence" not to consider the slopes below the coupe. David Stapledon, Geotechnical consultant for 53 years states that "it is wise to assume a high risk of reactivation" in areas where slides have occurred previously. He states that 75% of old slides will reactivate if disturbed by clearing and excavation.

FT's Valley Voice article states that "harvesting at South Sister will not decrease the amount of water available to local residents" yet FT's report by Sandra Roberts (Dec 2004) states that after an initial increase during the first nine years (which increases the risk of landslides), there will be a *reduction in the water quantity for the next 56 years!!* FT also claim that the harvest area constitutes only 4% of the catchment area for the town's bore however no scientific research has been provided by FT to explain how they reached this conclusion. Mineral Resources Tasmania have recommended that monitoring of groundwater level, water quality and usage should be conducted to achieve a better understanding of hydrogeological conditions in the area.

FT also claims that the Forest Practices Code protects watercourses by excluding harvesting from streamside reserves. This is interesting considering FT failed to record 24 springs, soaks and wet areas on Coupe NI 114A which have been recorded by local residents! Surely that oversight indicates their "extensive" planning was less than thorough!

Despite "sophisticated computer simulations" of the expected visual impact of logging, FT failed to mention that views from the summit will be adversely affected by logging. I doubt many residents or tourists would consider the view from above having "minimal visual impact".

Finally, I find it interesting that the entire article excludes *any* information on landslips. Is this perhaps an admission that FT haven't been as "extensive" in their planning as they mention?

For any persons interested in reading the scientific reports please be advised that there is a full set at both Escape Café and the Vigil being held at the base of South Sister Road as well as on the website www.southsister.org

Yours sincerely, Dr Frances Daily

Dear Sir

I read with interest the Mayor's letter to the public in the Valley Voice 3rd March 2005. I respectfully ask a question of the Break O'Day Council and the Mayor, "how is it possible to continue aerial spraying with agricultural chemicals, all over Tasmania, and not have contamination of our waterways?"

Maybe Council together with the Mayor would please issue an absolute guarantee to the general public, that no drinking water in this municipality is contaminated with any amount of chemicals whatsoever.

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10th March 2005

The day was spectacular with the number of participating students, the variety of events and the glorious autumn weather. This year saw some changes. This year saw the introduction of the Grade 2 students and they certainly had a good time. The focus of the day was on fun and participation as well as excellence in swimming.

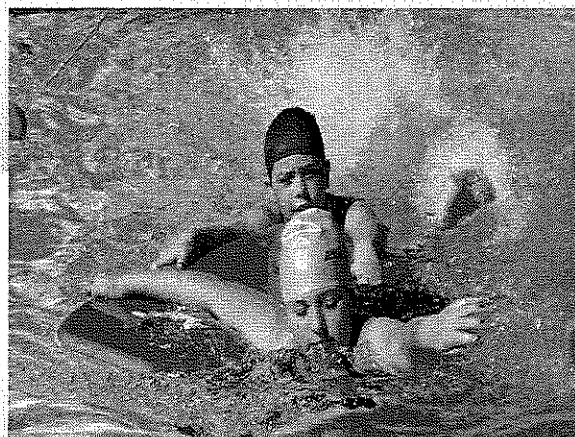
The traditional events included the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly strokes over 25 and 50 metres. The novelty events were the lane bob, bomb off (always a lot of fun and very popular), boogie board race, raft relay, treasure hunt and the house relay.

The house points at the end of the day were:

1st Blackwood: 1333 points
2nd Dalmain: 1225 points
3rd Duncan: 893 points

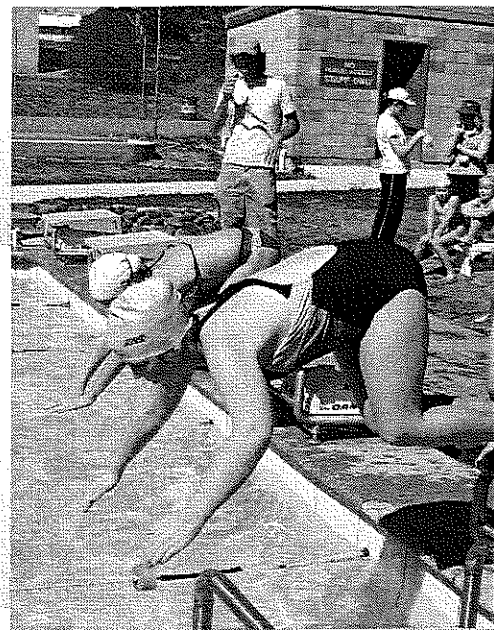
The champions were:

Grade 2 Vaughan Spilsbury and Ebony Duke
Grade 3 Sean Harris and Taylah Bushing
Grade 4 Stuart Wright and Emily Miles
Grade 5 Jacob Spilsbury and Shari Donald
Grade 6 Lawrence Bretag and Sophie Bourke



The new records were:

Grade 2 Girls	25m Freestyle	Ebony Duke	0.31.81
	25m Backstroke	Ebony Duke	0.40.22
Grade 2 Boys	25m Freestyle	Vaughan Spilsbury	0.30.00
Grade 3 Girls	25m Backstroke	Taylah Bushing	0.29.81
Grade 4 Girls	25m Backstroke	Emily Miles	0.25.78
	50m Backstroke	Emily Miles	1.01.85
Grade 4 Boys	25m Freestyle	Stuart Wright	0.19.91
	25m Breaststroke	Stuart Wright	0.28.15
	50 Backstroke	Stuart Wright	1.07.41
	50m Breaststroke	Stuart Wright	1.05.87
Grade 6 Girls	25m Breaststroke	Elise Wright	0.22.44
	50m Freestyle	Sophie Bourke	0.39.57
	50m Backstroke	Sophie Bourke	0.53.82
	50m Breaststroke	Elise Wright	0.52.16



COMING UP

Cast Exhibitionists 29 April - 13 May 2005 St Marys District High School

St Marys District High School Students will be involved in an exciting project, presenting an exhibition of contemporary work by Tasmanian Art Teachers.

Students and teachers will carry out all aspects of the management of the exhibition including unpacking the artwork, installing the exhibition and promoting it within the community. The exhibition will provide an excellent educational vehicle for students to develop both their conceptual ideas and their understanding of contemporary art practice and presentation.

THE NEW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

As from 1st March 2005, the Parents and Friends Association became the St Marys District High School Association as required by the Department of Education. The Education Act of 1994 was amended in 2003 to allow this transition for all schools to occur. Every school association has a constitution that supports the uniqueness of each school which has been endorsed and approved by the Minister of Education. Perhaps one of the most obvious changes is that of the makeup of the executive committee of the association. The body can now be made up of parents, students, staff and members of the broader community. If your child attends the school, than you are already a member of the association unless you otherwise request not to be. The St Marys District High School Association will now consist of a minimum of 4 parents and 3 staff, but has the capacity for 15 members. The Principal is automatically a member and the Chairperson must not be a staff member of the school.

While these changes have been occurring much of the day to day running has not. Some projects continually being developed include the improved safety of our bus students traveling on the Passes, the building of change rooms in the pool enclosure and the continuing success of the Op-Shop.

As advertised, the inaugural Annual General Meeting of the St Marys District High School Association will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in the staff room. If you are interested in becoming a member, nomination forms are available at the office. Positions available include Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member. All parents are welcome to attend. We urge you to think about the benefits of the Association and the journey that you can take with the school while supporting the education of your children. We hope to see you at the meeting as new and past members are always welcome.

SANDRA COOK, SECRETARY

MARCH/APRIL 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
21 School Dental Service K-6 assembly 11.10am	22 School Dental Service School Assoc. AGM 7pm	23 7-10 Swimming Carnival	24 Student Free Day	25 Good Friday
28	29	30	31	1 April
EASTER BREAK				
4 School Dental Service	5 School Dental Service	6 Div. 3 Swimming Secondary Assembly	7 Div. 2 Swimming	8
11 K-6 Assembly	12	13 Banjo Performance - Secondary	14	15 Small Newsletter
18	19 Primary Sports Days	20	21 Rock and Roll Music Show	22
25 Anzac Day	26	27 Primary Sports Day Secondary Assembly	28	29 Art Exhibition

The Say by Cagerattler

On the Road Again

One of these days the East Coast might get a road that the area deserves. Unfortunately, for decade after decade successive Labor and Liberal Governments have failed to address the need for this ever growing area of ours a road upgrade to cope with larger volumes of diverse traffic.

Perhaps the most urgent area that needs addressing is the Falmouth/Four Mile Creek junction to St Helens section.

Just about all of us who travel it often, would love to see the government address the problem, or at least pledge a time frame for upgrade work. After all, this is supposed to be a major tourist route, and on any holiday period the road's inadequacies are extremely evident to all. Quite apart from the direct safety aspects, there are the aesthetics, the maintenance issues, and the efficiency of the road surfaces that currently could only be described as a patchwork quilt.

Just the widening in certain places would make a significant difference. At least five sections fall into this category, most notably, the approach to Upper Scamander, the twisty area near Beaumaris and at the top of the incline approaching St Helens.

In real terms the awful road between Avoca and St Marys through the valley is in dire need of major resurfacing now but at least it's open clear road that allows good flow and overtaking opportunities if safe.

This is certainly not the case for the East Coast in any way, shape or form. The Chain of lagoons to Swansea sections are in my opinion marginally better in this regard.

The St Marys and Elephant Passes are also linked to this, and thankfully some safety matters are being addressed, at least for School bus concerns. But there's a long way to go yet.

In reality it may be years before the East Coast or the Fingal Valley see a major improvement to the roads, such is the demand in more densely populated parts of the State, but let's keep lobbying our politicians. We do deserve serious consideration.

It's too important to deny forever.

What do you think?

St Marys Tennis Club News

Junior Tennis Tournament

A reminder to all students that the Club will be running a junior tennis tournament for both girls and boys (up to and including grade 10 students of St Marys District High School) on **Saturday 19th March** with a 9 am start. This is free entry for family or student members of the Club and \$5 entry fee for non-members. Please leave names with Mrs Maureen Bushing at the school office by Wednesday 16th March if interested. There are trophies available for winners and runners up.

Club and Pennant Dinner

All members and their partners are invited to attend the Annual St Marys Tennis Club and Pennant Dinner at the Escape Café St Marys on Saturday 19th March, 7 for 7.30 pm, for a meal and the presentation of Pennant and Club Championship prizes. We welcome all Mid-week, Night Roster and Pennant players to this function. Please RSVP to Michelle Loane on 6374 2343 by Wednesday 16th March.

Easter Raffle

The Club is currently raffling a 700g giant block of chocolate, 300g big chocolate egg and tatts lotto scratchies. The raffle is \$1 per ticket and will be drawn on Thursday 24th March. Tickets are available from Club members and the St Marys Newsagency. Could Club members please return their raffle books to Susan Miles as soon as possible

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March** at 7.30 pm.

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St Marys Sports Centre by Kackhander

We'll get the bad news out of the way first.

After an extremely close battle for most of the day with Swansea, we failed by about 15 shots in the Bowls Preliminary Final. Three of the rinks were close results and the other rink went down comfortably after a comprehensive exhibition of driving by the Swansea skip on the day. We just couldn't get the bowls exactly in the way often enough. That said, it's still been a watershed year for the club, and 2005/2006 looks like being a huge year, with so many new bowlers improving all the time. St Marys is by far the youngest club in the comp in average age and with a bit of luck many prosperous years will follow.

A special thanks to Jack Viney for all his work as President, Jim Rankin for all his assistance, not least the bus each week and as ECBA Representative, and to all the helpers at the working bees.

This brings us to next weekend, 18 - 19th March. The bowls and golf greens are set for coring then, and the necessary work requires a major working bee. If you can spare time either on Friday or Saturday it will be greatly appreciated. Lets see you all there to make the job easy. Don't forget the Bowls trip and Dinner coming up in April.

To golf, and due to inclement weather and other things, only the two person Ambrose has been held in the past fortnight. But this is about to change with a new calendar to be put out before the end of the month. If you have any days you wish to conduct this year, please contact Captain Mark Birch, Golf President Glenn McDonald or Rod McGiveron, so it can be included in the roster. It's also been decided to run events on both Saturdays and Sundays, depending on availability. The roster will include all the normal serious trophies, plus pennant from May 16th, and many social fundraising days. Your input is crucial to a successful year so lets hear from you soon.

If there is enough, we want to submit a second A Reserve Pennant team. This will require us to have 17 players each week. There is a sheet on the main board. We must know by the end of March so we can submit our teams to the ECTGA, so get your names up quickly. We will hold a pennant meeting in April to elect officials for the year.

Club news, and the highlight of the fortnight was the outstanding success of Macca's Comedy Trivia Night.

In only the way Glenn 'Macca' McDonald can do, the night of about 60 people in 9 teams, was an event filled with fun, innovative sets of questions and some hysterical answers, to say the least! The best part is that it raised close to \$1000 for the club's improvements, and showed what things like this can achieve in the club.

Macca wants to thank Rex Floyed, Mark Carrick, 'baby picture' providers, his long suffering tolerant wife Leanne for her help, Barney (the judge) and a very special thanks to Kath Blair for her help doing bar duties all night. Fantastic effort everyone.

The major sponsor and prize provider was White Sands. This terrific bunch down there at Four Mile Creek at the resort have been wonderful friends of the club and their part of the \$100 prize is greatly appreciated.

The winning team was the 'Alcoaulichs' who scored a magnificent 585 points to just nudge out the 'Not Bloody Likelys', and the 'Jim Beams' on the last round of questions. For the 'Frederick Street Ferals', 'The Fockers', 'The 68's', 'The Hazy Fields', 'The Pheasant Pluckers', and 'Tracca's Troops', there's always next time, which will be in a few months. Thanks again to all for a great effort.

Lets get your teams together for indoor bowls.

Teams of 5 will be required, and hopefully about 8 teams will take part in early winter. More details soon.

Congratulations to Jack and Damon Viney on their success in winning the roof bolting championships at the Fingal Festival last week. Well done, that's two years in a row.

Finally, welcome to Cameron Tanner, Allan Trainer and Mick Kringle, as new members to the club. Three of many more we hope.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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