

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## A matter of involvement

On a recent visit, Mrs Campbell-Smith said, and we quote 'There is no need for a dwindling population to become apathetic or depressed'.

We agree wholeheartedly. There are many compensations for those who live in country areas. Apart from the obvious ones of fresh air, sunshine and cheaper housing, there are the less obvious. It is good to know most of the people in a country town, and the simple act of passing the time of day to the baker, the butcher or Mrs X in the street is a joy not to be scorned.

But a town needs - it needs a soul, and this requires involvement by all those who prefer to or for other reasons, live in country areas.

The American novelist Thomas Wolf, once stated it was more an involvement to converse with a dunny-man at 4 am in an empty Brooklyn Street than to be one of the thousands who throng Central Station New York in the rush hour.

So it is not a matter of population, it is a matter of communication. Undoubtedly most country areas are well represented by sporting activities, but sadly, this is where it often ends. Country centres often exist in a cultural vacuum. Not necessarily high-brow either!

No one needs to be a professional to act in a play, sing in a local concert, or join a discussion group. Many latent talents can often be realised by doing an Arts course or taking an Adult Education class.

These are the things a country town needs most, to be a more rewarding place in which to live. If outside entertainment is scarce, then it becomes important to be able to make your own.

Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is Tuesday 1st June '04



St Marys Police Report by  
Constable Simon Triffitt

## 'Wheelies' dangerous to others

In the past few weeks we have seen a number of 'wheelie' marks left on Gray Road near the school and a little further on near Royle's Lane. On Friday 7th May another 'wheelie' was left near Royle's Lane which has added to the unsightly marks on the road. Not only does it leave a mess, it is also highly dangerous for those involved and anyone travelling on the road.

Last year a Police Report was included in the Valley Voice which highlighted the concerns both the public and police have in relation to traffic offences. Although in most cases Traffic Infringement Notices are issued as a result of offences viewed by Police, any information that you may have in relation to the matters discussed here or any other traffic matters, even if it is anonymous, is greatly appreciated.

On a lighter note, there has recently been a change in the process for obtaining Police checks/clearances for employment purposes etc. The fee for obtaining a clearance is now \$49.50 which covers checks from all Australian States and Territories. If you need to obtain a police check for work as a volunteer, such as Meals on Wheels, the check is free provided that the organisation is registered with Tasmania Police.

We have a full list of all registered organisations at the station if you have any doubts.

## ST MARYS COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE

Opportunities for your child/children (2 - 6 years) to be involved in two "arts and crafts" sessions during the school holidays. Sessions will be fully supervised by qualified childcare staff.

Wednesday 2nd June: Dinosaur Day making plaster models

Wednesday 9th June: Mixed Craft Activities 9.30 - 1.30 on both days

To make a booking please contact Jenny or Vicki on 63722187.

Limited spaces available, so get in early!





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY TO DECEMBER 2004

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

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

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

Information must be received by Friday 18 June 2004

## Township Funding 2003- 2004

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

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

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Items for Sale

4 ducks & 3 drakes. 18 mths old and under, good layers. \$35 the lot. Phone 6372 2139

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Gas heater \$90  
Heavy duty galvo Roller Door \$100.  
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Echo Brushcutter. \$90  
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1984 Toyota Corolla. Ideal 1st car, 9 mths rego, good tyres, mags, v.g. condition. \$2,000.  
Phone 6372 2465

Wanted to borrow or hire for use from Sunday 6th June to Wednesday 9th June, a highchair in good condition. Please phone Terese on 6372 2846 if you can help out.

4 Tier pine book case in good order \$20.

Large glass coffee table \$20  
Large Hills clothes line \$50  
Electric oil heater \$25  
Phone 6372 2410

### Wanted to buy

Old solid bricks. 63725 533



Winter Solstice Celebration and Fireworks  
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### & Bay Surf Shop 2.

2 Pendrigh Place  
St Helens  
Ph 6376 1755

## Settlers Walk Interactive CDROM Project

John Swindell, an internationally renown community filmmaker has agreed to the artistic direction of an interactive CDROM about the history of our settlers.

The objective being to make a fascinating 40 minute visual of who we are, where we came from, how and why we got here and the values of our 'place'.

If you have an interest in our history or have some photos, maps, documents etc that you wish to share and include in this social, historical/contemporary cultural lifescape, or wish to know more about this project please contact Terese on 6372 2846 and I will forward the details.

## Winter Solstice Extravaganza Funding for Fireworks

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

Coach House Restaurant, and S.M.A.C.D. Along with the previous businesses acknowledged, our tally sits at \$595.

We now have enough money for a small fireworks display, our new target is \$1000 for a bigger bang! Please look out for our raffle in which all proceeds will go towards the Winter Solstice "Fireworks " Extravaganza.

### Valley Voice Advertising Rates

Classifieds 25 words or less free.

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

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

1 year posted subscription \$25

#### Contacts for Valley Voice

Fax 6372 2172, Ron 6372 2105, Audrey 6372 2337  
Please leave written material at the Amcal Health & Beauty Centre St Marys,  
or C/- Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

## Rae & Partners Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors

93 York St Launceston  
Ph 6337 5555

Visiting St Marys Community Health Centre  
Alternate Tues. 9 am - 10 am  
Appointments: 6372 2172  
St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

## Community notices

### Lantern Making Workshops with Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

May 20, 21, 22 and 23rd

From 10 am till 2 pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

St Marys Town Hall

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

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

For more information contact Eo 0438 571 291

### Women's Action Group Serving the Community Inc.

Anyone who enjoys craft and helping their community is invited to join W.A.G.S. We meet every fortnight at the Anglican Church in St Marys from 11 am to 2.30 pm.

Next Meeting Thursday 27th May.

Contact: Eileen McManus 6372 55480

New members welcome.

Parents, you are invited to '**Coffee and Chat**' at the St Marys Community Health Centre meeting room on Thursday 3 June at 1.00 pm.

It will be great fun. Come along and make new friends.

Loraine McGee Family and Child Health Nurse

**St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary** meeting  
2 pm Monday 7th June at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

**North East Bioregional Network** meeting  
Tuesday 15th June at 4 pm in the St Marys Online Centre.

Join us for lunch and a reading by Patsy Crawford from her new book, **GOD BLESS LITTLE SISTER**. St Marys Hotel Dining Room  
Friday 11 June 12.30 pm. All most welcome

The Annual General Meeting for St Marys Association for Community Development (S.M.A.C.D.) and the **St Marys Online Access Centre** will be held at 4 pm Wednesday 30th June 2004 at the St Marys Online Centre. All welcome to attend.

**Melbourne Cup Day** is still a few months away, but it's not too early to start thinking about making a crazy hat/outfit to wear to the T.L.C. Cup Luncheon.

## Thumbs Up:

A "Thumbs up" to Break O'Day Council from some Four Mile Creek residents for the prompt replacement of their playground equipment. Its great.

Another "Thumbs up", this time to Wendy and Gerald, who were seen making a start to clean up an unsightly wall in the centre of St Marys.

**Coach House Restaurant & Take Away** will be closed Saturday 5th June 2004 at 5 pm and will reopen on Sunday 6th June 2004 at 9 am. Sorry for any inconvenience. Ross and Tracy.

### New Videos:

- × Pirates of the Caribbean
- × Something Gotta Give
- × Matrix Revolutions
- × Master and Commander
- × Last Samurai
- × Sea Biscuits
- × Love Actually

## The St Marys Yoga Room



welcomes any local residents or visitors to come to a free introductory class to the ancient practice of Yoga. Yoga has been practised for thousands of years and has become very popular in western countries.

Yoga is a practice which uses relaxation techniques, breathing practices and physical postures which vary in difficulty from very simple to advanced practices which only a handful of people worldwide would be able to perform.

People practising Yoga have an increase in flexibility, balance, poise, stamina, co-ordination, confidence, peace of mind as well as a decrease in stress, insomnia and ill health. The benefits of Yoga are limited to a dedicated practitioner.

The St Marys Yoga Room is at 7 Storey Street, next door to the Purple Possum. There are two evening classes a week and a Friday morning class.

To learn more about the practice of Yoga, please come to the following **free introductory sessions**.

Tuesday 25th May 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Friday 28th May 10.00 - 1.00 pm

Jack Foreman 6372 2034

## YOGA

**St Marys Yoga Room 7 Storey Room**

Tuesdays: 6.00 - 7.30 pm: \$9.00 per class

Thursdays: 5.30 - 7.00 pm: \$9.00 per class

Fridays: 10.00 - 11.00 am: \$7.00 per class

Concessionary rates available

For further details, please phone

Jack Foreman 6372 2034



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## Letter to the Editor

Sir

How come our younger generation is constantly being passed over for employment in our local communities? Daily we see another married woman or almost retired man filling a position a much younger person could have to gain a wealth of experience and skills and where possible career opportunities may evolve. Have these positions been advertised or are many a handshake deal?

Come on St Marys and Fingal, let's encourage growth by giving our young ones an opportunity to stay, get married, build a house, buy a house, have some kids, use the school, shop at supermarkets, keep the doctors employed, grow old gracefully, retire and give another young one a go.

Here's an open can of worms for you Cage Rattler!

Signed: Can of worms. (Name and address supplied)

## St Marys Playgroup

St Marys Playgroup meet every Friday (during school term) 10am to 12noon, in the Kindergarten Room. New families always welcome.

Reminder notice: Membership fees are now due. Pick up a form at Playgroup.

General meeting after playgroup this week regarding grant application, toy purchase and new committee. Stay if you can and offer some ideas.

More info: Claudia 6372 5510 or Tanya 6372 2534

## ST MARYS ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE

23b Main Road St Marys Tas 7215 Ph/Fax 03 6372 2005



Monday 10 am - 3 pm  
Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm  
Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm  
Thursday 10 am - 3 pm  
Friday 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

## Meals on Wheels Roster

May/June	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 24th	Tina Floyed	Lynda Bean
Tue 25th	Dawn Lodge	Sue Woods
Wed 26th	Wendy Aulich	Jacqui Death
Thu 27th	Heather Griffiths	Bob Yates
Fri 28th	Peter Williams	Robyn Miller
Mon 31st	Audrey Wright	Debbie Speers (W)
Tue 1st	Ruth Aulich	Robyn Holder
Wed 2nd	C & G Dawson	Prev Mills
Thu 3rd	Kaye Nailer	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 4th	Claire Bean	Mim Woods

## Drug Education Network Inc. (den) Thriving Communities Project May 2004

Thriving communities are not built by neglecting community health and wellbeing issues. They are built by constructively addressing the issues that pose a threat to healthy community life and by enhancing those things which protect and promote community. There are some commonalities in building thriving communities including building connectedness, promoting and enhancing resilience and addressing health and wellbeing issues at the individual, family, and community levels.

Tasmania has had some of the highest rates of alcohol-induced health issues in Australia, over the last ten-fifteen years. Widespread misuse of alcohol is the 'tip of the iceberg' of a range of health and wellbeing issues linked to depression, relationship breakdown and violent crime. Drinking rates among young women are rising; for men of all ages, the story on almost all issues connected with alcohol use is even more problematic.

*What can be done to support community members to deal with challenging life issues such as problematic alcohol use?*

Communities can assist their members to make positive, well-informed and healthy decisions about how to live their lives well. One of the best protections against personal, familial and social ills is to develop thriving, resilient individuals, families and communities.

Identifying and working with the mental and wellbeing issues that underlie problematic alcohol use in north-eastern Tasmania, is the focus of a project co-ordinated by John Alford from the Drug Education Network Inc. during 2004.

John is recruiting interested community members to be part of a focus group to identify and work with these issues particularly as they apply to rural communities and men's health.

If you would like to be part of a focus group in your community or would like to know more about this Project, please contact John at the Drug Education Network in Launceston on 6334 0445 or e-mail [johnalford@den.org.au](mailto:johnalford@den.org.au)

John Alford  
Drug Education Network Inc.

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## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

#### **Fingal**

Every Friday Mass 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday Mass 10.30am

#### **St Marys**

Every Sunday Mass 9am

#### **Bicheno**

Every Sunday Mass 3pm

#### **St Helens**

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 5pm

#### **Mangana**

5th Sunday Mass 11am

### Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

#### **Services each Sunday**

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna: 2nd & 4th Sunday monthly  
at 11.30 am

#### **Daily Office Reading**

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

### Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens 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

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NUMBER FOR THE DOCTOR ON CALL.  
PHONE: 6372 2111

## **Medical Emergencies phone:**

000 or

## **The Ambulance on:**

1800 008 008

**Dr Sunny Bain** will be the GP at the  
Health Centre for the following week.

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

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

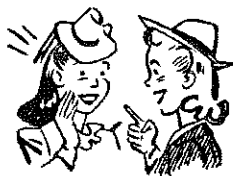


## **AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The St Marys Day Centre will be  
hosting a Soup & Sandwich  
Luncheon on **Wednesday 26th May 2004**  
**in the Day Room at the Community  
Health Centre.**

Cost is only \$5.00 head

11:30am start for  
a 12 noon lunch.



There will be: a trade table- with home  
cooked cakes, raffles, lucky mug dip, lucky  
seat prizes and *lots* of good company!

If you require any more details please  
phone Hayley Gilbert on 6372 2111.

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

20th May **Child Health Centre** with Lorraine  
McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon  
appointments are available by  
phoning 0409 361 005

20th May **Photo Image-** Glamour  
Photography Physio Room

21st May **Photo Image-** Glamour  
Photography Physio Room.

24th May Nursing Students x 6

25th May **Anglicare Financial  
Counselling**, Emma Ryan

25th May **Tai Chi** 7pm-8pm with Dawn  
Denholm in the upstairs physio  
Room CHC. \$5.00/ hr.

26th May **Women's Rural GP Service** with Dr  
Libby Reekman. Please phone  
6372 2111 for appointments.

26th May **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**  
with Day Centre. Soup & Sandwich  
Luncheon \$5.00 head.

28th May **Australian Hearing Services**  
please phone 6331 7455 for  
appointments.

1st June **Tai Chi** 7pm-8pm with Dawn  
Denholm in the upstairs physio  
Room CHC. \$5.00/ hr.

3rd June **'Chat For Young Mums'** with  
Christine Minchin, 1pm at the CHC.  
Please phone Lorraine McGee for  
details on 0409 361 005.

9th June **Breast Cancer Chat Group** with  
Sandra Oliver, 2pm at the CHC.

A memory is what some people use to forget with.  
- W.G.P.

Information from this page was submitted by:

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

## **LETS GET PHYSICAL IN ST MARYS**

Fran Armson: 6372 2614

### **'STEP/FITBALL/PUMP'**

Monday nights: **STEP/FITBALL** 5:45pm– 6:45pm  
(Beginners to Intermediate Class)

Thursday nights: **PUMP CLASS** 5:45pm– 6:45pm  
(Easy Class– Bar Provided)

\$5.00/hour.

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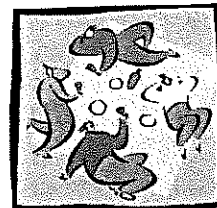
Jack Foreman: 6372 2634

### **'YOGA'**

Tuesday nights: 6:00pm– 7:30pm

Thursday nights: 5:30pm– 7:00pm

Friday: 10:00am– 11:00am



Yoga is held in the *St Marys Yoga Room*– next door to Purple Possum. Please phone Jack for details.

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Dawn Denholm: C/ Hayley on 6372 2111

### **'TAI CHI'**

Tuesday nights: 7:00pm– 8:00pm

Upstairs Physio Room at the Community Health Centre.

\$5.00/ hour.



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Sue Fisher: 6372 2266

### **'LINE-DANCING'**

Monday's: 10:30am– 1:00pm

Thursday's: 10:30am -1:00pm



Line-dancing is held at the St Marys Football Sheds. Please phone Sue for more details. Cost is FREE.

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*Do you have an active group in St Marys? Let us know!*



# Comedy Capers



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Comedy and laughter have abounded this term  
in the Drama and Performance area of the school!



## CLASS CLOWNS

Talented and enthusiastic Year 9 / 10 drama students volunteered to compete in a comedy competition called "Class Clowns" run by Is Theatre Ltd and The Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Competitors - Tamara Mason, Richard Howe, Joel Salter, Nadine Ozols, Bronwyn Wilson, Sophie Piscitelli, Tegan Nash, Lauren Quinn, and Jadis Peacock all created, rehearsed and presented a five minute comedy sketch for the competition. All three acts were very well











received when performed at Launceston College, with Tegan, Lauren and Jadis making it to the finals in Hobart! Well done girls!!

Finalists - Tegan, Lauren and Jadis participated in an afternoon workshop with a professional comedian from Melbourne and succeeded to present a wonderful performance for the crowd at Is Theatre Ltd.



Supporters - The competitors found themselves well supported by a great crew of fellow St Marys students for both the Launceston and Hobart performances. A wonderful time was had by all!!!



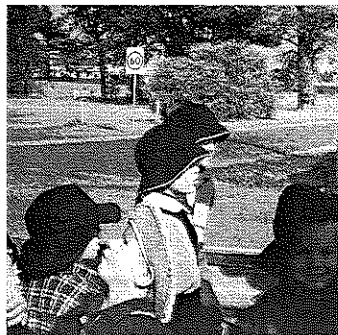
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<b>17th May</b> Primary Assembly 	<b>18th May</b>	<b>19th May</b>  Sports Afternoon Soccer after school 	<b>20th May</b>	<b>21st May</b>  Sports Exchange - St Helens
<b>24th May</b>	<b>25th May</b>  Combined Cross Country - Mathinna	<b>26th May</b>  School Cross Country Rain Day Soccer after school 	<b>27th May</b>  Secondary Assembly	<b>28th May</b> Term 1 ends
<b>14th June</b>	<b>15th June</b> Term 2 commences	<b>16th June</b>	<b>17th June</b>	<b>18th June</b>
<b>21st June</b>	<b>22nd June</b>	<b>23rd June</b> Country Gold selection trials - St Marys Soccer after school 	<b>24th June</b>	<b>25th June</b>



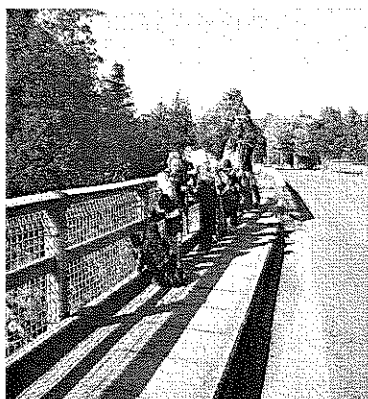
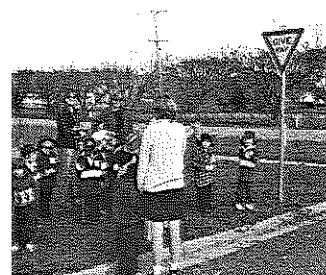
# Our Kinder Autumn Excursion



We looked at trees.



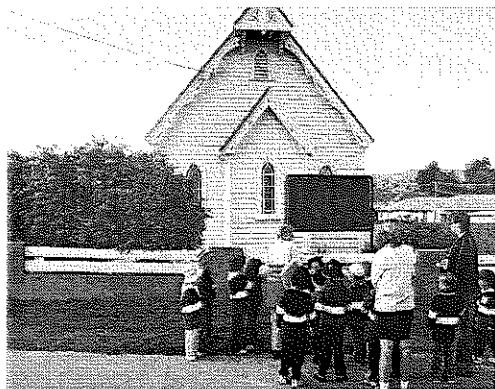
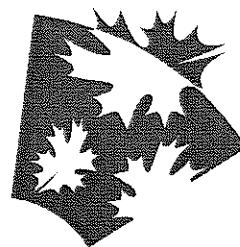
We looked at signs.



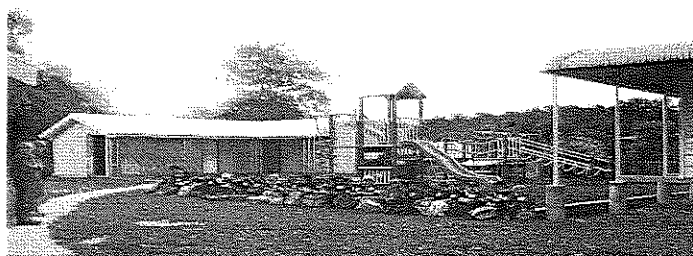
We walked over the bridge.



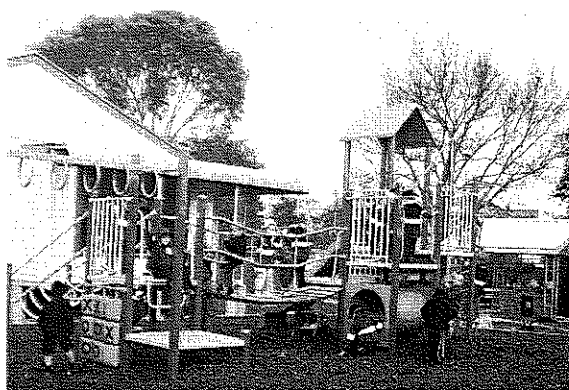
This kitten wanted to come back to Kinder with us!



We looked at a Church.



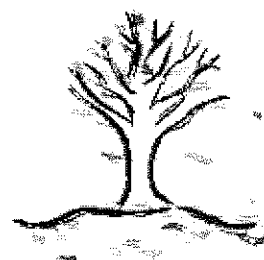
We had our morning tea at the park.



We had fun playing!



We looked at the Hotel.



## Wanted:

Young instrument makers and performers for  
St Marys Winter Solstice Celebration  
Lantern Parade

Lila Meleisea will be taking Instrument Making Workshops  
to make Horns, Chime Bars and Whistles  
to be played during the Lantern Parade  
Most instruments will be recycled materials  
and are simple in design.

### Workshop Times:

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th June

St Helens Neighbourhood House Bungalow:  
10 am to 1 pm both days.

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about that wedding, but just when I was  
beginning to believe that all a Nanny  
did was shop, Peta has told me that  
contrary to popular belief she actually  
works quite hard ( between shopping!).

The two children in the family are  
Sarah who is nearly two and Jonas  
who is six. After breakfast Peta takes  
Sarah to daycare and walks Jonas to  
school, then the usual housework  
chores have to be done and Peta has  
free time until 3.30 when it is time to  
pick up Sarah and look after her until  
her parents get home from work.

Majbrith and Torben are Peta's host  
parents and they live in Hvidovre which  
is about 8 km south of Copenhagen de-  
pending on which route you take. Peta  
tells me that she usually rides a bike  
into the city as it is all fairly flat country,  
and takes her about 30 minutes.

Peta also has a Uni schedule to  
keep up with and at present has sev-  
eral essays to complete.

So I do now apologise for thinking  
that all she does is shop !! But she did  
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# The X 30 and all things rail

The Say by Cage Rattler

Mixed emotions a couple of Tuesdays ago, when two massive cranes hoisted old X30 onto the low loader for its journey to the Derwent Valley Railway. It was a necessity that this occurred for all manner of reasons, not least the gradual deterioration of the locomotive with not many options available to the Lions Club for it's ongoing benefits to the town.

Many years ago the visualisation was to have it as part of a machinery museum with possibly even the chance it may have a short run on tracks. Unfortunately it seems many restrictions, insurance and red tape prevented this from happening much to the Clubs disappointment. While it sat for so long, vandals caused major damage. As the years passed old X30 was slowly falling into a state of disrepair as movable parts were either removed, broken or stolen, so in their wisdom the Lions Club let her go to greener pasture with the proviso that she will be fully restored and carry their St Marys Club logo on her side. It is just a shame it is so far away that many will not be able to see her being restored. That said it was the only rational decision that could be made.

Until the disappearance of the other infrastructure at our old railway station, namely the water tower, the turntable, other items and of course the track, it may have been feasible negotiating with ANR to revisit some sort of access to St Marys by rail as in the 'good old days'.

I suppose the really sad thing about this whole matter is when you consider that what if that buy-out and rationalisation by the parent American company that took over Tasrail had taken place a decade earlier, maybe there would never have been a need to close the Fingal to St Marys line in the first place.

We all complain quite rightly about the state of our highway which is in a diabolical state, but all those coal and log trucks that daily ply the road can only be bad for an already terrible surface. If cartage of coal and logs could have been continued twenty years ago predominately by rail you can only surmise how much less stress our roads would have had to endure. In it's heyday in the late 70's, I have been told that 3000 tons of coal and 3000 tons of logs per day were shipped out by rail.

Those figures if accurate are mind blowing over several years and in comparison how many truck movements are required to cart similar tonnages. No one can convince me that rail could have cost more than continuing road maintenance.

These truck operators do a fantastic job in the main but if circumstances had been different and X Class and later the W Class locos had continued from St Marys to Fingal, I'm sure our road would have been a bit better than they are now.

Perhaps one day a museum or photographic display can still be established of the St Marys link with it's rail history that lasted for at least a century and could be part of our town's sesqui-centenary celebrations in 2007.

I still have vivid memories of the morning and afternoon trains shunting, coupling up and moving off with station staff organising freight and rail workers maintaining the 32 mile section of our track. I can even remember the gang motors buzzing up and down. I only hope we can record this as part of our history.

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# St Marys Sports Centre News

## Good pennant win at Freycinet

Both pennant golf teams enjoyed a very successful visit to Freycinet last weekend and came away with a 6-1 A Grade, 4-1 A Reserve scoresheet. Any win is a good win at Freycinet so this is good news. It was great to see a familiar face back in the team this week. Shan Wilmot stepped up for the club again after a three year break and continued where he left off then with a solid win. Shan has one of the best win/loss ratios over many years. Well done Shan. John Miles played particularly well also to get over a very tough opponent. Well done also to Chris Davern, Steven Dawson, Jack Viney, Andrew Marshall and Dale Ridgers who all did well again.

In A Reserve Todd Spilsbury and Mark Birch played very well despite giving away big handicap gaps to win and Mark Carrick only just missed out despite having to concede 10 shots to his opponent. Poor old Bluey Spilsbury missed out on a game again because he had no opponent. Guarantee that won't happen again this year Paul. Special thanks to Jim Rankin who ran the bus for the club and it turned out to be a very enjoyable trip. This week is a tough one at home against Scamander which has probably it's best team since joining the competition, so we need all our players available if possible. Just a reminder to all that a plate of afternoon tea is required.

Ladies pennant is again tight with St Marys doing okay once again. As defending champs like Men's A Grade, they'd love to do well again and it will depend on the next couple of games.

Club golf is going great guns at the moment with some good fields all the time. The flag event was won by Mark Birch narrowly from Steven Dawson and Shan Wilmot, whilst it's great to report Glenn McDonald won the Perpetual Ruth and Geoff Gill Memorial Trophy last weekend. Glenn had a superb nett 63 which broke his handicap but if only for the last hole twice, he would have annihilated it, but the best part of the past three weeks is that three different and 'newer competitors' have won the main events. This is fantastic.

A notice to all that the scheduled Lefties v Righties Day this Saturday may depend on sufficient number of left-handers. If not enough, we may have to run a stroke event in it's place and reschedule a little bit later in the season.

As you read this the new event on the Ladies calendar, the L'Oreal Cosmetics Day, will be played, so all the winners will be published in the next report.

Jack Viney wishes to thank all who have helped with the recent top-dressing of the bowls green and to Peter Davern for his continuing efforts. Jack has been installing new sprinklers to the green, which seem to be working brilliantly. Can't wait for next season to see how it's all going to go.

Club news and in the next few weeks we will be hosting a few new nights and events at the Club and details will be in the next edition.

*Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.*

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# St Marys District High School Under 16 Football

We have played a couple of games since the last issue. The first game we played St Pats Green at Perth. The boys played great footy against a big and strong St Pats side, we lost by twenty points. In a great team effort Luke Carr, Joel Salter, Nick Child, Daniel Cooke and Jake Bourke were outstanding.

Last Saturday we played Scotch at Fingal. The boys played great footy and outclassed Scotch and winning by twelve goals in a great performance by everyone. Lee Gillies, Luke Carr, Todd Spilsbury, Richard Howe and Billy Singline were outstanding. Young guns Shaun Cannon, Ned Hyland and Reece Maher did a great job. This Saturday we play Grammar at the NTCA Ground.

## **Bus leaves:**

Scamander 7.15 am, St Marys 7.30 am, Fingal 7.45 am.

We will be holding a function on Saturday 26th June at the St Marys Hotel with Ray Singline and the Trawl Dogs donating their time for the boys. Hope to see you all there as this is for a good cause.

## **Soccer Field Day St Marys v St Helens Saturday 22nd May '04 St Marys District High School**

We shall be having a Junior Soccer field day this Saturday 22nd May at the St Marys District High School sports oval at 11.00 am. We are hoping that all the young soccer players in the area will come along and play. There will also be a **Senior game at approx 12.30 pm.**

We shall be selling shin pads at cost price. It is recommended all players wear shin protection, as it is easy to get accidentally kicked in the shin playing soccer. Shin pad prices start at \$7.00.

The St Marys Supporters Club will be running a trade table selling hot soup, drinks and other goodies. Any donation of fruit, biscuits etc would be appreciated by the trade table. Remember to bring along some pocket money.

Thanks to all who have returned their registration forms. Registration is well up on last year and there is great enthusiasm for the game at all levels of the club.

Players can register on Saturday at the trade table but no later than Saturday please.

Registration prices: Adult \$20, Juniors \$15, 2+ Juniors \$30, non playing members \$5.

Look forward to seeing you all Saturday.  
Jack Foreman 6272 2034



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## **Live Music**

For those of you who didn't come to check out the Detonators on Saturday night, bad luck, you missed out on a good night. You may not have heard of some of these bands before we have them at the pub, but dare to be different, expand your music horizons but beware, you might even enjoy the experience. We have a varied diet of music here, so come along and sample some of it.

Saturday 29th May Ray Byrne from the Mallee Roots Band.

Saturday 19th June: Stevie Page Winter Solstice night. Touring muso from Melbourne and the girl sure can play and sing.

Saturday 26th June: Ray Singline and the Trawl Dogs. Come and see the local legends and a good cause for the Under 16's fundraiser gig.

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## **8 Ball Competition**

St Marys Pub team played last years grand final winners the RSL Vets last Friday and it came down to the last ball on the last game. All our team played well and it was good to have a close game, we almost got there, so lookout! We play Scamander Complex this Friday at St Marys, should also be a good game as we are hungry for a win. If you are keen, come on down for a game or just support our team.

*8 ball - the thinking persons ball game!*