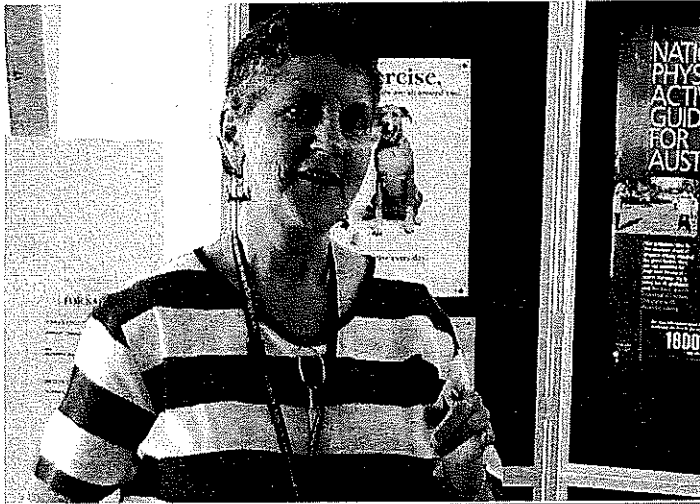


THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Photos taken on Bloomin' Old (er) Day last week



Marguerite, the 'Master of the Day'

See story inside about all the activities going on at last week's Bloomin' Old.. (er) Day. It sounds like everyone had a great time, and the weather was excellent.

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Ken Anderson on Ambulance call



Kite making on Bloomin' Old (er) Day. Names not supplied.

**Deadline for articles to be included in the next
Valley Voice is 5pm Tuesday September 27, 2005.**

Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Make a quilt! Choose from 4 patchwork blocks to create a unique quilt in any size you like, from cot quilt to double bed. Fortnightly, starting Wed., 14th September, 1-3 pm. Cost: \$10 per session, inc. tutoring, tea and coffee. For enrolments & materials list, see **Rita @ Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery**, 37 Main St., St. Marys (phone 0409 289 997)

L'il Miss Rustic – stitch an adorable country style bear complete with pretty dress and accessories. One day workshop on Saturday, 29th October, 10 – 4. Cost: \$22 + shared lunch, includes kit (members \$20); to be confirmed. Tutor: Bronwyn Fidler. To book, please ring Rita on 0409 289 997 or call in @ **Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery**, 37 Main St., St. Marys.

Scrapbooking – celebrate your life, your family, your special occasions! Cut, paste and create while sharing ideas and tips. Group meets every third Saturday; next session is 17th September, 12 – 4 pm. Cost: \$5 + shared lunch. Join us @ **Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery**, 37 Main St., St. Marys (ph: 0409 289 997).

The Golden Gate Gallery is looking for people to have a stall at their **Market Day 22nd October**.

\$5 if you bring your own table
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Stall holders receive free tea/coffee during the day.

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Please phone the Gallery on:

6377 1170 for more details.

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On Friday September 30th the St Marys Sports Centre is holding a night for Bob Hersey and Charlie Cormack, who are leaving to return to W.A., after several years with us. We would encourage anyone who wishes, to pop in on the night to wish them well.

Community news cont'd

Break O'Day Stitchers are having a **Friendship Day** on the 7th of **October**, at the **St Helens Neighbourhood House Bungalow**, 27 Circassian St, **between 10.30am - 3pm**. \$10 entry includes, morning tea, lunch, served by the Neighbourhood House, lucky door, on the spot prizes and a raffle.

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North East Bioregional Network:

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1. The design must be on A4 paper.
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63761355 (w)

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Jo on 63762166

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Doing it by Blooming Numbers.

Did you notice the big numbers and luminous arrows around the town last week?

Blooming Old..(er) Day was held on Thursday 9th September to create awareness in our community of the opportunities for old..er people to remain active both mentally and physically.

And what a blooming good time was had by all. Kites, manufactured by very enthusiastic young people under the supervision of the Day Centre Diversional Therapist, Hayley Gilbert and her volunteers, flew high over the Health Centre. Very invigorating, particularly when the wind got up in the afternoon.

It was wonderful to have a blend of young and old..er folk having fun.

The Home and Community Care Bus driven by Volunteer Coordinator Dave Mallett roamed the town picking up and dropping participants at locations where activities were happening: ie, where the big numbers were!

Participants discovered beautiful tulips blooming at the Community Garden at the school. Ross Quinn was ready to boil the kettle and fire the barbie while enthusing about the newly planted fruit trees, the great soil and the new shoots of the raspberry canes.

Over the road some golfing ladies chipped and putted on the practice green providing an enjoyable opportunity for curious participants to check out the art and science of 'the game.'

Frances Armson was available at the "Pidgeon Loft" to show and tell about her fitness equipment and discuss personalised training programmes. We all know that if you don't use it you loose it, and Frances was keen to promote her newly purchased Pedometer. The Pedometer records steps, distance and calories, providing a record of how well you are maintaining a daily physical activity level. The Pedometers are available via St Marys Community Health Centre.

Quinns Garage provided the backdrop for Eo Greensticks to create a beautiful wooden framework for a community weaving project which has commenced and will be ongoing. Opportunities abound for creative endeavours in 'The Garage.'

Up around the corner some very enthusiastic participants stitched individual wall hangings provided by Rita Summers at a nominal cost. Rita coached and mentored and the finished hangings are a credit to all.

Up the hill at the Online Centre Greg Cruse and a band of volunteers provided the opportunity to learn computer basics, check out the internet and trouble shoot mysterious computer glitches.

Back down the hill at Health and Beauty the pharmacists from Targetts were on hand to answer queries on drug interactions, preventative health issues and give

We enjoyed seeing Mathew and Wan Sin at the Health Centre at lunch time where delicious soup and rolls were enjoyed by all.

The Day Centre and surrounds were jumping with fun and music. The ever enthusiastic Valley Coaster Line Dancers entertained us with their usual high standard of performance. A wonderful example of people who are remaining active while providing a community service all over the state. One happy member took home the lucky door prize.

The Line Dancers were quick to join the group to learn some basic belly dancing moves with Kelana Paru Gypsy Dancers. Maggie is an enthusiastic teacher of this ancient graceful art form.

In the Day Centre the Probus Club mounted a very professional display including video footage of their regular state wide outings. Members enthused enquirers with their sense of fun and adventure.

Our local Lions President Ruth McGiveron, took the opportunity to promote Lions and their many worthwhile community activities.

Renee came through from Launceston to give participants the chance to find out more about Red Cross Mates Volunteer Programme. The programme has active members in our local community and is always keen to find new volunteers. Meals On Wheels are also always looking for volunteers and provided information about the service.

Our photo competition of Seniors Behaving Actively, yielded some great photos. Participants from Family Based Care, Fingal, and Day Centre, St Marys, went away happy as some members won a prize or two. The winning photos will be displayed at the Day Centre for another week. Check them out, they're fun. A heartfelt thank you to our great Health Centre team who have done it again.

Thank you to our community members for joining a great day of fun, activity and discovery.

Especially thank you to all those volunteers, coordinators and enthusiasts who made the activities happen.

Blooming good effort all round.



Line dancers and belly dancers, on Bloomin' Old..(er) day.

CORNWALL NEWS: *by Jim Haas.*

**"OLD CORNWALL BOY"
TO PAY US A VISIT.**

Tomorrow, Friday the 16th Sept. at 11.00am, David Llewellyn, M.H.A. Deputy Premier, Minister for Health, Police and Community Services, is scheduled to visit his old home town, Cornwall, to present the Cornwall Community Development Group with a cheque, which will complete the purchase of the plaques for the Coalminer's Heritage Wall.

David shares our interest in preserving coalmining heritage. Given his mother was a Haas, his ancestors both Llewellyn and Haas have played a significant roll in the history of our community and the coal industry.

Indeed, we believe Jahastan (James) Haas, who was responsible for the St.Marys Haas's, was amongst the first employed in the coal industry back in 1896, only a year after he arrived from Germany.

Anyone who would like to meet David tomorrow is welcome to attend.

**ST MARYS CHILD CARE
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St Marys Child Care Centre will be opening on Wednesday the 21st of September, 2005.

**An 'Open Playgroup' will be held on
Tuesday 20th September, 2005
from 10.00am – 11.30am.**

Please come along and meet St Marys Child Care Centre staff Ruth and Jackie, and Northern Children's Network staff, Jann, Coral and Sarah.

**The Centre will be open :
8.00am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.**

Fees are set until 31st of December, 2005, at \$30.00 for a full day. Child Care Benefit does apply, which may reduce these fees.

For bookings or an enrolment package including CCB information please contact:

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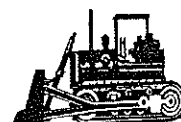
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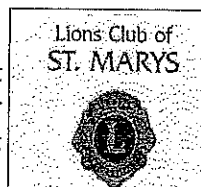
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Lions Club of St Marys news

The Lions Club of St Marys wishes to thank Mitre 10 at St Helens for their donation towards our smoke detector program. This special program has been so successful, that other Lion's Clubs around Australia have adopted it.



Results of the Father's Day raffle:

1st prize: Load of wood.	Winner: David Blanch
2nd prize: \$50 of petrol.	Winner: John Miles
3rd prize: 2x Halogen work lights.	Winner: Ros. Smith

Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing tickets, and to Dana and Craig for the wood and Grant for the fuel voucher.

Spectacle collection

Do you have 'no longer required' spectacles?

If so, then please drop them into the collection box at the St Marys Post Office. They will be recycled and sent to those in need in under - developed countries. This is a very worthwhile project, so please seek out those unwanted glasses.

Any queries please phone **Ruth** on 6372 2231.

R. McGiveron.

President.

Senate asked to support Millennium Development Goals

Senator Guy Barnett has been joined by colleagues from both sides of politics to urge Senate support for Australia's commitment to the Millennium Goals, aimed at halving world poverty.

Senators Barnett (Lib, Tasmania), Grant Chapman (Lib, South Australia), Helen Polley (Lab, Tasmania), and Ursula Stephens (Lab, NSW) co-signed a Notice of Motion, urging the Senate to support the Millennium Development Goals as agreed by the Australian Government and other governments.

Many of the goals are set to be achieved by 2015 and include halving world poverty, reducing child mortality by two thirds, halting and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS and malaria and other diseases, and supporting fairer international trade.

Senator Barnett said two thirds of the world's poor are located in Australia's region, and according to the World Bank 712 million people in Asia and 314 million in Africa live on less than US\$1 per day.

"I believe that in the spirit of our Government's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, we as a nation could consider a substantial increase to our overseas aid budget. I invite Australians to debate whether the overseas aid equivalent of two loaves of bread per week, would be a reasonable scenario in the years ahead," Senator Barnett said.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by *Jim Haas*



Last issue of Valley Voice I wrote about George Oliver and his contribution to golf and bowls in St.Marys and whilst the formation and continuation of these sports in our town has been the result of efforts from many people the name Jim Brennan should not be forgotten by the Sport's Centre, or indeed, the Coal Industry.

James (Jim) Brennan came to Cornwall in 1958, from Cessnock in New South Wales, with his wife Ivy, and two daughters, Sandra and Sonia, to take up the position as Under Manager at the Cornwall Mine.

Knowing the then Superintendent, John (Ding) McGeachie, was about to return to New South Wales, Jim studied intensively and gained his mine management ticket; the first person to do so in Tasmania. Jim succeeded Mr.McGeachie as superintendent of Cornwall Coal Co. in 1959 and led the Company through what was to be, the most difficult period of its one hundred and nineteen year history.

Almost immediately after Jim took over the reins at Cornwall, the Company faced fierce competition from falling oil prices as customer after customer turned from coal to oil and Jim had to oversee the thankless task of retrenching men, most of whom knew nothing else except coalmining.

By 1964, Cornwall was left with only one major customer, Australian News Print Mills at Boyer, and in February that year the mine at Cornwall was closed. With only a quarter of its work force left, all mining operations were moved to the more efficient Duncan mine at Fingal.

Things only got worse for Jim and his men in the next few years. More retrenchments, and a mood of uncertainty hung over the industry, and in 1967 sales had dwindled to only 55,000 tonnes, the lowest in thirty years.

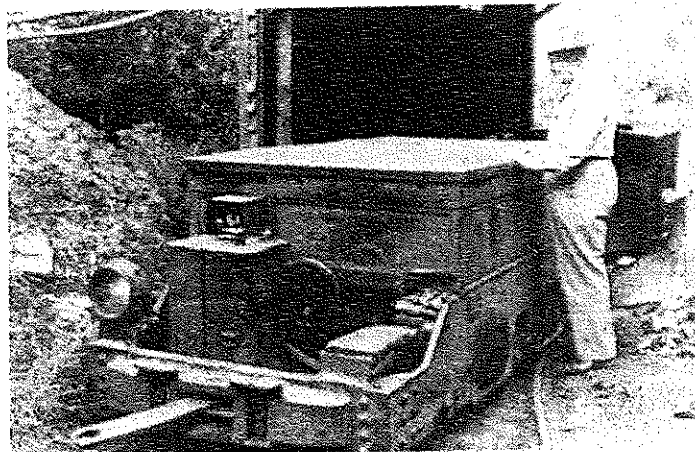
But Jim was able to run the Duncan mine efficiently enough to hold on to A.N.M. and prevent the coal industry from folding altogether. When oil prices began to rise in the early seventies, Cornwall was able to meet the demands of industries switching back to coal. By 1975 the coal industry was up and running again. Men were being rehired, production had exceeded 100,000 tonnes and by 1983, reached 300,000.

But it wasn't all beer and skittles for the industry, because February 1977 saw its worst ever accident when at Duncan a gas explosion took the lives of three miners and injured three more. This tragedy was traumatic for Jim, his men, and indeed the whole Fingal Valley community.

Jim's major project before retiring in 1978 was to supervise the infrastructure to reopen the old Cornwall mine, two kilometers west of its original site. This mine, eventually called Blackwood, began serious production in 1980. But Jim wasn't far away to see the first of the coal carted from his beloved Blackwood because unlike most mainlanders who came and went in the Tasmanian Coal Industry, Jim retired at Cornwall and died there in 1981.

Jim was a wonderful boss, and his management skills in keeping the coal industry alive in those difficult times were second to none. Outside of work Jim was one of the boys, always ready for a beer, a joke, a game of golf or bowls, and his part in seeing the St.Marys Sport's Centre rise from a room in an old show pavilion to what we have now, and to play a vital roll in building a golf course and bowls green for every member of the community, gives him a top spot in our heritage.

I am always uplifted when I remember Jim Brennan. He was a special bloke. His contribution to his family, the coal industry, and the St.Marys community, should be set in stone and displayed as an example for all who follow.



Photos courtesy of Mr Brennan's Daughter, Sandra Aulich

The Say by Cagerattler 'Sing a different tune'

There's all sorts of new ways our education system is heading, not least the Essential Learnings methodology.

It would be unfair to prejudge this way of looking at education these days, so I expect it's here to stay. Back in our day you were taught, assessed and marked on results. There was also no bridging, or special learning programs in those days either. Basically, you either passed or failed. That was it. We didn't have work experience either, or mock interviews. Just a careers trip to Launceston in Grade 10, for two days.

How things have changed, and one of those changes, which is an absolute highlight at our local school, is the encouragement to pursue the performing arts.

I hark back to our time, and music basically consisted of a couple of acoustic guitars, some recorders, triangles and a drum kit. No-one was really interested, and nothing much came of musical performances.

Likewise, the very occasional drama night was the extent of our acting classes, and the primary section held an Annual Fancy Dress Ball. Apart from curricular activities, sport was all that took place. Quite simply priorities were different then.

What has taken place in the last two decades in the performing arts is incredible.

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This year the Arts on Tour crew achieved high accolades for every single show they performed, and all who saw their last performance right here in the local community, should agree that the show was fantastic.

The Rock Challenge Band also did extremely well again, just missing a finals berth against much bigger schools. The visiting Taikyo Drummers earlier this year were also thrilled with the standard of our own school percussion band, not to mention their good behaviour, and eagerness to learn from the professionals.

The school's methods of teaching, may have changed dramatically from what we are accustomed to, but in many ways, today's students are being encouraged to learn new skills, that can only be good for their future.

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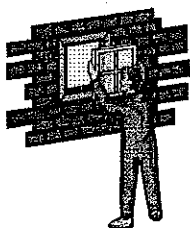
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Police report

'School's back'

This is a reminder to all motorists that school recommences on the 19th September, 2005. Please be aware that some children may be less cautious riding or walking to school after several weeks of holidays.

School zones have a speed of 40km/h during school times, and when buses have the orange flashing lights activated on the highway, motorists HAVE to slow to 40km/h when passing.

Several school children have been killed in Tasmania this year, both in townships and on the highways, so this is a reminder for all to be vigilant.

On another matter, a written complaint has been received of trail bikes being ridden around the St Marys township. The main areas of use are at the end of Clive Street, Frederick Street, Gardiners Creek Road and Newman Street, in bush areas.

It is an offence for any trail bike or recreational vehicle to be used within 500 metres of a domestic dwelling (Regulation 15 of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004.)

In most cases these bikes are unregistered and are being ridden from the owners homes, to bush areas, on public streets. This is an offence, regardless of age of the rider, and the owner of the trail bike, or parent of a child, can be prosecuted for permitting an unregistered, uninsured bike to be on the street.

The complaints are mainly about the noise these bikes make, and at times of a weekend when most people are trying to enjoy their leisure time and want some peace and quiet.

Permission must also be obtained to be on any land, and in some instances bikes are being ridden regardless of the noise problem, without the permission of the land owner.

If you are one of the persons involved with the riding of these trail bikes, or a parent of a teenager allowing them to do so, I suggest it desist, as passing attention will be given by police to these areas, and any further complaints acted upon.

The valley has been extremely quiet in regard to criminal activity, with only one report received of a stereo system stolen from a motor vehicle parked in a bush location worksite.

Sergeant Mike DAVIS
St Marys Police.

Around Australia in 48 days continued

Day 21

We left at 7.50am heading west back to the Great Northern Highway for a petrol stop and cuppa, at Nanutarra Roadhouse, before heading south for Carnarvon. There was a change of scenery again and we were lucky, as it was the famed wild flower time in the west. If you have not seen these it is hard to describe. Miles and miles of wild flowers, all different colours, and they seem to cover every square inch of ground. This was the scene all the way down the coast.

The road was now endless, miles of straight black tar, then a slight rise and more miles of black tar. I am not kidding when I say this was hundreds of miles and we were inland too far to see the rugged coastline. We arrived at Carnarvon at 3.30pm. If my memory is correct they have a 2 mile jetty here and the wind is so strong the trees in the street lean over at about 40 degrees.

684 kms

Day 22

We left at 7.50am and headed south, then turned west to Monkey Mia. This is where twice daily a boat goes out in the ocean and the dolphins follow it back into shore. The public are able to swim with and feed the dolphins. They also now charge an entry fee to enter. We were there five hours and no dolphins appeared. This was another disappointment. At Tin Can Bay in Queensland the dolphins come to shore and you feed them 'for free'.

We paddled in the ocean as it was the most western side of Australia. It was a 260 km round trip into this center, off the highway. Because we wasted so much time here we then had to race against the dark closing in, as Geraldton was still some 278 km south.

On the way south we turned into a coastal resort called Kalbarri. This is your typical resort, but still very country, however from the buildings being erected I would say it would become very yuppie. We arrived at Geraldton at 8.30pm. This is a beautiful town and has a cathedral even Adelaide (the city of churches) would envy. The town is quite large and seemed alive 24hrs a day. It boasts a mall in the main shopping area as well.

942 kms

Day 23

We had a good look around Geraldton before we left at 11.30am. We were now on the Brand Highway heading for Perth. All through this area there are small towns and lots of lovely farms, with green everywhere you looked, and plenty of livestock. Very much like some parts of the country around Pyengana.

This section of our travels was in terrible weather. Rain so heavy you had a job to see. Not the best approach to a city you're not familiar with. We arrived at my daughter Deborah's in Perth at 4.30pm. Here we are having a well deserved few days spell.

We will do small trips to various places of interest surrounding Perth.

422 km

Day 24

Our first trip was south to Fremantle, to view all the yachts and walk around this interesting old town. I found this the only real part of Perth that old buildings remain.

We went on the Tonkin Highway to Fremantle and returned via the coast. Here we viewed "Bondies Building" that was built for the America's Cup challenge. This is a very rich high-rise section of the coast.

Then it was a visit to Hillaries Wharf, an under-water world, and well worth it. There is also a boardwalk café / hotel there. Then back to Perth.

246 km

Day 25

Today we borrowed Deborah's car and headed north to a little town of old world style called York. It was time my car had a spell and a service.

We journeyed through bush land quite a bit on this trip and then it opened out to farming. York reminds me of a small English town, and here there is a Motor Museum that any car lover would die for. The roads are reasonably narrow and winding. York is about halfway to the famous Wave Rock.

219kms

Day 26

This was our day to wander around the city. There is a small laneway called London Court. This is a typical English lane, full of shops, and has an English flair, and the entrance to the lane is flanked by statues of Beefeaters. At this time the Bond Building and offices was the largest building in Perth city.

It is a beautiful city, sprawling on both sides of the Swan River. It is certainly a very flat city, right out into the suburbs. The beaches are easily accessible, and very popular most of the year. Sailing is another love on this west coast.

There is a hill on the west side of the city (Kings Park) where all visitors can go to get a birds eye view of the city of Perth. This is a great view, particularly at night.

Day 27

This was market day, and the market we went to was in the western suburbs. It was very much like any other market, but probably on a larger scale.

We took in a tour of the suburbs and visited the then new Casino. It was good to have a spell from traveling and catch up on all the mundane jobs, before heading out on the road again. It gave me time, after getting my car serviced, to check everything for the last half of our trip.

We went out for a family tea with my daughter Deborah and her family, and my two nieces and their families, to say thank you and goodbye. By this time one bag each had become two bags each for my traveling companions. *Con't next issue*

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RENOVATION UPDATE...

At present the builders are doing a fantastic job and we are just about on track. It is hoped that we will have the beds operational again by the end of September. The official opening of the renovations is hoped for late October early November.

Thank you to all of you in the community for your continuing support during this time.

Staff and Management ☺

SPRING FAIR

After much discussion it has been decided that the St Marys Community Health Centre will not be hosting a St Marys Spring Fair this year due to the continuing renovations at the Centre.



We aim to have a bigger and better Spring Fair next year. We will also be organising a Spring Fair Committee for 2006. If you are interested please phone 6372 2111 and leave your details with Hayley Gilbert.

ST MARYS CHC MANAGER

On Friday 16th September Johanna Gatehouse finishes up as our Acting Manager of the Centre. We wish Johanna and Ashley all the best in the future and thank her for her time here at the St Marys Community Health Centre.



'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 16 Sept **CPR Training for CHC Staff** with Roxy Cowie, St John Ambulance Trainer @ 2:00pm at the Centre
- 16 Sept **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.
- 16 Sept **Physiotherapist** at the Centre
- 19 Sept **TLC Meeting** at 10am
- 20 Sept **Tai Chi with Dawn Denholm** in the Day Room. 11am-12noon, \$5.00hr Beginners welcome.
- 21 Sept **Alcoholics Anon (AA)**. Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 22 Sept **CPR Training for CHC Staff** with Roxy Cowie, St John Ambulance Trainer @ Centre. Please check staff notice board for times.
- 23 Sept **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.
- 23 Sept **Physiotherapist** at the Centre
- 27 Sept **Tai Chi with Dawn Denholm** in the Day Room. 11am-12noon, \$5.00hr Beginners welcome.
- 27 Sept **Child Health Session** with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appointments available by phoning 0428 136 381
- 30 Sept **Physiotherapist** at the Centre
- 28 Sept **Anglicare Financial Counselling**

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Information on this page was submitted by:

St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek, Road, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215

Farewell Heather, Welcome Anna!

If you have been into the Commonwealth Bank at St Marys lately you would have already met our new staff member Anna Bourke.

For those who haven't already met her, Anna hails from Four Mile Creek, and prior to working with the CBA, was working in hotel management, and brings a vibrant and efficient work ethic with her.

Anna is looking forward to meeting everybody in the area, so come in and say hi.

Anna has come to CBA to try to fill the shoes of our much loved Heather Dabner who, on the 31st of August, retired after 14 years with the bank.

For those many customers and local residents who knew Heather, we will miss her smiling face, eagerness to assist, and friendly disposition.

Thank you Heather, for the many years of memories, stories and blunders!

And welcome Anna.

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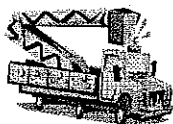
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Many thanks for the lovely cards, letters and phone calls to Leith Gatty in Adelaide. He has had a triple by-pass, and an aortic valve replacement.

He was very sick, and given a small chance of survival. Your well wishes from home certainly boosted his spirits.

He is now on the long road to recovery, under-going comprehensive rehabilitation at:

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Amanda and Marino

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Sept	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 19th	Annette Davey	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 20th	Hannah Rubenach	Debbie Speers (W)
Wed 21st	Pam Lynch	Tom Brady
Thur 22nd	D & V Rice	Lynda Bean
Fri 23rd	Mary Viney	Malcolm Saunders
Mon 26th	Trish Pike	Debra Speers (W)
Tues 27th	Leith Gatty	June Hall
Wed 28th	B & B McAllister	Susan Woods
Thur 29th	Yvonne Salter	Prev Mills
Fri 30th	Pauline Berwick	Shirleen Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Ph: 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 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8 am

Fingal 10 am

Mathinna 2nd & 4th

Sunday monthly at 11.30am

Daily Office Reading

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St Helens 9.00 am

Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10 am

Divine Service 11 am

Letter to the Editor

Over the past year or so our community has been rather divided due to the South Sister debate.

The argument between conservationist and pro-loggers has at times been quite heated to say the least, but rightly or wrongly a small group in our town has shown a fighting spirit equal to none.

A numbers of members of that group are now initiating another fight; this time to protest against big companies who want to change the face of our valley by turning valuable farmland into plantations that will, I believe, not only sap up a large percentage of our water and devalue our real estate, but has the potential to have major long term effects on our health and wipe out most of our wildlife.

The sad part at the moment, as I see it, is whilst the majority of the community are saying, "Oh Dear, we can't let that happen," very few are prepared to put their hand up and fight against this threat to our health, life style and heritage.

Is it because we don't want to associate ourselves with 'Greenies'? Are we scared of these Big Brother corporations who only see things on a computer screen in some big city? Or don't we care about our children's health or the lack of local employment these plantations will bring? Don't we think that spraying chemicals within a couple of kilometers of town, that some of it will not drift on to our school, hospital and play areas?

This is a completely different kettle of fish from South Sister. There are no local jobs or industry at risk here. Indeed the adverse effect of plantations, I'm sure, will be lack of local jobs in the long term. Because once these plantations are formed by outside contractors it is a matter of sitting back for fifteen or twenty years and watching them grow. Then it will be outside contractors who will come in with their huge machines to do the harvesting.

Turning good farmland into plantations is a major change to our valley. We need to bury hatchets, shake hands, push divisions to one side, and stand united, to give these faceless corporate heavies and governments a message. That we have been here for two hundred years and we should have a say in anything that will change the face of our environment and has the potential to endanger our heritage as well as health and wellbeing.

So come on people of the Beak O' Day Plains. We must stand together in this fight for our wellbeing. We must sign the petitions, attend the meetings, and lobby our Pollies. Because once you see the bulldozers on the edge of town, notice our wildlife disappearing, and hear the chop, chop, chop, of the helicopter blades, it will be too late.

Jim Haas, Cornwall.



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We offer an outlet for local artists and craft people to sell their work. We are looking for high quality art and craft and interesting items to sell on commission basis through our Gallery.

Community artspace at the garage

The garage is beginning its transformation from auto-electrical workshop to artspace and youth annexe. The concrete has been pressure cleaned, the power almost turned on, business plans in progress and inquiries being made into possible funding and assistance, including materials and labour to install a 10m x 6m wooden dance floor

Once the 'change of use' has been finalised, I hope to begin holding workshops, showing films, and having drop-in hours for the youth annexe.

So far drawing, felting, painting, bush furniture making, sewing, singing, dance and puppetry are possibilities (not all at once!)

If there is something that you can share, please drop in at the garage and tell me. So far a few films have been requested, so I will look for chairs.... donations of floor coverings, curtains, chairs or soft furnishings would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to get involved in setting up the space, suggestions and practical help would be timely!

Invitations go out to artists who would like to join the Artists Co-op. Please feel free to come have a look - see the masks from winter solstice, do a little bit on the 'Bush loom - web of life' installation which was started on the Bloomin' old(er) day as an ongoing experimental project in 'weaving' as life.... Should even be able to offer you a cup of tea before too long if all goes well!

Eó Greensticks

Northern Tasmanian Development

Mayor of Break O'Day Council, Stephen Salter, has welcomed Council's decision to fully support the NTD Shareholders Agreement which was passed at Monday's Council meeting.

Mayor Salter said if supported by the other councils it would be a benefit not only for the Northern Region, but also for the smaller councils who may gain a greater opportunity to attract substantial federal funding with support of the regional body.

The fact that the new governance structure has been supported, ensures that local government and business interests would align with the whole region as a number one priority.

Mayor Salter said that it was his belief that whatever was achieved for the region would have a flow on effect, and would benefit not only the 8 municipal bodies which is the composition of the NTD, but the whole State of Tasmania.



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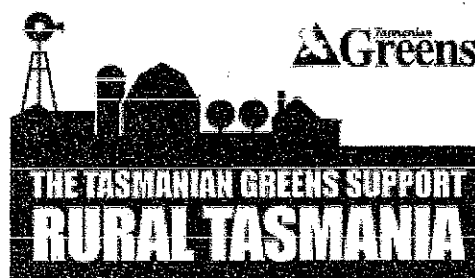
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St Marys Netball Club News

Presentation Night Report

A fabulous night was had by all at the recent Presentation night held at the Sports Centre.

There was more food than you could jump over, the DJ got everyone up and dancing and the bar staff did a fabulous job keeping up with the thirsty crowd.

Awards were presented to the following:

Division 1

Best & Fairest – **Melissa Bishop**
Runner up – **Rebecca Tuck**
Most Consistent – **Alira "AJ" Aulich**
Most Valuable – **Kylie Rigby**

Division 2

Best & Fairest – **Danielle Williams**
Runner up – **Rebecca Holmes**
Most Improved – **Dianna Nixon**
Best Club-person – **Alice Cornelius**

Special "Thank-you" award to **Alex Veldums** for her help and assistance

Selina Panoff also received a "thank you" award for her help in umpiring numerous games throughout the season.

Division 3

Coach's award – **Allie Spilsbury**
Player's Player – **Selina Panoff**
Most Improved – **Indie Douglas**

The remaining Division 3 girls also received a certificate acknowledging their contribution to the outstanding success of this team.

(minor & major premiers)

Congratulations, not only to the award winners, but to all the girls who played for St Marys this year.

Special thanks to all who donated trophies – your support is sincerely appreciated.

Thanks also to all those that helped with setting and cleaning up. A typical St Marys effort.

Book launch

Yet again we see what amazingly talented people we have in our area. The launch of Joanna Stronach's new book 'Solo the Seahorse', held at the e.ScApe Café on Monday the 12th of September was an interesting and informative event.

What a great experience, especially for our children, to meet a real author / illustrator, and hear a first hand account of the processes involved in getting a book into print.

Joanna chatted, answered questions, and did a short reading. She also gave those in attendance a look at her beautiful watercolour paintings, which were used as illustrations for her book.

Congratulations to Joanna on the release of your new book, and thank you for sharing it with us.

Also thank you to e.ScApe for hosting this event.

Tendjewberrymud?????????

The following is a telephone conversation between an hotel guest and room service, at an hotel in Asia, which was recorded, and published in the Far East Economic Review...

Read it aloud for the best results. But be warned... you may be talking 'funny' for quite a while.

Room Service (RS) "Morny. Ruin sorbees."

Guest (G) "Sorry, I thought I dialled room-service."

RS: "Rye.. Ruin sorbees. .morny! Djewish to odor sunteen?"

G: Uh.. yes.. I'd like some bacon and eggs."

RS: "Ow july den?"

G: "What?"

RS: "Ow july den?...pry, boy, pooch?"

G: "Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry, scrambled please."

RS: "Ow july dee baycem...crease?"

G: "Crisp will be fine."

RS: "Hokay. An san tos?"

G: "What?"

RS: "San tos. July san tos?"

G: "I don't think so."

RS: "No? Judo one toes?"

G: "I feel really bad about this, but I don't know what 'judo one toes' means."

RS: "Toes!Toes!.. Why djew don juan toes? Ow bow singlish moppin we bother?"

G: "English muffin! I've got it!! You were saying toast! Fine. Yes, an English muffin will be fine."

RS: "we bother?"

G: "No, just put the bother on the side."

RS: "Wad?"

G: "I mean butter.. just put it on the side."

RS: "Copy?"

G: "Sorry?"

RS: "Copy.. tea.. mill?"

G: "Yes, coffee please, and that's all."

RS: "One minnie. Ass ruin torino fee, strangle ache, crease baychem, tossy singlish mopping we bother honey sigh, an copy...rye?"

G: "Whatever you say."

RS: "Tendjewberrymud."

G: "You're welcome."

St Marys Sports Centre news

Due to our commitments to Malahide's tournament, and the new Scamaryhide Cup event, also at Malahide, there hasn't been a lot of competition golf on the past two weekends. However there has still been plenty happening. First of all to Kodie Donald who won the junior nett event at Malahide. Well done, Kodie.

Last weekend we had 5 teams taking part at Malahide, which led to St Marys scoring the most points in the first leg of this three way event.

Chris Davern, Craig Mitchell, John Cox and Bobby Harwood were the runner-up Ambrose team for the day for St Marys. Great effort everyone.

Finally after a 3 week break, this weekend, 17th and 18th September, 10.30am, Saturday, we can complete this year's club championships. If you can't make your allotted time on the notice board, please notify us so we can reschedule a better time for you, so competition is possible.

We want as many as possible to complete the event, especially with the 3rd round combining with this year's Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy. Thanks to Dale and Marilyn Ridgers. The 4th round combines with the Hobart House of Golf event.

Just remember that the House of Golf will be setting up for a big part of the day in the clubhouse, so if you want anything, come along and check out the gear.

In the Championships, Dale Ridgers leads by 3 shots from Jack Viney in A Grade. Mark Birch has a 7 shot lead in B Grade from Richard Davies, and Kodie Donald has a similar lead in C Grade over Barry Harrison and Col Payne.

Don't forget even if you're not in the championships we'd love to see you compete in the Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy and House of Golf Day, to support these great events.

On Saturday September 24th, we are holding an 'AFL Brekky' and Golf Comp, with heaps of fun planned. Let's support this day. Check at the clubhouse for entry details and don't be bashful, even if you are not a Greg Norman or Tiger Woods.

Don't forget Oct. 1st and 2nd is the men's Foursomes Championships, with an entry sheet now on the main board.

The bowls season is just around the corner, and practice commences this week, weather permitting. Mark and Jack welcome all new and prospective bowlers, to come along and have a roll, even though our opening day is still about 5 weeks away.

Our thanks go to the St Marys Netball teams for using the club as the venue for their Presentation Dinner last week. Everyone who attended had a fabulous time, evidenced by the comments of the patrons. The Sports Centre wishes to congratulate all the Netball teams for doing really well in the finals, highlighted by a Div. 3 Premiership.

Whilst on premierships, great effort by our Eightball team, who won back to back championships last week in a great final. We're very proud of you.

On Friday September 30th, we are holding a night for our friends Bob Hersey and Charlie Cormack, who are sadly leaving to return to W.A., after several years with us. Both have been great supporters of our club, and we encourage everyone to pop in on the night to wish them well.

We also wish little Jacob Viney well. He isn't feeling the best at the moment. He's a great little clobber to us all, and expect he will be terrorising us all again very soon.

The club welcomes back Craig Mitchell as greenkeeper, and know he will do a fantastic job. Thanks to Andrew Webb for your efforts in recent years.

We also welcome Don Gower, our new bar attendant, who has already started, and soon to Col Payne, Mary-Anne Knight and Kristy Harrison, who will work with us to reinvigorate the trade.

Deepest sympathy to the Family of the late Sandra Oliver, from all club members. Sandra was a great lady, and for a while was a keen golfer at our club. We'll miss her.

Until next time good hitting and rolling.



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