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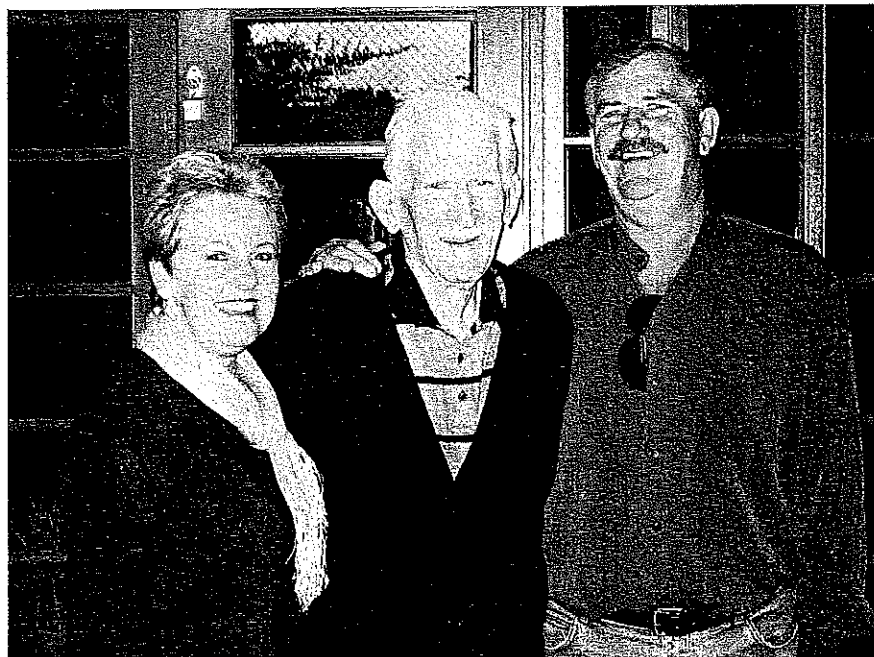
Huge surprise for Leith!

Leith Gatty, pictured right, centre, convalescing in Adelaide after heart surgery and major illness, recently received visitors from home!

Charlie and Bob Hersey dropped in on their way to Western Australia. It was a real treat to have them visit and catch up first hand on the home town news.

Leith is looking forward to returning to St Marys in December.

Amanda Rossi.



Lions Club of St Marys Christmas Party and Parade will be held

Saturday 24th December 2005.

Children's Party 3pm

Santa Arrives 4pm

Christmas Parade 5pm sharp
(assemble in Newman St. by 4.30pm)

Music on Faulkner's Block
with Ray Singline & The Two Horse Johnson,
begins 5.30pm.

Gypsy Rose in St Marys Hotel 8pm.

Free raffle tickets for children's presents as per usual.
Give-aways of sweets, ice-creams & chips.

Dance Prizes -Treasure hunt -

BBQ on sale, Cordial on sale

Fairy Floss -Children's tent -Chocolate wheel.

Join in the fun

Assemble a float - Decorate a bike -

Light up your house.

Prizes for these presented after parade.

Lions Christmas stocking drawn 7pm.



Letters to Santa

Don't forget to get your
children to write a letter to

Santa Claus

These can be posted
in the Post Box provided
at the

St Marys Post Office.

All letters will receive a reply.

Don't forget to put your
name and address on the
letter.

Please note:

Deadline for articles to be included in the
next Valley Voice is 5 pm **Monday**,
December 19, 2005.
Last publication for 2005 is Wednesday,
December 21st.

Community news

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

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets every 4th Saturday at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

North East Bioregional Network
Next meeting, 4pm, Tuesday December 20th at 10 Bowen St St Helens.
(blue fence, op. ambulance station.)

CHANGE OF DATE

It's not back to Cornwall in January, but it is now **Back to Cornwall in February**.

Due to clashing with a number of other events the **Lions Back to Cornwall Day** and opening of the Coalminers Heritage Wall will be on **Saturday the 4th February 2006** from 11.00 am on.

Some five hundred people from all parts of the country are expected to invade the little heritage town. If you have any connection with Cornwall, Coalmining, Heritage or just want to have a good day out, mark this date on your calendar and be part of the big occasion.

Thanks for the Memory held every 3rd Wednesday of the month: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Doherty's Resort Lounge
St Helens

Ph: Mary-Anne 6376 2969

Help make Christmas Eve special again this year.

Get your group together and organise a float for the parade.

Prizes for:

Best house lights

Best floats

Best decorated bikes.

Children's party 3pm

Santa 4pm.

Parade begins 5pm.

Lions Club of St Marys

DATE CHANGE for **Christmas Bear workshop** - the adorable *Li'l Miss Rustic* in Christmas mode! New date is Saturday, 10th December, 10 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$20 (members); \$22 (non-members). Please bring a plate of lunch to share. *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio and Gallery, 37 Main Street, St. Marys (opening hours and activity times on door): phone - 0409 289 997*

Christmas @ Gone Rustic - to celebrate Christmas, the *Rustic Ragamuffins* are meeting at Sharyn's home at Harefield Rd. on 20th December (7 - 9 pm); please bring a Christmas treat to share. The *Make a Quilt* group are also asked to bring a Christmas treat to share on 14th December (1 - 3 pm), and the *Scrapbooking* group on 17th December (12 - 4 pm). For more information, call Rita on 0409 289 997, or drop in to *Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys (opening hours and activity times on door)*.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.
Next meeting is the AGM on January 11th at e.ScApe Café, 6.30pm.

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**Wishing everyone a 'Happy
Xmas and a Merry New Year'
Salon closed for week 26th Dec
Reopen 3rd Jan. (Wed)
Cheers, Lyn.**

Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, located in the Old Tasmanian Hotel Community Centre, Talbot St Fingal. **PH: 6374 2344**

Something new at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.

Judy, will be providing Anti-aging therapy and clinical nutrition.

Ph: Debbie to book on: 6374 2344.

Also on offer by Judy: Natural skin therapy, Reflexology, life-coaching, eating disorders, weigh control, stress management, energy balancing, health and well being. Appointments Thursdays.

Workshops also available.

LOST!!! BIG REWARD

Lost dog, Blue Heeler X, answers to Ralph. Black patch over left eye.

Sunday 5th Dec., Arthur's Lake, Paradise Plains area.

Any information of sightings would be appreciated.

Phone Craig Cox on 0439 722 032

Or Dana on 6372 2033

Lions Club of
ST. MARYS



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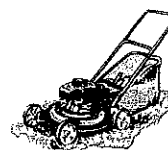
Various widths

\$7.50 to \$10 per metre

Phone Lion John: 6372 2231

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Classifieds

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\$1,400 the lot. **Phone: 6372 2107**

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Mob: 0438 086 467

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Mob: 0419 322 035

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teal with elegant border design: \$250
ono.

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wear) – red with central design and
fringed on 2 sides: \$60.

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condition) – green with lattice
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Yamaha, with trailer. \$1800. ONO.
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TV, DVD player and CD Player
TV – 53cm, Digitor, remote -\$65.
DVD – Celestial, Mp3 compatible,
Kodak picture compatible, remote -
\$35.

CD – Teac, speakers, remote -\$20
ONO.

The lot for \$100!!

Contact Alex on 0400 664 072

Malleys heavy duty washing
machine. Goes well, suit shack.
\$100. ONO. **Ph: 6372 2634 AH**

Single bed. White steel frame with
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included. As new. \$130.

PH: 0418 136 028

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EXERCISE BIKE.

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Freezer. Must be in good condition

PH: Toni Smith 6372 5486 or

Mob: 0419 984 566

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Jack Russell female. Good with
children. **Ph: 6372 2107**

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If your articles are not sold after the first
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issue.

Please inform us if your items are sold.

More items for sale

1 20" girls bike. Great cond. \$30. ono
1 scooter. Great cond. Not used
once. \$30. ono

Ph: Georgina 6372 2164

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\$495. **PH: 0407 042 433 or view at**
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Simpson Microwave (large)
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good condition. What offers?

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OPEN INVITATION

The St Marys District High School
Assoc. would like to invite parents/
guardians of students attending the
school in 2006, to a wine and cheese
evening at the e.ScApe Café Tues
14th Dec at 7.30pm.

If you are curious about the role of
the Assoc. or are thinking about
attending meetings, then come along.

For further information contact:

Secretary Sandra Cook on

6372 3900 (BH)

or 6372 2002 (AH)

Huge Garage Sale

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Garden pots, Computer-windows 98,
Canon scanner, Lexmark colour
printer and games. Heaps & heaps &
heaps of knick knacks.

A little bit of Heritage by Jim Haas

When we reminisce on how our Forefathers tunneled into the Mt. Nicholas Range with only a pick, shovel and a stick of dynamite, we remember a breed of brave men all of whom knew only hard physical work with daylight in winter being only a weekend luxury.

But this unique style of coalmining began to change in 1950 when Cornwall Coal Co. purchased one of the first five Joy Continuous Miners to come to Australia from the United States at a cost of 50,000 pounds; a huge amount at that time.

Ding Mc Geachie, the mine superintendent at the time said: "If we are to compete with the continuing threat of cheaper oil, the whole structure of mining as we know it has to change and mechanisation with machines such as these is our only hope of survival."

The next twenty years proved him right, as the coal industry almost folded in the 1960s.

But in 1950 when the new pre-historic looking machine arrived at Cornwall, the industry was still going strong and despite fears amongst the miners that this steel monster was going to do away with jobs, the mammoth task of taking the machine into the Snake Gully coal seam was achieved, and although pick and shovel contract miners were still used, the Joy Continuous Miner became the major coal producer at Cornwall for the remainder of the Snake Gully seam's life.

Whilst its system of cutting and loading the coal was similar to the modern continuous miners, unlike today's method of transporting the coal from coal face to conveyor belt with electrically powered shuttle cars, Cornwall mine was still bringing the coal to the surface by endless rope pulling small rail trucks called skips. As a result, rails had to be kept laid right up to the machine to allow it to load the coal into the skips, where pit ponies were still used to pull the skips to where they could be coupled to the endless rope which then pulled them to the surface.

But then in February 1964, the decision was made to close Cornwall and move all operations to the more efficient Duncan Mine at Fingal and the Joy Miner, which was now buried some three kilometers under the Mt. Nicholas Range, was a valuable item; she was the last one left of the five originals brought to Australia; the others had either been buried in rock falls or dismantled for spare parts.

Consequently, a mainland company bought the machine, to be transported to Sydney as part of a mining museum. But the question of how to get the machine out from under the mountain proved quite a head ache. However, it was finally decided that the shortest route was to dig her way five hundred metres to the south which would bring her out roughly where Blackwood Colliery is today.

A crew of four men was retained at Cornwall for the task and long time mine deputy, Lindsey Haas, was put in charge of the operation.

It was a tedious operation. As the Miner made her path, the road behind had to be kept clear, so the coal had to be taken back in skips and dumped in every nook and cranny of the mine. But after a couple of months her big teeth finally hit daylight and the great monster emerged from under the mountain into the rain forest, her well worn cutting head feeling the rays of sunlight after fourteen years of darkness.

But the battered and worn old machine had served her time. Like all old miners her days of darkness, coal dust and cursing men driving her to the limits were over; she could relax now in the knowledge that she would be restored, painted, face lifted and be a showpiece for generations to come.

But we too should never forget the old "Dinosaur", because the cost efficiency of mechanisation saved the industry from the cheap oil of the sixties, and has kept the coalmining viable ever since.

Otherwise, it too, would only be a relic like the Joy Miner.



Lindsey Haas admires the 'Joy Miner', after she had dug her way out of the mountain at Cornwall.



St Marys Police report

As the Christmas New Year period is approaching rapidly it is probably time for a gentle reminder of safety on the roads.

This is especially so in this region as there will be a high usage of traffic using the highways to reach holiday resorts and destinations. This increased traffic flow also sees a higher police profile and presence on the roadways, not only by local police, but specialist traffic police from Launceston.

Police over the holiday periods will be concentrating on the non-compliance of drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts, speeding and drink driving. These three factors feature in fatal and serious crashes and all attempts will be made to prevent fatal and serious crashes in our area.

Several Random Breath Testing Operations conducted in our town over the past weeks have caught motorists driving whilst disqualified and exceeding 0.05%. What is the motto? **"DRINK DRIVE – BLOODY IDIOT"**

Why lose your licence for a few beers. Have a designated driver or someone pick you up. In a country area a licence is essential with no public transport, so think before you get behind the wheel.

Also for information, is a new law brought in about 2 months ago concerning drinking alcohol on the streets. If a person is consuming alcohol or has an open container of alcohol on a public street you can be issued with a \$100 on the spot fine. Several have been warned in the past week, so keep the drinking indoors.

NOTE:-

The police station at St Marys will be closed from 12mid on Friday the 23rd December till the 28th December 2005. Please ensure that your licence or registration is paid up prior to the 23rd, if it is due to expire over these dates. Any other matters will be dealt with on the Police 000.

STATION CLOSED & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

23rd December 2005 – Closed from 12 noon.

26th / 27th December 2005 – Public Holidays

2nd January 2006 – Public Holiday

I do hope that everyone has a festive Christmas and New Year, and be safe on our roads.

Sergeant Mike DAVIS
St Marys Police.

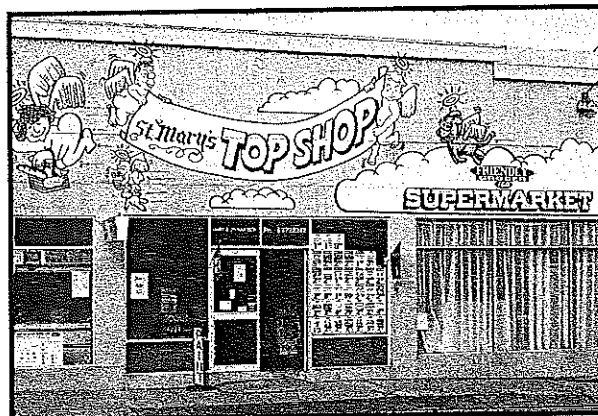
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Australia Day Awards 2006

Nominations are currently being sought for the 2006 Australia Day awards in the following categories:



Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on 26th January 2006.

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years of age on 26th January 2006.

Community Event of the Year

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

Health Initiative Award

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Healthy Community Project

This award is for an initiative that encompasses an approach to health and wellbeing including social, emotional, spiritual as well as physical.

Award for Outstanding Volunteer Effort (Individual)

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

Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement (Organisation)

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

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

Completed forms should be sent to:

Australia Day Awards

Break O'Day Council

PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216

or emailed to:

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*All nominations must be received by 5.00pm
Wednesday 21 December 2005*

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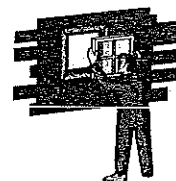
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 12th	Audrey Wright	Sharon Hall
Tues 13th	D & K Floyed	Robyn Holder
Wed 14th	Peter Williams	Susan Woods
Thur 15th	Pat O'Donnell	Lynda Bean
Fri 16th	Geoff Herrmann	Mim Woods
Mon 19th	Trish Pike	Shirley Parker
Tues 20th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 21st	Ruth McGiveron	Christine Woods (P)
Thur 22nd	D & V Rice	Maureen Hall
Fri 23rd	G & M Derbyshire	Robyn Miller

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 5pm

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

Avoca Tuesdays 10 am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10 am

Anglican Parish – St Helens

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St Helens Every Sunday
8 am and 10.30 am

Kanga Sunday School

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St Marys 10 am

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Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens

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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

Tim Morris MHA Member for Lyons



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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARYS



Christmas Mass Times

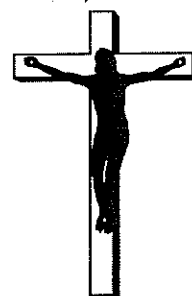
BICHENO Christmas Vigil Mass
Saturday, December 24, 6.30pm

ST HELENS Christmas Vigil Mass
Saturday, December 24, 9.30pm

ST MARYS Christmas Day Mass
Sunday, December 25, 9.00am

Please Note:

1 The normal 5.00pm Sunday Mass at Bicheno WILL NOT be celebrated on Christmas Day.



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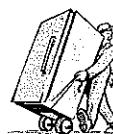
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Break O'Day Council Elections

I would like to thank all electors who voted in the recent Local Government elections, and particularly those who gave me their support.

I am most appreciative of your response, and trust I can represent you effectively.

As the shareholders of our Council, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance, where I will do my very best to help resolve problems and issues.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Councillor John McGiveron.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
January to June, 2006

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information for its 2006 Calendar of Events—January to June, 2006.

If you are holding an event between January and June this year, and would like to advertise your event free of charge on the calendar, please contact: **Chris Hughes** on 6376 7900 or email:

chris.hughes@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 the 16th December, 2005.

Chris Hughes,
Break O'Day Council

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Valley Voice
5th December, 2005

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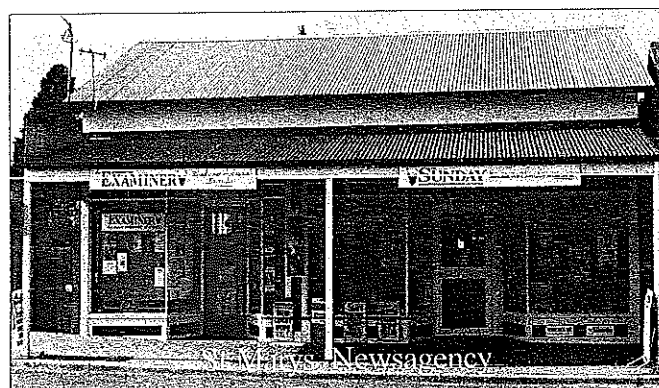
The "Vision Statement" of the Break O' Day Council refers to the community "participating in decision making", and to "promoting communication wherever possible". While Councillors represent all residents in the Municipality, those residents who live in areas in which no Councillor lives in the immediate vicinity may feel that they have no convenient opportunity for face to face discussion with a Councillor.

As one way of overcoming this problem, I shall be a "Councillor in Attendance" at the Neighbourhood House at Fingal every Tuesday, from 13th December, between 10-12, available to receive any concerns, ideas, problems or suggestions from residents, about matters which are relevant to Council operations or policies.

I can also be contacted by telephone (6372 2647), but personal contact is often the preferred option. I hope that the above arrangement may be helpful to those who live in Fingal, Mathinna, Mangana and surrounding properties.

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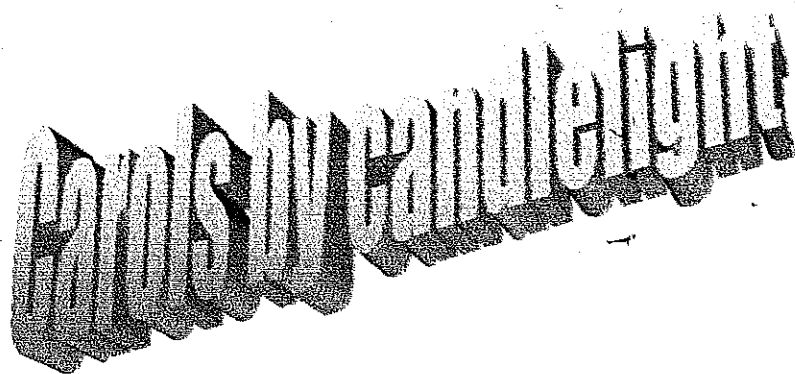
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'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 9 Dec **Physiotherapist** at the Centre
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- 9 Dec **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Holy Trinity
Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please
phone 6372 2725 for further details.
- 10 Dec **Northern Playgroup Association**
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- 13 Dec **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine
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- 13 Dec **Anglicare Counselling** Emma Ryan
1pm-5pm. For appointments please
phone 6333 3012
- 14 Dec **Breast Cancer Group** 2pm at the
CHC.
- 14 Dec **Day Centre Christmas Party.** Please
make sure you have your RSVP in!
- 14 Dec **Alcoholics Anon (AA).** Anglican
Church St Helens at 8pm every
Wednesday evening. Phone
6372 5026 for further details.

15 Dec **Laurel House** Counsellor, Marg.

16 Dec **Physiotherapist** at the Centre
Diane Seeney

16 Dec **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Holy Trinity
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Please phone 6372 2725 for
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19 Dec **TLC Meeting 10am** at the CHC. Plate of
finger food for afterwards.

21 Dec **Psychiatrist**, Dr Samuel. Phone
6336 2185 for appointments.

21 Dec **LAST DAY CENTRE FOR 2005**
Shorter session 10am-1:30pm.

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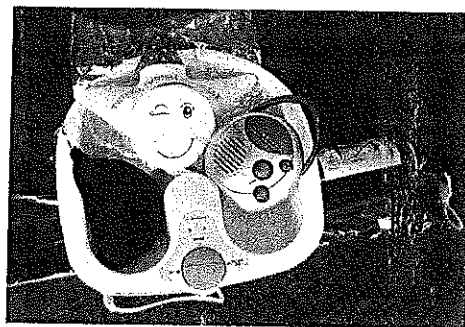
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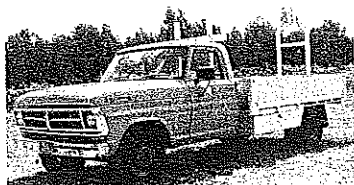
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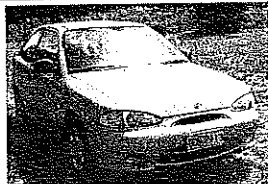
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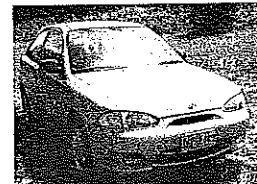
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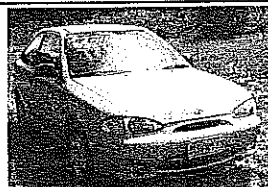
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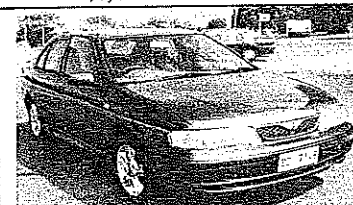
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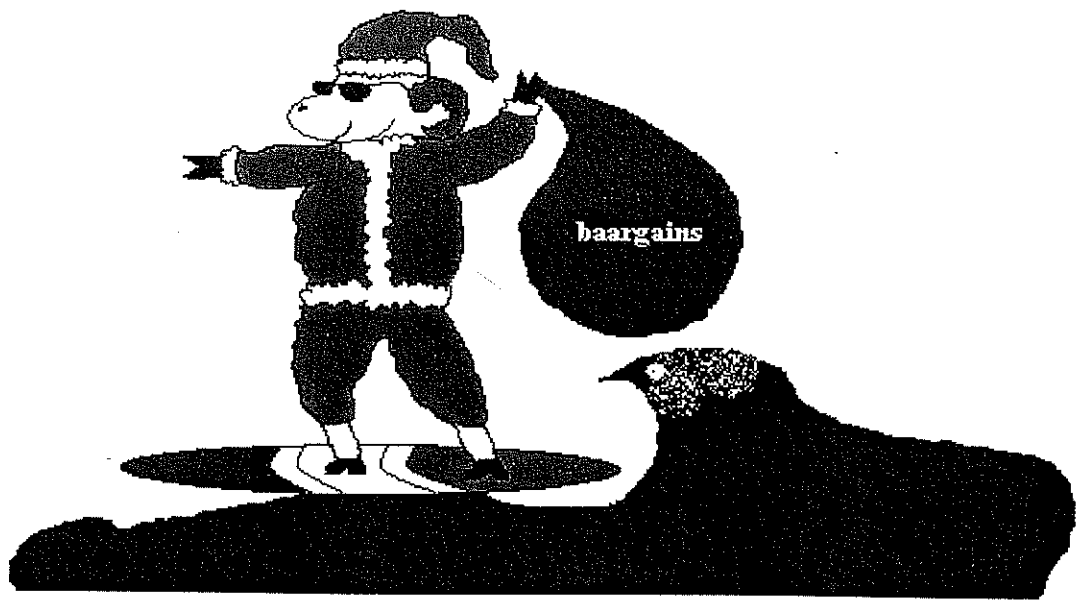
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19th Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magazine handed out• Dental Service	20th Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental Service	21st Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of term for students• Dental Service	22nd Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term for staff	23rd Dec

School Leavers of 2005



The "School of Rock" Leavers Dinner held Thursday 24th November, 2005.

ST MARYS *Idle*

Another wonderful evening!

St Marys 'Idle' running for the second consecutive year saw some extraordinary performances in front of a packed school hall on Tuesday Night. New students Samantha Paterson and Eliza Payne, (both Grade 6 and trained by Mr LeFevre) took out three of the five awards.

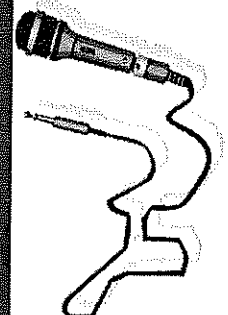
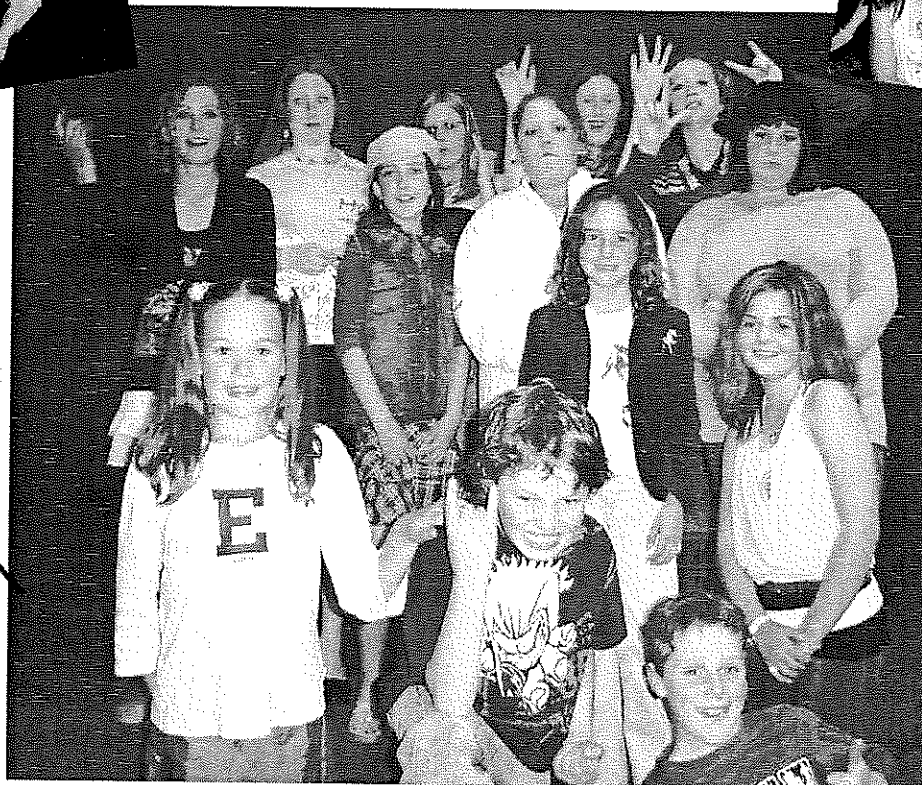
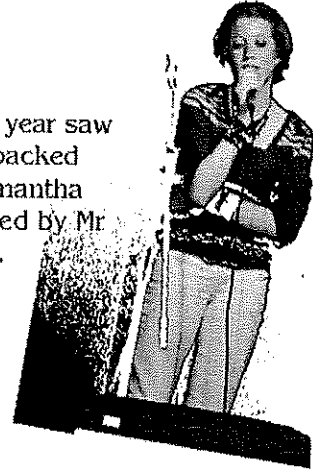
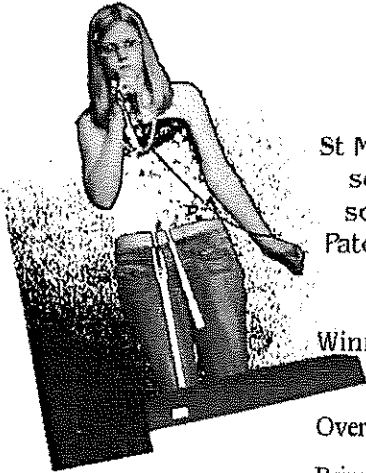
Winners as follows:

Overall -	Samantha Paterson
Primary winner	Samantha Paterson
Primary runner-up	Eliza Payne
Secondary Winner	Ruby Wallace
Secondary runner-up	Emily Brown
Special "Robbie Williams" Award	Liam Norton

These nights would not happen without the support of parents and students. Special thanks to Terese Tanner, Justin Emmerton, Matt Bennell and the Judges - Bruce Cornelius, Mrs Marshall and Megan Gillard.

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The Say, by Cagerattler

"Don't pass pollied on our passes"

There's no need for us to go on about our recent rain (apparently almost the equivalent has fallen in the past three months, that usually drops for a whole year) but one crucial outcome of this rain is a glaring one.

That is our passes. As we all know there has been a few slips on the St Marys Pass since the rain. At the moment one section in particular is being feverishly worked on, to get it ready for the influx of Christmas tourists, who are critical to the ongoing success of the area.

The Elephant Pass to a lesser extent has been affected by the rain, but perhaps it's only a matter of time, given it's generally tighter, narrower carriageway, that a landslip will occur there too.

It's perhaps easy to say that our politicians should prioritise these passes as important concerns for road maintenance, with many, many other places in Tasmania needing attention also. But can you imagine the detrimental effects a similar landslip would have on our area, if it occurred a month later than it did this time?

It's highly unlikely that we would again get rain like that, concentrated into such a tight time space, but let's hope our Roads and Transport officials are seriously considering some fairly important upgrades and strengthening, to our two essential passes in the coming years.

We need them to be reliable routes, but I suppose if you put it into perspective, they haven't done a bad job to date, considering they are basically unchanged since construction, probably 150-160 years ago. Maybe a bit wider and a few corners different, that's all.

Imagine what it must have been like to build by hand in those days. Incredible really, isn't it?

What do you think?

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- One: Don't miss the boat.
- Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four: Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, some one may ask you to do something really big.
- Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six: Build your future on high ground.
- Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
- Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.



St Marys Sports Centre news

Cont'd

One of the features of the club this year has been the interest in membership again. Many enquiry's have led to us either getting or regaining memberships which have helped the cash flow of the club. Keep them coming, and if you're at all interested in taking out a membership just contact the club or a committee member. They will help you.

It's hoped that in the coming weeks. Our spit roast will be followed up by a seafood night, a trivia night, maybe a cricket match, a night of music, some bowls under lights, and so on.

New members from now until June 30th will only be due for pro-rata (proportional) subscriptions. It's a great time to come on board.

Well done to our darts team who are second on the ladder. Thank you to the St Marys Hotel team for agreeing to play last week's game on Saturday, to allow us to get out dinner night in. It was much appreciated.

Anyway, until next time
Good hitting and rolling.

THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR KIND THOUGHTS AND HELP DURING MY RECENT TIME IN HOBART, LAUNCESTON AND ST MARYS HOSPITALS.

I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE AMOUNT OF CARDS, FLOWERS AND GOOD WISHES THAT I RECEIVED, AND THE HELP THAT PEOPLE GAVE MY WIFE AROUND THE HOME. MY SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE.

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF YOU OUT THERE TO NAME, BUT YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP, AND THAT IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL.

PETE & FRAN WILLIAMS.

P.S. THE NURSES AT THE ST MARYS HOSPITAL ARE MARVELLOUS! AND DR SINGH.

St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

Bl - - dy rain! Here we go again. Not only did we not play another home bowls pennant game against Swansea due to the unavailability of the green after the rain, but we lost the Veteran's Ladies Day, and it almost cost us the Scamaryhide Cup as well.

Almost being the operative word. Thanks to some marvellous work from the greenkeeper, Craig Mitchell, and Jim Turner, Trevor Viney, Roger and Kodie Donald, and Les, our voluntary worker, they somehow managed to get the course up enough to at least let us get the Scamaryhide Cup played. Thanks fellas. What a great effort. It turned out to be a terrific day, with a nice few bob being made for the club.

We'd like to especially thank Rick Manning and the Malahide crew for supporting the day, and to Stan Hardcastle and his mob from Scamander. We ended up with 51 players, which was brilliant.

St Marys racked up enough points to win the Inaugural Scamaryhide Trophy, and once again a big thanks to Stan Hardcastle, Glenn McDonald and Rick Manning for organising this three-way event. We hope it will grow each year. Thanks also to Coxy, Alana, Janice and all the crew for the great food.

Whilst on great food, we must pay tribute to all those involved in our spit roast and Trophy Presentation night last week, Friday 2nd Dec. What a meal. A very special thank you to Mark 'Birchy' Birch, for organising the pig and spit itself, and for watching over it for 5 hours that day, not to mention the cutting up and everything else. Great effort Mark, and thank you.

Thanks to Mick, Matthew and Speed, from St Marys Value Plus butchers, who helped prepare the meat for us. Let's not forget all those involved in organising the salads, spuds and sweets, and Trev for his 'waitering' skills. Maitre De Viney it is now. A special thanks to our bar staff, who each time do a brilliant job.

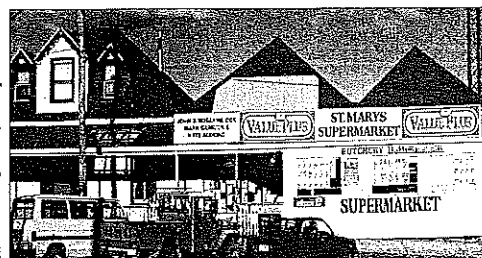
Congratulations again to our 2005 Trophy recipients. Too many to mention here but well done.

Whilst on that issue, Kodie will never forgive me if I don't mention his incredible score at the Scamaryhide Cup of 48 (yes 48) stableford points, which equated to about 78 off the stick. That is some sort of round, Kodie. Just watch the handicapper licking his lips with that card when he gets to it. Don't know about the hair colour though, mate, and yes, the Secretary might learn not to open his big trap next time, mightn't he.

Please remember this Sunday, Dec 11th is the rescheduled 27 hole mixed foursomes championship. Cost is \$10 per player, and we hope for at least 8 teams, if not more. Starting time is 10am. See you there.

Back to bowls and St Marys sits in second position by 1 point, so we need a couple of good weeks at St Helens to cement our place. Its imperative we do well this week against their top team. So please try to get plenty of practice. There's still a few singles games to get through, so let's get onto them as well. That's if the rain stays away long enough.

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