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Tasmania Lymphoedema and Laser Clinic Inc. Melbourne Cup Luncheon

To ride in a Melbourne Cup is a highlight in any jockey's career.

To win the Melbourne Cup three years in a row, must be the highlight of Makybe Diva's owners, trainers, riders and most race goers this year; but the highlight of the St Marys calendar in November is the TLC Inc. Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

The TLC Melbourne Cup Luncheon was once again held on a warm, sunny day, right on track for some sophisticated, spring carnival glamour.

We don our best 'bib and tucker' a glamorous hat, or one just for fun, and head towards the St Marys Sports Centre, for an afternoon of good food, fun, and maybe a winner or two.

A very special thank you goes to all who attended, to make the day another financial success story for the TLC.

Gratitude to all who contributed towards prizes for the raffle and fun events, and not to be forgotten, to all the willing hands who organised, shopped, prepared, cooked and cleaned up all that delicious food.

By the way, did you know?

Phar Lap is a Thai word for lightning.

Makybe Diva—conceived in Ireland, born in England on March 21, 1999.

Name derived from first 2 letters of 5 of the owner's employees

She has been entered in 35 races, had 14 wins, and 7 placings. Melbourne Cup winner 2003,2004,2005. What a horse!

What fun!! See you all again next year.

Jan Sparkes.

Cup Lady: Shirley Mundy - Cup Gent: Alan James Cup Hat: Pam Troode - Novelty Hat: Bill Daly

Lucky Door: Jan Johnson

Tasmanian Lymphoedema & Laser Centre Inc.

Raffle Winners

1st Prize: Scenic flight: Donated by St Helens Aerodrome Club

Winner: Jamie Murrell, St Helens

2nd Prize: Dinner for 4: Donated by Mt Elephant Pancake Barn

Winner: Helen Napier

3rd Prize: Christmas Cheer Hamper: Donated by M & M Osborne

Winner: Murray Berwick

4th Prize: Christmas Cake: Donated by Janet and Geoff

Winner: Murray Berwick

5th Prize: Essential Oils Massage: Donated by Sue Christianson

Winner: Janet Godfrey

Out of the woodwork by Reon Johns

What a big month we have had at the Guild. We have submitted the plans for our Development Application to the Council, and all is looking well. The Guild would like to thank the Council staff for all their patience and help in drafting this DA.

Three Guild members planned to attend the Hobart Wood Show, and set forth with eagerness. Things were going fine till they pulled up for fuel, and a great cloud of smoke greeted them when the engine was turned off. The tow truck driver was kind enough to drop them off at Conara where they were picked up and delivered safely home. Better luck next time fellas!!

The Guild is lucky to have 5 new members, and they are as keen as mustard.

If you haven't got your tickets for the Xmas Give Away then you had better get a move on as it is drawn on the 17 December 2005 at the e.ScApe Café. There is no limit to the number of tickets a person can have. There are heaps of really great prizes to be won. Just look for the green sign and ask the friendly staff for your ticket.

The Guild would like to thank Karl and Fe for all their help with the sausage sizzle at the Maypole. The AGM will be held at the Old Railway Station Goods Shed on 26 November 2005, at 2pm. Reon, Pres. 6372 2094

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Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5 pp: Tuesday November 22, 2005.

Community news



The Lions Club of St Marys will be holding a car boot/garage sale on Sat. 19th November at 'Lions Hall' on the St Marys Recreation Ground. 10am start. Bring your trailer or packed car boot and join in. \$5.00 donation per site. Proceeds to assist Lions Club activities. Pres. Ruth McGiveron 6372 2231

Christmas in St Marys 2005

The Lions Club of St Marys will be holding the Annual Christmas Party and Parade on Sat. 24th December, beginning with the party at 3pm and parade at 5pm.

WE NEED ASSISTANCE!

A meeting of all interested parties will be held on Thurs. 17th Nov in the St Marys Hotel Lounge at 7pm. New ideas, newcomers and long term residents are needed – come along and help with this worthwhile event. Get your thinking caps on and start planning a 'float' now.

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.

Next meeting will be the **AGM** on the 26th November, 2005. 2 pm start.

HARD YAKKA is a new production by Tasdance, currently touring Tasmania.

Choreographed by Fiona Reilly, this tour will be performed outdoors at twilight. Hard Yakka reflects aspects of manual labour in rural settings, incorporating contemporary dance.

The St Marys performance will be on Friday November 11, at 7.30 pm, at the St Marys racetrack.

Wet Weather venue: St Marys Town Hall.

Price \$10 Adults/ \$8 Concession and Members/\$30 Family.

Note: Light refreshments available.

Community news cont'd

Make a quilt— a bit at a time! Choose from 4 patchwork blocks to create an unique quilt in any size you like, from cot quilt to double bed. Every second Wednesday 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)

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

Christmas Workshops – Yes, Christmas is coming up fast ... Christmas Table Runner

(9th and 23rd November, 1-3 pm; \$20), and *Baby's Cloth Book* (1st and 8th December, 1-3 pm; \$10). For enrolments & materials lists, see **Rita** @ *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio* & *Gallery*, 37 Main St., St. Marys (phone 0409 289 997)

North East Bioregional Network Next meeting, Tuesday, November 15th at e.ScApe Café, at 4 pm.

Next GBRA meeting:

Thursday Nov. 24th at 3.15 pm. 2 Clive St, St Marys.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts is seeking a computer whiz, someone with computer skills, willing to volunteer time to update our web-site. Contact Robyn: 6372 2309 or Rachel 6372 2255

Thanks to all who helped on the Maypole.

First Aid Course 'Caring for kids' cost: \$35 playgroup members, \$60 non-members. Run by Red Cross. 26th Nov. & 10th Dec. 9 –3 pm at Health Centre. (Can be used for pool key)▶

Community news cont'd

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

OP shop Specials

The last Tuesday in October and November will see a great special of \$5 bag days. Good quality items at a great price. Don't miss out.

Introduction to Permaculture

When: 12th November Where: Fingal Valley Neighbour-

hood House Cost \$58.30 Concession \$45.10 SC \$53.90

As this course is to be run through Adult Education, please phone 6336 6266 to place your booking.



Market Day

Sat 26th November at The Golden Gate Gallery Mathinna

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St Marys Playgroup

We meet every Friday morning (10-12pm.) In the kindy room.

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Coming up

11th Nov – 'Get walking' week. We will be leaving at 10.30 am to walk to the playground at Wombat Walk. There will be a gift for the children. After morning tea we will head back to school

18th Nov – Fabric painting. Please bring a T-shirt or pillow case or material to paint.

25th Nov.- Christmas calendar.

Spaces still available for course.

Tanya: 6372 2534, Janelle 6372 5297 Cate 6372 2320

Classifieds

Items for sale

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Classifieds cont'd

Items for sale cont'd

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- 1 bedside table \$25.
- 2 armchairs \$25 each
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1 dark green with pillow cases \$15. Contact D Floyed Ph: 6372 2176

1985 Nissan Navara 4wd dual cab, petrol, good condition.

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Fridge (approx. 200 - 300 litres) good condition. **Phone 63 725 689**

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Fingal Valley Historical Study. Author: Lindy Scripps. Printed in 1999. PH: Marcia Hughes on L'ton:

Horse drawn cart/parts
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6331 1481

Ph: 0427 361 547Kelly Farrell, PO Box 128, St Marys.

Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of charge.

If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue.

Please inform us if your items are sold.

Garage Sale 25 Gardiners Creek Road St Marys November 12, 2005 Not before 10 am

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Tasmanian small business will benefit from workplace relations reform.

"The Howard Government's workplace reforms will create more jobs in the Tasmanian small business sector while increasing the wages of Tasmanian workers", said Senator Guy Barnett.

"Tasmania is the small business capital of Australia, with 50% of the private sector workforce employed in small business, against 48% nationally. This makes workplace reform vital for Tasmanians".

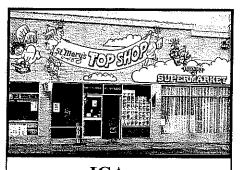
"Boosting productivity in Australia through a combination of workplace relations reform and sound economic management is the most generous act any government can accomplish for its workforce and their families", he said.

"This is why the reforms are good for Australians and especially Tasmania. Over the past decade the Howard Government has created more than 1,7 million jobs, with a record 400.000 jobs created in the past 12 months alone, pushed unemployment to a 30-year low and delivered real wage increases of 14.9%.

"In Tasmania unfair dismissal claims have increased by 166, or 145%, against 69.7% nationally in the seven years to 2003 under the State's jurisdiction, and this explosion in claims stemmed from laws forced onto Australians by Labor and the ACTU in the early 1990s".

Senator Barnett said that compliance with unfair dismissal laws cost small to medium sized business \$1.3 billion last year according to the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics. Without these laws small business could create an extra 77,000 new jobs, they say.

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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

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas MINEWORKERS TRUST:

When we talk to people who have been involved in the Coal Industry over the years, everyone I'm sure, would have a story to tell about the Miners' Federation.

The Miners' Federation was, for decades, the union that looked after coalminers, and was one of the most powerful unions in Australia. Many of the conditions enjoyed by workers today like shorter working hours, sick pay, decreased years for long service leave entitlement and better safety conditions, to name a few, were fought for and won by the Miners Federation; setting the trend for other unions to follow suit.

The coal industry, particularly underground mining, requires a special breed of men who have to go beneath the earth each day and work hard, live with danger, and endure conditions that many people could not bare to even think about. But thanks to the Miners' Federation's long time fight, with I might add very few strikes in recent decades, won conditions and wages that has made the Coal Industry a far more rewarding, safer and fulfilling place to work.

But the Miners' Federation has not only been involved with the miners working conditions, it has played a major roll in mining communities throughout Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania, and one of its most successful and beneficial projects is the Mineworkers Trust.

The Mineworkers Trust came about because in 1975, a small coal mine in Grafton N.S.W. was faced with closure owing union members over \$73,000 in wages and leave entitlements. The Union would not tolerate this and effectively took over and ran the mine, subsequently acquiring the lease in the Union's name.

In the next four years the Union ran the mine efficiently, paying members some \$1.25 million in wages and entitlements, proving it could operate a mine profitably when private owners could not. As a result, the N.S.W. Government awarded the Miners Federation a new lease in the Hunter Valley of which was ultimately called the United Colliery.

The Union had three objectives: One – to promote the resurgence of under ground mining, which was under threat from open cut methods at the time. Two: - to hold board positions at company level to enable the Union to fully understand the commercial side of coalmining. Three: - to generate funds to assist mineworkers and mining communities. In effect, give something back to the workers for their efforts.

Hence the Mineworkers Trust was formed and all monies earned from coal royalties is placed in that fund and managed by a board of Union leaders and Since the Trust was formed it has distributed close to \$3 million back into mining communities on a broad range of projects such as: medical equipment, hospitals, aged facilities, underprivileged children and disabled schools, memorials, restoration of mining history and 20 scholarships per year of \$5,000 each is offered to children of mining families who are entering university.

For the first time the Trust has supported a project in Tasmania; \$9,000 has been granted to the Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. to help towards the building of the Coalminers Heritage Wall and restore coalmining history in the Fingal Valley.

This has paved the way for future coalmining community projects; as well, applications are now open for any dependents of CFMEU Mining and Energy members to apply for one of the 20 tertiary scholarships now available for 2006.

The Miners' Federation has now become part of the CFMEU, with its members playing a significant roll in the Mining and Energy section of that union. The Mineworkers Trust, however, has not changed; United Colliery is still making a profit and the Trustees are still channeling monies back into coalmining communities and, I'm sure, any future worthwhile projects will be given the same consideration as the Coalminers Heritage Wall.

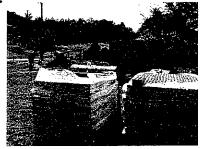
IT'S BACK TO CORNWALL IN JANUARY

Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. in conjunction with Lions Club of St.Marys has set the date for the "Lions Back to Cornwall Day" and opening of the Coalminers Heritage Wall on Saturday the 28th January, 2006.

The day will start at 11.00am with displays of Coalmining history and generally meeting of old friends and families. The wall will be opened by the Deputy Premier, David Llewellyn and the Break O' Day Mayor, Stephen Salter at 1.00pm.

Entertainment for the kids, music, coalmining history, plenty of food, refreshments and a good old chin wag will be the order of the day.

If anyone has any old photos of Cornwall or coalmining, and would like to either loan them on the day or allow us to photocopy them, could you please ring Kim or Debbie on 63722527 or 63722261.



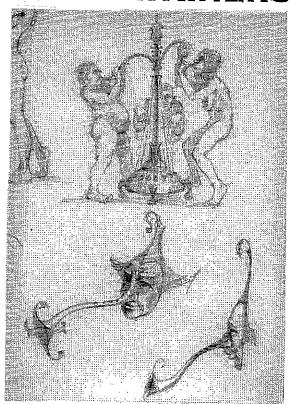
Miner's Heritage Wall, under construction a few weeks ago.

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Tuesday 15th November 2005 Veterans Information Centre St. Helens 11.00am—12.00 noon Holy Cow Café Pyengana 2.00-3.00pm

For more information please call Healthy Community Project on 6376 5242 or Council on the Ageing on 6228 1897

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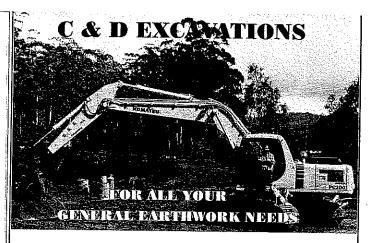


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The Say by Cagerattler

In the past fortnight or so we have witnessed the outcome of the recent Council elections all over the place. Congratulations to the successful candidates wherever they may be in all Councils, and commiseration's to those who didn't make it this time.

Believe it or not I think that everyone who stands for a position, goes at it with the best intentions, hoping to make a difference.

Sadly though I think in some cases bureaucratic regulations and red tape tangle those people up. I don't really know who to blame for this. I also still think that there are two fundamental flaws in the way Councils are decided these days.

It seems that if you get the most outright votes that you are not necessarily elected, because of the preference system. Who came up with that?

Surely first past the post is simple, straightforward and truly representative of the majority of the voters, no matter how many votes they get.

It's apparent that the Hare-Clarke method is in existence for State elections, but why does it have to carry over to local government polls?

We'd love to hear from someone who fully understands the virtues of this system, right through to Council.

The second issue is that of why the old Ward system was discarded all those years ago. They can argue black and blue with me about the way it's done now to elect your local councillors, but I cannot to this day believe there was a better representative system than that of the Ward.

You simply elected a councillor for your area, whom you could directly approach to handle your concerns. You also knew who your local councillor was. In a way it's a bit like an electorate system, where you had your voice directly heard by the local member.

I, like everyone else would like to think that provided reams of regulation don't get in the way, and the basic services, being road maintenance, sanitation, rubbish removal, nature strip mowing, (everywhere) and very importantly water quality, are kept in good order, the current and newly elected council will look after the needs of ALL the municipality.

After all, that's what we pay the rates for. Maybe one of our four local councillors could regularly pick up a pen and keep us abreast of what's on the agenda for us, in the Valley Voice. That would be a good addition to the paper.

What do you think?

Notice of Annual general meeting

Electors of Break O'Day Municipality are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Council to be held at the Chancellor Inn, Scamander on Tuesday, 29 November, 2005 commencing at 6.00 pm.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available at Council in St Helens and at Holder Bros General Store, Fingal.

Members of the Community are invited to make submissions in writing on any aspect of the Annual Report for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

Submissions, Motions or Questions on Notice are to be lodged with the undersigned by 5.00 pm on Monday,

21 November, 2005.

Brian Inches,

General Manager.



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Letter to the Editor

REPLY TO CAGERATTLER

We read with some horror the first section of Cagerattler's "The Say" in the last edition of the Valley Voice, regarding the project that "cleaned up" the rivulet.

Since February this year we have been phoning and writing to the Break O' Day Council regarding the section of the rivulet which borders the back of our properties (at 24 Groom Street and 21 Story Street). Our concern was that the full scope of the works was never completed. The council's letter at the time of the work beginning to clear the willows (dated 30 April 2002), stated in part – "re-vegetation (seeding and planting) will be carried out at the same time" – "follow-up re-vegetation where appropriate" – "design and implementation of a stable flood channel to allow safe passage of 1:100 flood with follow up re-vegetation".

No re-vegetation whatsoever has ever been done through our properties, and if you would care to drive down to the end of Groom Street and take a look at how much of our paddock has gone just during the recent heavy rain, I can tell you it is a strip of at least 80 metres long and 6 metres wide. This is in addition to undermining and erosion that has taken place since the work was done, and previous to the most recent rain. Photos of the area taken just prior to the works getting underway in 2002 show a vastly different scene than the one now on view. How would you like to know that every time it rains, your house is getting closer to the watercourse? That your land area is substantially reducing in size? That instead of an accessible watercourse at the end of a gently sloping paddock there is now a cliff?

Some sections across the rivulet where willow roots have been left in the bank and are now sprouting, show virtually no erosion, because the tree roots hold the bank together. Cagerattler refers to an increased flow rate, "a much harder running of the flow of water". Urgent measures need to be taken to prevent collateral damage resulting from that increased flow rate.

Yes, things have gone horribly wrong Break O'Day Council, and the damage to our properties still remains unfinished business which you started 3 ½ years ago. Hopefully you have the gumption to put this extremely serious matter right immediately – before another flood occurs, put our paddocks back to something like the way they were, and make sure they stay that way.

Jean Wright & John Bowman.

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Closing Date: 12 noon Friday November 25, 2005

THANK YOU School reunion 79/80

On behalf of us all we would like to thank Maureen Bushing for her time in showing us around the school, and speaking to us about the past and present school days.

Thanks to the people for coming to the reunion, and for sharing their personal life since school, along with wonderful school memories. It was an excellent night. On all accounts some not getting to bed till well after 4am.

A minutes silence was held for those classmates who are no longer with us.

To the people who didn't bother responding at all, you are the ones who missed out!!!

Janine McGill.

Letter to the Editor

The Editor Valley Voice Sir,

May I thank those of your readers who gave me their support in the recent Council Election. I will try to represent their values, beliefs, visions and concerns. To those who voted 1-18 for the pleasure of putting me 18, I will work over the next 4 years to move up in your estimation. To the 23 who gave me their 2nd preference after the Mayor, thank you, that is a really interesting Quinella!

Thank you also to Gloria Andrews, Geoff Weston and Anne Toner for sharing the experience, and to their supporters and those of Christina Mackeen and Peter Nichols who gave me their preferences. I appear to have been supported by an eclectic lot (for Deidre's benefit, from a wide range of backgrounds and beliefs, not belonging to any particular group or locality), indicating a concern with wider issues and attitudes rather than narrow parochial interests, and common values and beliefs which unite residents across the municipality, irrespective of whether they live on the Coast, in the Highlands, or Inland.

I was obviously not elected for my fashion sense, and so will continue to represent you as when elected, in shorts and no tie. I regret that my election has not helped to change the gender imbalance of Council - 8 men and 1 woman is not representative. I also regret that I have not contributed to reducing the average age of our Council, even though an ageing population and life experience does need representation.

The "Examiner" described me as a "community activist" who would "stir up" issues. I will be active, but hopefully constructively.

Thank you for the opportunity.

David Clement

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Tues	15th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)				
Wed	16th	Ruth McGiveron	Tom Brady				
Thur	17th	Pat O'Donnell	Lynda Bean				
Fri	18th	Geoff Herrmann	Robyn Miller				
Mon	21st	Annette Davey	Shirley Parker				
Tues	22nd	Pam Lynch	June Hall				
Wed	23rd	B & B McAllister	Susan Woods				
Thur	24th	Yvonne Salter	Prev Mills				
Fri	25th	Pauline Berwick	Shirleen Woods				

Church Services

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1st and 3rd Sunday Mass

10.30am

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St Helens

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Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

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St Helens 9.00 am Fingal 11.15 am

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Police report

Over the next several months with the weather improving significantly and the approach of the Christmas/New Year holiday period, it is expected that traffic on the Esk Highway will increase markedly as is normally the case.

Along with this increase more resources will be put into policing the Fingal Valley area, with particular attention being towards the normal speeding, drink driving and seatbelt offences.

In addition to these, police will also be on the lookout for offences relating to inattentive driving, including the use of mobile phones, the observation of road markings and signs and drivers failing to show reasonable consideration to others using the roads.

Police will also be paying attention to vehicles that have number plates obscured by either tow balls or bike racks. Number plates matching your cars plate may be obtained through Service Tasmania and can be attached to the bike carry rack to alleviate this problem.

As most of the local residents would be aware at this time, roadwork has begun on the section of the highway near 'Killymoon' and this area has now had a change of speed limit.

During the normal working day the area will be governed by speed limits ranging from 40 KPH up to 80 KPH and possibly with traffic lights also operating. Out of working hours the entire section will have an 80 KPH speed limit. These speed limits will be policed, regardless of the time of day, so drivers should ensure that they observe these new limits and other traffic signs erected in the area.

Along with the increase in traffic throughout the area over the holiday period, there no doubt will be an increase in the number of 'suspicious characters' frequenting the area. Locals therefore, should take note of any suspicious behaviour, and report it to police.

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'WHAT'S ON AT T	'HE CENTRE'
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11 Nov Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity
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Please phone 6372 2725 for
further details.

11 Nov Physiotherapist at the Centre Diane Seeney

14 Nov **Quality Youth** with Fiona Watts 2pm-4pm CHC

15 Nov <u>Tai Chi</u> with Dawn Denholm in the Day Room. 11am-12noon, \$5.00hr Beginners welcome.

16 Nov

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

17 Nov Networking Meeting with Fiona Watts 10am-1pm, CHC.

18 Nov <u>Physiotherapist</u> at the Centre Diane Seeney

18 Nov Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity
Church St Marys at 8:00pm.
Please phone 6372 2725 for
further details.

19 Nov <u>Stomal Therapy Day</u> 9:30am-4pm

21 Nov <u>TLC Meeting</u> 10am Day Room

21 Nov <u>TasTogether Review</u> 12noon-2pm. Phone Glen for further details 6372 2111

22 Nov

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23 Nov	Alcoholics Anon (AA). Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details
23 Nov	Psychiatrist, Dr Samuel. Phone 6336 2185 for appointments.
25 Nov	Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.
25 Nov	<u>Physiotherapist</u> at the Centre Diane Seeney
26 Nov	Northern Playgroup Association First Aid Course. 9:30am— 3:30pm

COLLECTION OF X-RAYS

We currently have a collection of x-ray films here at the Community Health Centre that have not be collected. X-ray films are kept at the Centre for a maximum of 2 years then they are destroyed. It is the patients responsibility to keep their x-ray films in a safe place until required. If you have an x-ray film at the Centre please collect from the reception area at your earliest convenience. Thank you

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

The Australian Government has made changes to the National Immunisation Program. These changes will be effective as of 1st November 2005.

From 1st November 05— Chickenpox Immunisations Available from CHC. Please make a Doctors appointment.

Varicella Vaccine for non immunised children aged 18 months and 10-13 years.

Children born on or after 1/5/2004 who are 18 months old will be eligible for free vaccine.

LAST DAY CENTRE DAY-21ST DECEMBER 2005

Information on this page was submitted by:
St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek, Road, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215

Around Australia in 48 days By Dot French Days 39 – 40 – 41

"Rest and relaxation." I spent this time checking the car and catching up on workmates from Telstra. I also had a few relatives to visit in three whole days of rain.

Melbourne is a very busy city and can be very cold and wet. Sometimes it is days, and you are unable to actually see the sky. I found when groups migrate to Melbourne they appear to live in areas by nationality.

This is the most commonly visited city, as it has the closest proximity to Tasmania and is the gateway for every other state. Highrise buildings appear to continue to reach for the sky in greater numbers every time I visit.

Everyone is aware it is the natural home of Aussie Rules Footy, however Rugby, Soccer and Basketball are catching up.

The Tasmanian Ferries anchor here and ships such as the Q.E.2 call here at intervals. Many cargo ships frequent this area and in the last few years the wharf area has taken on a new look. Apartments, Shops and Hotels are a welcome sight from the wasteland of some ten years ago.

The Dandenong Hills is a trip any country person would be sorry to miss. The view from high in the hills back over the city is terrific and so many little villages are up here that date back probably to early nineteen hundreds.

The Yarra River is here and it is said it flows upside down as the water is always brown. In the western section of the city, small arched bridges cross the waterways and Toorak is noted for the rich and famous and alfresco dining. There is a walk on the banks of the Yarra in the city area and it boasts eateries and small shops, a vast improvement from the muddy banks.

Day 42

I collected my crew from Romney and headed southeast on the Princess Highway through built up suburbs, heading for Pambula Beach on the coast of the South Pacific Ocean of New South Wales. We traveled through Warragul, Moe, and Morwell, Traralgon and on to Sale for lunch. This is a pretty town where my brother's trained with the Air force many years earlier. There is an early plane guarding the entrance to the base and an old gray Cathedral in the main street.

We continued on to Bairnsdale, and stopped at the lookout above the harbour to Lakes Entrance. This is a holiday area, however many Tassie fishing boats visit this harbour and it is quite busy.

Orbost was the last town of any size in Victoria and then we crossed into N.S.W. to Eden. This also is a fishing village. We arrived at Pambula late. The township is spread out on both sides of the river with shops divided on either side, however the northern side rises into the hills as you depart the town. Now we were seeing where Bowls are played twelve months of the year.

632kms

Day 43

We left at 8.30am, as I wanted to visit my brother's grave on the northern shore, before going through Merimbula to visiting his widow at Tura Beach, a small town sitting on a rugged peak just off the highway.

Still heading north we visited Bega before entering the Snowy Mountain Highway to Narooma and Bateman Bay. Here you can turn west to Canberra on the Kings Highway.

We continued north to Ulladulla and Nowra. Now it was getting very busy with built up areas, as I guess people travel from around these areas to Wollongong for employment. We spent some time here before going on to Sydney. If you haven't driven in Sydney before, try approaching from an area you don't know, to go to an area you have no idea where it is, in peak hour traffic.

Thank god for mobile phones, as my co-driver repeated information as we went and we arrived safely at Wallacia, a western suburb, having made only one wrong turn. We were taken to the Panther Club for tea and compared to our R.S.L. Clubs here it was an eye opener. We were to stay at my cousins for four nights.

533 kms

Day 44

Today was a big day with plenty of sightseeing. First to the rowing and white water rafting venue for the Sydney Olympics and on to the Blue Mountains to Winmallee lookout and Wentworth Falls.

Katoomba is in the top of the Blue Mountains. Viewed the Three Sister Peaks, and we rode the Gondola across the top of the abyss. I was game enough to ride the train down the side of the mountain. This was a vertical drop, however I was not told we would be towed up backwards to return to the landing. This does not happen now as a walkway is made to continue to the other side. A big improvement I can vouch to.

We went on to Blackheath to see Covert Leap, a statue on Mt Victoria. Here a monument is erected to commemorate the first crossing of the Blue Mountains by a wagon. This we believe was used regularly by a mail wagon. Here also is a large chair called the Wishing Chair. It had a slot for donations for charity, but no surprise, it had been vandalized. Final installment next issue

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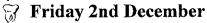




Tuesday 22nd November



Thursday 1st December



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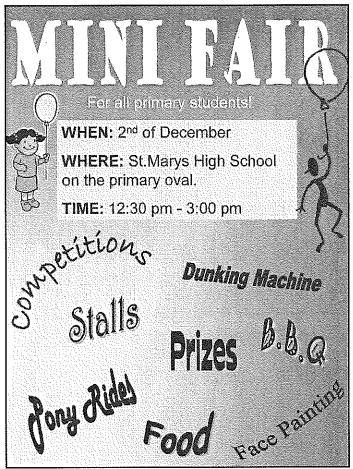
St Helens Dental Unit

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Northern Dental Unit

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November /December 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			10th Nov. • Miners Athletics at St Helens.	11th Nov. • Div 3 Athletics • Small Newsletter
14th Nov.	15th Nov. • Country Gold Cricket	16th Nov. Country Gold Cricket School Association Meeting 7pm Grade 10 Exams	17th Nov. • Immunisations	18th Nov. • Student leader elections • Cricket in Hobart
21st Nov. • Grade 10 Camp.	22nd Nov. • ENE Athletics • Grade 10 Camp • Dental Service	23rd Nov. • Surfing Championships	24th Nov. • Leavers Dinner	25th Nov. Grade 10's Leave Grade 10 Mystery Bus tour
28th Nov. • Magazine to be printed	29th Nov.	30th Nov. Grade 6-7 Orientation Day Secondary Course Selections for 2006.	1st Dec. • Dental Service	2nd Dec. Dental Service Primary Mini Fair 12.30pm - 3pm

'Mischief Making' - Rebecca Holmes



'American Indian' - Allyson Bowling

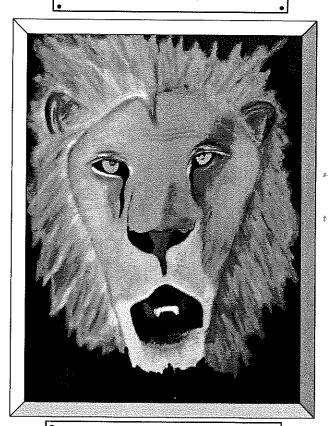


'The Girl Next Door' - Ky Howard-Wright

Art Images by 9/10 and Neet Art Students



'The Fairy' - Jenny Quinn



'Lion' - Deanna Peardon

Sports Centre news cont'd

A Sunday comp series is being devised, but it is anticipated that normal Saturday golf will continue all summer.

Well done to all involved with the Lymphoedema Melbourne Cup Luncheon. I believe it raised some worthwhile funds, everyone enjoyed the feast and competitions, and it went off well. The Sports Centre thanks the Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre for using our club each year for this event.

Darts are going well at the moment, and the team has recorded wins already. Keep it up everyone.

AN OPEN INVITATION

On Friday, December 16th at 7.30pm JAM (Jesus And Me) will be hosting an end of year celebration.

The Salvation Army Band from Launceston Corps will welcome guests sharing wonderful music and friendship.

Everyone is welcome!

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St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

Seeing bowls has made such a wet, damp, squishy start, and barely anyone has been on the green yet, due to the masses of rain, we haven't got a lot to report there except that we're still on the lookout for anyone keen to have a roll. Practice night is Thursday around 5 pm, so if you can get there, come along. This weekend we take on St Helens Blue and really need a win to get the season running. Don't forget that the singles is currently being played and we have to get the first round finished pretty soon.

GOLF. What a fun day the Awesome Foursome Challenge proved to be. Even though the numbers were a little down on last year, everyone who took part had an absolute ball. To Roger, Trevor, John and Mark, thank you. It's a great gesture to hold this event each year, and the theme this time was one that you blokes showed your true colours, and left nothing much to the imagination, and gave us a closer look at you as the Awesome Foursome.

And perhaps put at least four people on a diet. Only joking!

In all seriousness, these days are what makes clubs like ours go from strength to strength. The money raised will go to a number of projects that the club hopes to complete in the next year or two. The Awesome Foursome wishes to thank all the reps from the companies for their assistance with prizes, and there were heaps of them. A special thanks too, to the Historic St Marys Hotel for their kind donation given for some very nice prizes. It was greatly appreciated by all at the Sports Centre.

Thanks go to our chefs Roseanne, Alana, Janice, Nicky and Maryanne, who kept up the tucker and the refreshments to the hoardes all day.

To the Malahide Golf Club and the Rossarden crew, a special thank you for your support as well.

Thanks to all our locals who keep supporting the club in all sorts of ways, not least these great days. It's easy to see why we are starting to go places again. Overall winners were: 'New Wave Farmers' followed by 'The Septics' on countback from 'Roys Mob'. The 'Malahide Men' were big winners in the Gross.

A very big thank you to our Ladies committee also, firstly for having a red hot go in building new member numbers, which is fantastic, and more recently for a brilliant donation of \$500 for course improvements, which includes help in purchasing sand etc. for the new 'Misery' bunker, as well as other things.



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Whilst on the course, thanks to Craig Mitchell, Jack Viney, Roger Donald, Trevor Viney, Mark Carrick, Mark Birch, Macca, and not least Kodie. The course is as good as it's been for probably 2-3 years. All these blokes have sat on rideons or gangs or slashers, or pushed normal mowers to keep the place in trim after all that rain. Kodie sat on a ride-on for two days, cutting the parts of the fairways that the gangmowers couldn't get through. Thanks cobber, and thanks to you all. A special mention to Les, our intrepid gardener, who has been working diligently over the last 5-6 weeks. He does this voluntarily, and last week did masses of brushcutting along fences, around trees and all over the place. Thanks Les.

This weekend is the Mixed Foursomes championships over 27 holes, commencing 10 am, with a list of names on the board. Let's see at least half a dozen teams taking part. Looks like December 4th is the new date for our rescheduled Scamaryhide Cup, subject to confirmation. Everything else will be the same.

Another change of date is our spit roast/ trophy presentation. Due to it clashing with two other events that weekend, it was decided to hold it a week later, on Friday, December 2nd. Cost will be \$15 per person, and commence about 6.30 pm. Please try and book by the week before, so that food requirements can be accurate. Should be a great night.

Chicken runs commence from now on any night, but a focus will be on Wednesday and Friday nights for group games. As long as you can be finished by dark, all cards will be accepted.

Cont'd inside