

# The Valley & East Coast Voice

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## More Beds for St Mary's Community Health Centre

Deputy Premier David Llewellyn today announced a doubling of patient bed capacity at the St Marys Community Health Centre, with the opening of four new 'step down' beds.

Mr Llewellyn said the \$400,000 initiative had been funded by the Australian Government under the 'Pathways Home' program.

"This latest boost comes on top of the State Government's \$800,000 refurbishment of the community health services area at the Centre and the construction of four single bed wards," he said.

"This restored 24-hour care at St Marys, after it had been shut down by the Liberals.

"The 'Pathways Home' funding has enabled us to build new wards to accommodate an additional four beds.

"The new beds offer an interim step for patients coming out of acute hospital care - a 'half-way house' or 'transit stop' to ease their path home.

"In doubling the number of beds at the St Marys centre, more people living in the Fingal Valley and adjacent areas of the East Coast will have the opportunity to come back to their community to recover.

"They will be able to receive health care within their own area, in familiar surroundings, where their relatives and friends can support them and help them get better sooner and return home faster."

Mr Llewellyn said the State Government had also contributed another \$200,000 to the latest developments at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

"This has enabled the development of a handover area for staff; improvements to security around the reception area; installation of a much needed airlock at the front door and development of the waiting area."

Mr Llewellyn said the State Government was committed to providing high quality health services in Tasmanian rural communities like St Marys.

"It is only right that these communities get the same level of access to health care provided to people living in or closer to the cities.

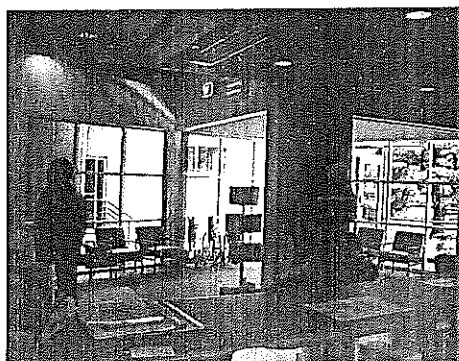
"The State Government has spent around \$38 million on our rural and regional health recovery program, including the redevelopment of the St Marys Community Health Centre.

"The Government has committed more than \$3 million since 1998 to build or upgrade health facilities across the East Coast, from Orford to St Helens, including:

- \$955,000 for the upgrading of the St Helens District Hospital;
- More than \$500,000 for the redevelopment of acute care and general practice facilities at May Shaw;
- \$615,000 for a new Community and Health Centre at Triabunna, and
- \$1 million for the St Marys Community Health Centre."



Mrs Jean Schier, Deputy Premier David Llewellyn and Mrs Polly McGee.



L: New reception area

More photos inside

## 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 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

**The Cycle Ride for Cancer Research** supports the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

A Brunch will be held 10 -11am Thursday March 9th outside the St Marys Town Hall..

Food and drink will be available with gold coin donations... PLEASE COME AND MAKE A DONATION!!!

Some St Marys people will also join the ride and travel to Conara..

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts** are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the e.ScApe Café at 6.30pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community. Next meeting: 7th March.

**Volleyball Meeting**, March 2nd 7pm St Marys Hotel Loungeroom. All interested players and teams...  
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**Mob: 0427 039 641**

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Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5 pm **Tuesday**, March 14, 2006.

Create your own ceramic buttons, learn how to make ribbon pansies or dye your own fabric using a microwave at *Gone Rustic Quilt Gallery and Studio!* To find out more about these and other new workshops for 2006, call in to 37 Main Street, St. Marys or call Rita on 0409 289 997.

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### THANK YOU

Mark, Alana, Kasey and Michael would like to thank all of those who gave gifts and cards for our son & brother,

**JACK THOMAS HENDLEY**

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## DID YOU MISS THE LIONS BACK TO CORNWALL DAY?

If so, or if you want something to remember it by, for a donation of \$10 (\$13 if postage is required) a DVD with the entire event recorded plus some thirty still photos all put together by **Greg Cruse** is available at the **St.Marys Online Centre** or by contacting **Jim Haas** on 6372 2127.

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### St Patricks Head Festival

and

### BUSH DANCE!!!!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**St Marys Town Hall**

- ❖ 5.00 - Kids Potato Tossing Competition
- ❖ 5.25 - Footpath Art Awards
- ❖ 5.30 - Boot Throwing (adults)
- ❖ 6.00 - Photo Competition Winners  
announced in e.ScApe gallery
- ❖ 7.00 - Bush Dance in St Marys Town Hall
- ❖ 8.30 – supper – please bring a plate!!!!

# Classifieds

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PH: 6372 2050

Cast iron/Porcelain bath, in good condition \$100. Pedestal hand basin, also in good condition. \$45. Medicine cabinet. \$10.  
PH: 6372 2155

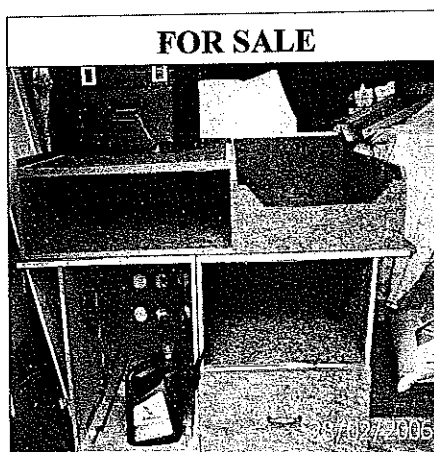
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## Wanted to buy

In the St Marys area - automatic washing machine and 2 door fridge. Must be in good condition.  
Phone: 0429 951 426

Interested in block of land St Marys township. Reply C/- Valley Voice, St Marys Post Office St Marys, 7215, with location, size, price, and contact address. All replies will be passed on.

## Cleaning done

Hate ironing?  
Contact Daph Quin on: 6372 5230  
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\$10.00 per hour.

## For rent

Large 3 B/R house with adjoining land, for rent at Mathinna.  
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## Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc.

The Committee of the Fingal Neighbourhood House are re-advertising the following positions; expressions of interest are again being called and we envisage the positions being filled by the end of April.

### CASUAL FINANCIAL MANAGER:

Some experience in this field would be welcome, but training regarding MYOB etc. will be offered to the successful applicant. Employment will be on a contract basis. Financial payment for this position will be an Honorarium of \$2,500 pa.

### CASUAL CHILD MINDER:

This position will be on a needs be basis, and may involve evening or weekend casual employment. Training will be offered.

For further information on these vacancies, contact either the FVNH Office: B.H. 6374 2344 A.H. 6374 2235 or the FVNH President on 0419 500 847

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer, which is funded through the Department of Health & Human Services.

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.

## Feature Events

- Monday** – 2 for 1 Snitzel night  
Pay for 1, get 1 free
- Tuesday** – The Happy Hour is back  
6 – 7 pm
- Wednesday** – Watch your favourite  
band on the big screen.
- Thursday** – 8-ball Calcutta  
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- Friday** – Members Draw/Jag the  
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- Saturday** – Pizza night. Come and  
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- Sunday** – Kidz eat free  
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## St Marys Businesses Want Tourists To Stop In Town

A breakfast meeting was recently held by SMACD (*St Marys Association for Community Development*) for the business owners and operators of St Marys.

The aim of the meeting was to develop further the spirit of cooperation and enterprise within St Marys, and to encourage employment opportunities particularly within the booming Tourism sector.

SMACD President Reon Johns asked the meeting to consider two questions.

1. Do the businesses and locals of St Marys want tourists to stop in the town?
2. And if they do... what needs to be done to get tourists to stop?

The unanimous answer to question one was... YES...

With many ideas to encourage visitors to stop and stay longer...

- **The establishment of camping facilities at the recreation ground**
- **Beautification of the town**
  - parks and gardens better maintained
  - footpaths made uniform and safer!!
  - welcoming signage
  - screening of the sewage pond from view
  - development of walk / hiking / bike tracks
  - hanging baskets and flower pots around the town
- **Covering of the ST Marys swimming pool**
- **Development of a new St Marys and Fingal Valley brochure**

The next breakfast meeting will be held :  
7.00am for 7.30am start -finish 8.30am  
**DATE** : Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2006  
**VENUE** : Show ground, ST.MARYS  
To book /rsvp Patricia O'Donnell 63722418

SMACD is a non-political organisation pursuing the best interests of St Marys.

If you wish to join SMACD, fill in the below form and bring it with you on the morning.

## St.Marys Association for Community Development

### Member Application Form

Name .....

Address.....

Phone.....

Fax .....

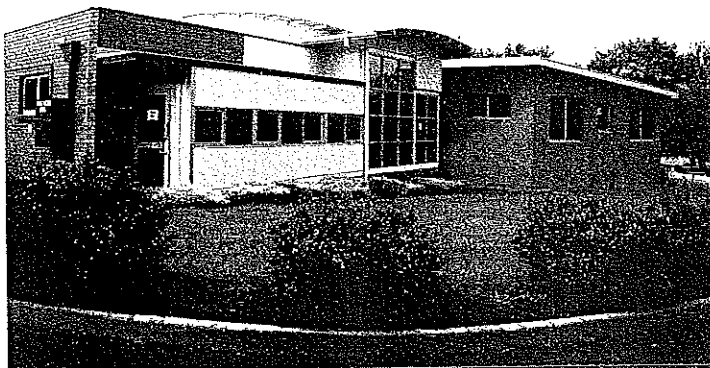
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Joining Fee \$5 per Annum

I will agree to abide by the rules of incorporation of SMACD .....



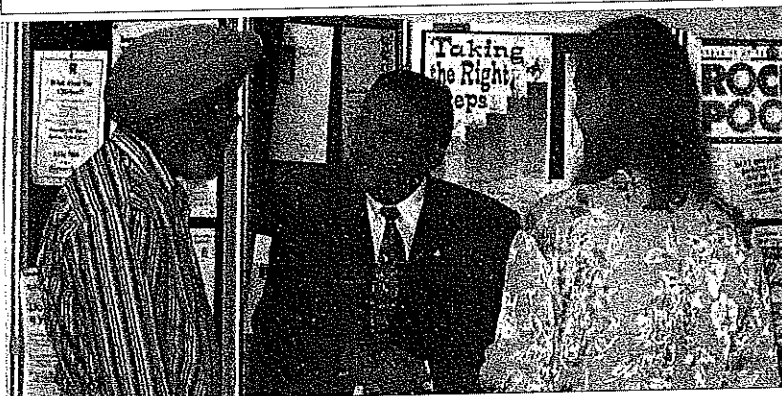
More photos from the Official Opening of the reconstruction of the St Marys Community Health Centre.



*The Centre after the reconstruction*



*Happy smiles all round after the ribbon cutting ceremony*



*L-R: Dr Mohan Singh, Deputy Premier David Llewellyn and Mrs Sophie Legge*



*L-R: Mr Len Miles, Mr John McGiveron, Deputy Premier David Llewellyn and Mr Robert Legge. (partly obscured)*



### Special points of interest to the Break O'Day Community

- Council has sent a letter to the Hon Minister Bryan Green to reiterate our concerns regarding the South Sister.
- White lines on the Main Street at St Marys will be repainted, possibly next week.
- Council to investigate access and parking for the St Patricks Head walk.
- Congratulations to all those involved in the Back to Cornwall Weekend celebrations.
- Best of success to the three new business enterprises in the former Westpac Bank Building in Main Street, St Marys.
- The Scamander Surf Carnival was an outstanding success.
- Tennis Finals abandoned – participants enjoyed competition and weekend.



*Sea of people in the reception area*



## A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas

The Coalminer's Heritage Wall at Cornwall is playing, and will continue to play, an important roll in the preservation of our coalmining heritage in Tasmania. It is, however, concentrated on the Mt. Nicholas Range where the bulk of Tasmanian coal has been produced.

But we must not forget that pockets of coal can be found all over Tasmania from Ida Bay and Cygnet in the south, all the way up the east coast, through the midlands at Cole River and Hamilton, to Macquarie Harbour in the west and the Latrobe area in the North West. And whilst most of the seams are small and commercially unviable to mine in today's economy, almost all known seams have been worked at some stage over the last two hundred years or so. Indeed, the first recorded use of coal was by a Reverend Robert Knopwood at Colebrook in 1805. It is believed the coal was taken from an outcrop found in the nearby Cole River.

In 1834 the Colonial Government of the time opened the first productive coal mine in Tasmania using convict labour. They sank two shafts almost fifty metres deep at Saltwater Creek on the Tasman Peninsular and extracted coal from a 1.2 m seam, bringing it to the surface in baskets and shipping it to Hobart Town where it was sold for ten shillings per ton.

Ventilation was always a problem at Salt Water Creek and an old method of fires near the entrance was used; theory being that the heat would create a draught sucking the air out of the shaft helping it to circulate. The mine was leased to Alexander Clark in 1848 and convict labour ceased, but by 1877 it was worked out and closed.

In our East Coast area, Schouten Island was the first to start in 1843 but it was only a small pocket, and the life of the mine was short lived and operations were concentrated at Denison River or Old Mines Lagoon where several shafts were sunk and a 6.5 kilometer wooden tramway was built to the wharf at Bicheno. One can only assume that in a wooden tramway, the rails were made of timber.

Despite an expert in 1855 describing the Denison River coal fields as the best in Tasmania, the quality was poor, extraction and transport was costly, causing the Company to fold in 1858 leaving some twenty specialized miners who had been brought out from England, without a job.

But coal was still needed and exploration was still going on, and the next venture was a few kilometers north at Seymour where in 1861 Mr. A. J. Swift employed twenty men and began sinking two 20m shafts down to the coal seam. The shafts were only a few hundred metres from the sea and a jetty, along with an iron tramway from the mine to the jetty was completed and small amounts of coal were shipped to Hobart in 1863, and trials were carried out in a number of steam ships and the Hobart Gas Works, both of which rejected the coal because, despite the coal being of good quality, it had too much shale mixed in and the ash content was too high. Consequently, ten shillings per ton, the current domestic coal price, was all Mr. Swift could get for his coal. He then went about extracting kerosene oil from the coal and in 1868 sent 2700 litres to Melbourne to be refined. Apparently it too was unviable as there is no record of any more being sent.

Although Seymour has had two brief workings in the Twentieth Century, 1928 to 1931 and 1959 to 1964, the original workings being the longest, lasting seventeen years and closing in 1880. The operation was continually hampered by high shipping costs and rough sea damage to the jetty.

With the completion of the railway to St. Marys in 1886 the Fingal Valley coal fields became the most dominant, and have remained so and whilst some 20 million tones of coal reserves remain in the Douglas River-Dalmayne area above Seymour the seams are reported to be full of faults; couple this with high transport costs and we are unlikely to see mining in this area in the foreseeable future.

But the history of our coastal miners is unique and should hold a special place on our heritage tree; they not only fought the power of the earth to win their coal but the wrath of the sea to transport it, leading most ventures to failure. But they were strong, brave, persistent men and their part in pioneering the coal industry will not be forgotten.

*Thanks to Carol Bacon, Managing Geologist Mineral Resources of Tasmania, for information on this article.*



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## The Say by Cagerattler

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Will this salary come from our rates base, or funded in other ways? What are the aims and objectives of the position? Maybe someone from the council could answer these questions in these pages next issue.

Not whinging, but maybe council could also consider repairing those little potholes near the café, opposite the Post Office soon too. They are, dare I say it, bloody annoying where you pull up at the kerb.

Some years ago I caused a little debate about our local radio station which operates as a community outfit. As time went on I was very relieved to find that the volunteer programs that I mentioned became very good, and developed into a top service.

Recently, someone who is a keen advocate for community radio, suggested to me that maybe we should all listen to the station, and decide for ourselves, that the just recently re-named and expanded service may have gone perhaps a little more commercial, and less than before community, and with not heaps of Fingal Valley input at the moment.

Wouldn't it be great to hear from the station in the Valley Voice on how they feel they put the service across to the valley, and if they have plans in the future to involve more personnel from this area of the municipality, if such people offered their time.

Perhaps some previous valley announcers could be re-looked at if suitable. That would be good for us to hear old or new volunteers on air.

Why don't you all switch on, listen to our local station, and see if you like what comes across, and see if it is being used as it was meant to be?

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Accounts: Mary: 6372 2328

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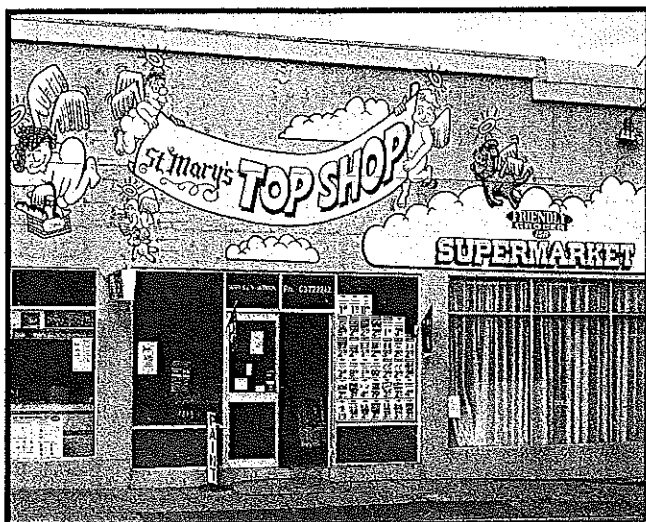
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*From a Canadian paper:* **CLOTHES BRUSH.** The genuine pigskin back opens with a zipper and inside are tweezers, scissors, nail-file, and a bomb.

### womensport and recreation TASMANIA



Existing recreation and fitness programmes are adequately catering for the 'converted' or for those who already participate in recreational activities.

However, there is a large group of women who are not currently active and do not receive the physical, social and physiological benefits of active recreation. Many women suffer from lack of confidence or have endured negative exercise experiences in the past. These and other constraints may severely limit their participation.

The Healthy Community Project is taking an active step towards helping women in our community to become more physically active and at the same time meet new friends and enjoy themselves socially. The Healthy Community Project will be delivering Womensport and Recreation Victoria's very successful Get Active Program where topics such as the following are discussed in a friendly and non-threatening way.

- Goal Setting
- Motivation
- Personal Safety
- Body Comfort
- Self Esteem, and
- Stress Management

In addition to the discussion component of the course, the group will participate in a range of physical activities that could range from the more passive activities such as tai chi, yoga, singing, to more challenging pursuit activities such as dance, aerobics, rock climbing etc. The group will decide upon the activities and all efforts are made to ensure that everyone's needs are met.

The program will be conducted at St. Marys Community Health Centre commencing Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and runs for 2 hours per week for 10 weeks. Transport may be provided from other areas of Break O'Day if requested. For more information contact **Fiona Watts on 63765242.**



Healthy Community Project

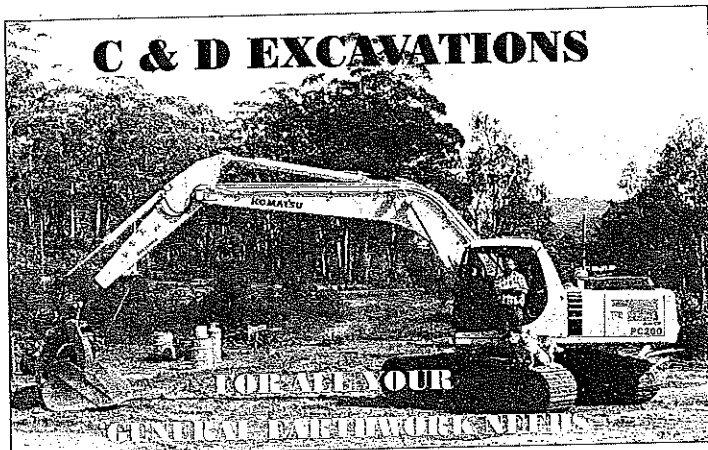


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### St. Patrick's Head

Over the past year St.Marys Association for Community Development Inc. has been working to solve the St. Patrick's Head walking track issue, which has arisen because of public liability concerns by land owners whose land has been used for public parking and access to the walking track.

In today's climate SMACD has always been sympathetic to the land owners concerns and have pursued a number of avenues around the problem, all of which have met stumbling blocks.

However, on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006 a meeting was held at the base of the mountain with senior members of National Parks and Wildlife, Forestry Tasmania, Break O' Day Council, St.Marys Association for Community Development and local councillors Stephen Salter, John McGiveron, David Clement and Robert Legge.

Several proposals were looked at including forming a new track through the Old School Reserve on Irishtown Road, through a Forestry coup and into the reserve via what is known as Mill Ridge and linking up with the existing track on the eastern side.

Whilst this was the preferred proposal put forward by SMACD, as we felt it would eliminate the private land issue as well as open up a new area with a much flatter track to the base of the mountain, it was rejected by both Parks and Forestry on the grounds that, in their opinion, it would be unviable, as new track construction these days is rather involved and quite costly and recommended a solution be sort to keep the existing track open in its current form.

After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the easiest and most practical solution was for the community in conjunction with Council purchase the land needed for a car park and pursue an easement over the private land needed for track access and whilst Council had stated in the past that the issue was not their responsibility the four local councillors present all agreed, as St. Patrick's Head was not only an icon for St. Marys but has significant heritage and tourism value for the whole of the Break O' Day region and indeed Tasmania, they would take it back to Council in the hope that Council could take the necessary steps to negotiate the land purchase and easement to ensure generations to come can continue our forefathers tradition in climbing and experiencing the magnificence of our breathtaking "Paddy's Head", where the coastal and valley views will blow you away in an awe-inspiring moment of splendor. *Jim Haas, Project Manager.*



## ST. MARYS CHILD CARE CENTRE

Gardiners Creek Road, St Marys 7215

Telephone: (03) 6372 2187

### Northern Children's Network

would like to welcome

**Emily McCormack** as the new Supervisor  
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The centre is open Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Morning session: 8.00 am–12.00 midday

Afternoon session: 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm.

#### Fees

Full day: \$30.00 per child

Morning or Afternoon session: \$17.00 per child

Child Care Benefit does apply,  
which will reduce these fees.

#### Enrolment information

For bookings or an Enrolment package, including CCB  
information please contact Sarah on 6341 1555 or  
Emily at the Centre on 6372 2187.

St. Marys Child Care Centre is sponsored by  
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Successful participants will be required to  
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Men are particularly encouraged to apply.

#### **Commitment**

An induction program will be held on the  
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30<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
There will be an Information Session and  
opportunity to meet the Coordinator on the  
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The full program will be a total of 7 days  
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on completion.

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**If you are interested in participating  
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### Any enquiries:

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We encourage people to pay and book for the bus when collecting their tickets.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank Doherty's, Callows Coaches and Gypsy Rose for their involvement in this fundraiser.**

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Thurs 2nd	Heather Griffiths	Jan Marshall
Fri 3rd	N & A Challis	Julie-Ann Claridge
Mon 6th	Tina Floyed	Carole Woods
Tues 7th	Hannah Rubenach	Tom Brady
Wed 8th	Pauline Berwick	Susan Woods
Thurs 9th	Liz Rice	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 10th	Claire Bean	Christine Woods (S)

## Church Services

**Catholic Parish of St Marys**  
 Sr. Helen Hickey,  
 Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252  
 Mob: 0427 055 963

### 1st Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
 Bicheno 9.00am  
 St Marys 11.00am  
 Campbell Town 5.00pm

### 2nd Week LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
 St Marys 9.00am  
 Bicheno 9.00am  
 Fingal 9.30am

### 3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
 St Marys 9.00am  
 Swansea 11.00am  
 Campbell Town 5.00pm

### 4th Week: LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
 St Marys 9.00am  
 Bicheno 9.00am  
 Fingal 9.30am

### 5th Week: MASS

St Helens Vigill 6.00pm  
 Bicheno 9.00am  
 Fingal 11.00am  
 Ross 5.00pm

### Seventh Day Adventist

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 Sabbath School 10 am  
 Divine Service 11 am

### 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

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday  
 8 am and 10.30 am

### Kanga Sunday School

10.30 am - 12 noon every  
 Sunday for children 5 - 12  
 yrs

St Marys 10 am

(No service 5th Sunday)

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

### Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens  
 Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens 9.00 am  
 Fingal 11.15 am

## Police report

As many of you would be aware road works are occurring on the Esk Highway between St Marys and Avoca. As a result of the road works the speed limit for the length of road under repair is usually reduced to 60 kilometres and at times it can be 40 kilometres. The span of road is sign posted at both ends with the standard prescribed signage showing the reduced speed limit.

Recent speed checks conducted at local road works sites has revealed many drivers are failing to slow down. The purpose of the reduction in speed limit is two fold; firstly to protect personnel engaged in activities relating to the road works and secondly to reduce the chances of an accident resulting from changes to road topography and the presence of heavy machinery.

Some of the speeds recorded have been high and the appropriate penalties have been applied. I think it worth mentioning that exceeding the prescribed speed limit by 38 kilometres or more results in the automatic disqualification from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for three months.

Also we have some found keys at the station. If you have lost any keys eg. car/house/ miscellaneous, over the past year or two, please call in with a description and we will try and match your missing key.

Cameron TANNER  
 Constable 2398

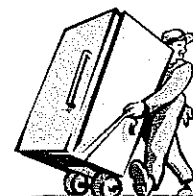
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**Medical Emergencies** phone: 000

**The Ambulance** on:

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**GP Assist** on:

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**The St Marys Community Health**

**Centre GP Surgery Hours:**

8:30am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

1:30pm-5:00pm

**Doctors work Monday- Friday's with alternate Thursday and Friday's off.**

For appointment please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111.

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## **STRENGTH TRAINING COURSE**

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**When: Friday 10am, starting 17th March 2006**

**Where: St Marys Day Room**

**Cost: \$30.00 for 6 sessions. Refreshments supplied.**

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## **'WALK & TALK GROUP'**

The first meeting will be held at St Marys Day Centre (Community Health Centre)

**Time/ Date: 10am on the 10th March 2006**

Group Activities will be supported by the Community Physio Assistant

For more information phone:

David (Physio Assistant) on 6372 2111

## **WOMEN GET ACTIVE PROGRAM**

*Especially for Women in Break O'Day*

Facilitator for this Women Get Active Program is Fiona Watts from the Healthy Community House

**Registration is Essential: 6376 5242**

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Beginning Tuesday 21st March 2006

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**WATCHING FOR MORE DETAILS....**

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

3rd March Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for details.

3 March Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney

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

9 March Weight Loss with Laughter Therapy 2pm-4pm, please phone Helen Jennings for further details on 6372 2111

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13 March PUBLIC HOLIDAY

14 March Child Health Clinic 9am-12noon, with Bernice Kelly. Afternoon appointments are available by arrangement.

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Information on this page was submitted by:

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Contact: Maureen Bushing – School Executive Officer  
Phone: 6372 3900

## *St Marys District High School Association*

**The first meeting for 2006/07 will be the Annual General Meeting  
with elections of the Committee members and Office Bearers.**

**This meeting will be held in the school staff room on  
Wednesday 8th March at 7pm  
followed by an ordinary meeting.**

**All parents/guardians and staff are welcome to attend.**

**Come along and support YOUR School Association.**

## ***Social Worker***

Elizabeth Spencer has been appointed as the permanent Social Worker for St Helens and St Marys District High Schools this year. She will be working at St Marys on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We also have a new Social Worker, Tanya Greenwood, who will be working one day per week at Bicheno, Fingal and Avoca Primary Schools. This is the first time that we have ever been able to offer this level of Professional Support Services to our East Coast Cluster Schools and Communities. The social work service may be of help for parents who are worried about their children, e.g. being bullied, quiet, and not able to make friends, to behaviour problems. Elizabeth Spencer is a fully accredited Family Therapist and if you wish to have your child assessed or counselled, there are consent to referral forms available at the office.

Elizabeth and Tanya will also see parents who wish to access social work services. There may be a range of issues that you wish to discuss, from Centrelink payments, parenting issues, child care or even respite. We know that most people experience some financial difficulties at some stage, so if you are experiencing difficulties with the payment of uniforms or books, then feel free to make an appointment to discuss this and you might be surprised what we can do for you.

At the end of last year we were able to organise financial help for some families who were experiencing difficulties prior to Christmas. For us to be able to help, we need to have the information early as all the organisations that help are really busy at the end of the year.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Elizabeth Spencer  
Social Worker.

# Parent/Child Sessions (St. Marys District High School)

WHAT: PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS  
WHERE: ST. MARYS KINDERGARTEN  
WHEN: MONDAYS 1.30—3.00 P.M.



STARTING: 20th March, 2006

This session is provided for those children who will turn 4 during 2006. Parents must accompany their child, and younger brothers and sisters are welcome. A fee of \$2.00 per child or \$3.00 per family a session is required to cover the cost of art materials.

Please bring a hat, a drink and a piece of fruit (for your child or children)

**FIRST SESSION 20th March, 2006 - an informal session (get together)**  
where we will become organised for the year.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!! Anne Bennet and Michelle Bennett (Parent/Child Co-ordinators)

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

- Tuesday 7th March
- Friday 10th March
- Tuesday 21st March
- Friday 24th March

Please feel free to contact them regarding your child's dental health on the numbers below:

St Marys Dental Unit 63 722488  
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Kelham Street Dental Unit 63 634100

## March 2006

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
.	.	1st Mar. .	2nd Mar. • Heather Butler Presentation • St Helens Swimming Carnival at SMDHS.	3rd Mar. • St Helens Swimming Carnival at SMDHS.
6th Mar. .	7th Mar. • Fingal Swimming Carnival at SMDHS	8th Mar. • School Association Meeting • St Marys DHS Primary Swimming Carnival	9th Mar. • Student Leader's Camp	10th Mar. • Student Leader's Camp
13th Mar. • HOLIDAY	14th Mar. • E.N.E. Miners Carnival	15th Mar. • Grade 7 Camp	16th Mar. • Grade 7 Camp	17th Mar. .



# **ST PATRICKS HEAD DAY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

## **THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED...**

ENTRIES MUST BE TO THE POST OFFICE BY **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
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**PLEASE NOTE:** ENTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETED ENTRY FORM  
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**\*\*\*THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO\*\*\***

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**Entry Form - Entry fee is \$5 per photograph.**

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I have supplied a negative: Yes No

Contact number or email:.....

**Please attach this form to the front of your A4 envelope, with the copy of your photo, a digital jpeg file or negative, and the \$5 entry fee enclosed.**



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Mr Davy said following the introduction of fund choice in July last year, people had become more aware of the benefits offered by a fund that was commission-free.

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The ratings, which were released this month, look at overall value for money including fees and investment returns, the evaluation of member benefits and employer services, website access and functionality, super advice, insurance services and fund governance.

SuperRatings is a company that conducts research on Australia's major superannuation funds. Its latest ratings report was released this month.

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## St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

To Pennant Bowls and... 'close, but not quite'. That's the way you'd describe the result in the second Semi-Final last Saturday, at Scamander against St Helens. The final margin of 11 shots, after leading by at least that many shots after half way, means that we're not that far away. Unfortunately now though, we have to do it the hard way, and defeat Swansea in the Preliminary Final, before having the chance to beat St Helens in the Grand Final.

All the boys are asked to make sure practice is paramount this week, because we'll need everyone to have a go next weekend. Special mention to Jack Viney's rink for a big win, and to Peter (PeeWee) Singline's rink, who beat Brian Harnson, after being 0-10 down at one stage. PeeWee wasn't well either. Great effort boys.

Wouldn't it be great to crack the 19 year drought since our last pennant win. It's in our hands too. If we're good enough, we will do it.

Thanks to everyone who is supporting Sunday golf at the moment. Last weekend a new multiplayer event was played, and was met with keen support. Each week the comps have been well supported.

Now, our attempt to win a fifth consecutive East Coast Pennant, and even more importantly a red hot crack at a Division 3 flag, both Northern and State is only a month away, and with potentially one of the strongest teams we've ever had a possibility. It would be great if all players could get their names on the board. This is so we can get the team organised properly. This year will be a great opportunity to go a long way with a couple of new faces with us, and others returning for a big go.

Couple this with several new innovations and improvements to the course, some keen volunteer work and new events organised or in the process, as we write, and it should be a huge year for our golf. We need everyone to get behind the club and become involved.

One new idea is to use one of our Perpetual Trophies (The Ruth and Geoff Gill Memorial) as an opening day event on March 25th.

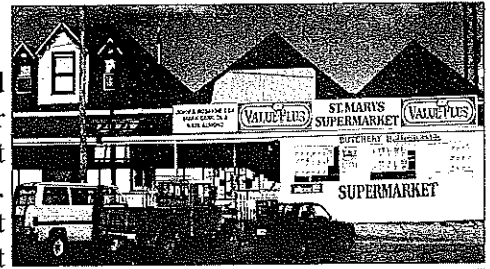
This will be an 18 hole stroke event, open to any golfer, and can be won by the best next score on the day. This will hopefully let us invite visitors from other clubs to the day if they choose, and give our own players a chance to win a top event. Men and Women's nett scores, best gross and special events will be conducted to open our Saturday golf calendar for 2006. The following day the pennant season commences with an away game at St Helens.

We are keen to hear from anyone, or business who would like to run a golf event, from July onwards. If you'd like to run a mutually beneficial day for your business and also support a club on the up and up, then St Marys Sports Centre is the venue.

Just a reminder that one of our big days in the next few weeks is the St Marys Community Centre's Fundraising and Fun Day, on Saturday April 1st. This event is mainly aimed at the new golfer and will be a social, as much as anything, day. The Centre crew or golf club would love to hear from you if you are keen to play.

On a sad note, all of us at the Club would like to send our sincerest wishes to Noelene, Trinity, Clinton, Stephanie, Rita and Shan, and extended family for the recent loss of our great cobbler, Craig Mitchell. Noelene very kindly asked us to say a few words at the church service, through Len Miles, which was a great honour for us. We will always remember his fun, no nonsense approach to life, and his terrific sense of humour. He'll always be a special part of the club.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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#### French Onion Lamb Chops

Cooking oil spray, 8 lamb chops (lean)  
6 small onions, halved, 2 cloves crushed garlic, 2 small leeks, chopped,  
1½ cups boiling water, 40g pkt French Onion soup, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley.

Coat medium flameproof baking dish with oil spray; cook lamb, in batches, until browned both sides. Cook onions, garlic and leeks in same dish, stirring until onion is lightly browned. Return lamb to dish, sprinkle with soup mix, pour water over.

Bake, covered, in moderate oven for 30 minutes. Uncover, bake about 20 minutes, or until lamb is tender and sauce has thickened. Just before serving, sprinkle with parsley. Yum!!!