WELCOME TO ISSUE NO. 1 OF OUR 39TH YEAR

WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME

by Shannon Rosskelly

I have to admit, when I was young I hated ANZAC Day, just like most young children do. Of course back then, I didn't know what it meant.

I thought it was just a silly, pointless waste of my free weekend time. I sat there and listened to some men talk about what I thought was nonsense. Now I know why my dad got angry when I said I thought ANZAC Day was boring and stupid.

So every ANZAC Day we would go into town to the ceremony. I always moaned about having to go to something I didn't want to go to. I hated having to sit through the trumpet blowing and not being able to talk, then the one minute silence. I guess it's because I am a talkative person.

The image and sounds of the men talking, the National Anthem, the salutes and the laying of the wreaths are all etched in my mind over the years. The faces of those old men and women, and every year there are fewer of those faces.

Now I am older I begin to see the loss is more than just one hour in one day. It started to become more clear to me.



It is with much regret that we as a town and community mourn the sad passing and loss of one of our well known and respected citizens.

Stephen lost his hard fought and long battle with debilitating health issues on Sunday 7th May.

If any fragment of consolation can be had from this sad issue, it is that it occurred in his own town, a place he and his families before him called home and of which the Salter name has been synonymous through generations past.

His association as Mayor, Past Politician, Hospital board member, Senior and local footballer, Past Lions Club member and numerous other involvements, made him well known in circles far beyond this local area and state in which we live, and of which will be poorer as a result of his passing.

Our love, thoughts, prayers and support go at this time to his wife Yvonne, Son Roger, Daughter Debbie and their families.

He will long be remembered.

Kevin Faulkner.

And after watching the Australian film "Gallipoli",

I realised what ANZAC Day was all about.

I tried to put myself in the ANZAC'S shoes. Young men joined up thinking the war would be fun. They did it for grand reasons. They did it for Australia! Only a few men had the common sense to realise that joining up would be the last time they would see this sunburnt land. Some joined up because it was the thing to do when you were with your mates.

On the way to Gallipoli, in Turkey, they had a lot of fun training and playing around, visiting Egypt and all that kind of stuff. When they arrived they thought, "She'll be right, we'll fix Johnny Turk and be off home."

But when they got into the trenches they were forced to fire, climb up over the walls with nothing but a gun, dodge the bullets and shoot. Other men saw what happened. They were so frightened, knowing that they were next. Next to die. They knew as soon as they got up, they would fall straight back down again. Leaving quick scribbled messages saying their last goodbyes, before they ran and died.

Now I know why ANZAC Day is so important. All those men who gave their lives for us. So when I attend the next ceremony I won't be bored or miserable. I will bow my head in silence and pray.

LEST WE FORGET

Shannon, pictured above, who is a Year 7 student at the St Marys District High School, was one of the winners of the RSL essay competition. He read this essay at the ANZAC Day Service.



Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

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

<u>Please note</u>: During winter the meetings will be bi-monthly, missing June and August meetings.

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

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.

The next meeting of **SMACD** will be held on Friday, May 26, at 5pm at the St Marys Online Access Centre.

The next meeting of the North East Bioregional Network will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 4pm at St Helens Neighbourhood House

WIN a sweet little quilt for Mother's Day at Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery! To go in the draw, purchase item/s valued at \$10 or more from now until 4 pm on Friday, 12th May – if you can't be there to win you can appoint a proxy! Drop in to see the prize and do your Mother's Day shopping Tuesday-Friday, 11-4, or ring Rita on 6372 2724 (BH) for details. Gift vouchers also available for that special Mum!

NEED A BREAK from the kids/ telephone/housework? Come to a two-day guilt workshop with Selina from Picture Patchwork! Learn how to make a quilt top from 6 fat quarters (quartermetre pieces of fabric). Workshop will be held on 18th and 19th May, 2006. Cost is \$70 (\$63 for members) plus materials. Deposit of \$20 payable with booking, balance due 16th May. There are only a few places left, so contact Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery SOON o n 6372 2724, Tuesday-Friday, 11-4.

Look for another Gone Rustic Notice further through this edition.

Roast beef and Gravy rolls will be sold at the Winter Solstice by the Lions Club of St Marys. So watch out for those.

ST MARYS GUIDES

has been a great success so far this year, with lots of activities and outings. It's not too late to join us.



Unfortunately, two of our Leaders have left, and unless we get more helpers out unit will struggle to continue. It would be a shame to lose another activity program for St Marys.

Please, if you can help in any way, contact: Kelly 0427 361 547 or Gaylene 6372 2654

CLEARING/GARAGE SALE

FREEMANS

224 Irishtown Road St Marys.

Sat/Sun, 27, 28th, May.

8 am —— 4 pm

Enquiries Ph: 6372 2104

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE INC.

BAR STEWARD

Expressions, by Sunday May 14th, are requested for a casual hours person/s to serve behind the bar at the St Marys Sports Centre.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol ticket is required, or that person must be willing to do the necessary training required for RSA.

Please submit your expression of interest, in writing, to:

PO Box 31, St Marys,

detailing name, contact details, and any previous experience, by the above date.

Rod McGiveron (Hon Sec.)

St Marys Winter Solstice Community Workshop Program

Taiko Drum Making weekend Sat/ Sun 20&21 May 10am —4pm at Falmouth Community Hall. \$150 per person for the weekend. All materials are supplied but you may need some tools. The drum you make at the workshop will be yours! Limited to 20 spaces.

Performance Techniques for Talko Drumming Mon 22 May 4pm-6pm at St Marys District High School. Cost \$10

Lantern Making with Eo greensticks. Material supplied.

Mon, Tues, Wed, 5, 6, 7, June 10,30am – 4pm St Marys Town Hall.

Fire Dance Thurs 15 June Pio session 11an -12.30pm Fire Staff session 1.30pm - 3pm Double Fire Staff session 3.15pm 4.45pm

1 session: \$15 / 2 sessions: \$25 / 3 sessions: \$30

Venue to be advised

Malia Walsh has been performing with fire for over seven years and her experience includes choreographing a show for the Sydney Olympics.

Songwriting, Drums and Percussion

Thurs 15 June. These sessions are to be presented by Nicky Bomba

Topeng: Balinese Mask Dance and Performance

Topeng is a Balinese form of dance drama in which dancers wear masks and perform stories concerning semi-mythical characters. Carmencita Palermo will be offering a comprehensive workshop in this art form. She is currently studying a PhD in Indonesian Studies and is an expert in Balinese masked dance. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Fri 5 May 7pm – 9pm Sat 6 May 10am – 4pm

Participants must attend both these sessions. Venue to be advised. \$50/\$40 concession. Includes both sessions.

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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.

CORNWALL COALMINERS HERITAGE WALL

The second and final set of plaques to complete the pioneering stage of the Coalminers Heritage Wall at Cornwall is in the final stages of research and will be sent to the foundry at the end of May. This is your last chance to have a family member or friend included that you think is not on the wall.

For more information ring: Jim Haas on 6372 2127

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY.

Wombat Walk Weeders are to host National Tree Planting day again this year.

It is to be held on Sunday 30th July, 2006 if fine, meeting at 10.00 am, at Wombat Walk.

Should you be planning on coming then please bring with you a hat, gardening gloves, sun screen and bottle of drinking water.

All are invited, and we expect that it will be as successful as in past years, with the help of the Community.

There will be a free sausage sizzle on the day, compliments of the Lions Club of St Marys.

See you there.

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Don't forget! Mother's Day Sunday, May 14th

Happy Mother's Day from all at RATHA B'ZAR

ST MARYS SESQUICENTENARY 1857 – 2007 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

The St Marys association for community development (SMACD) in association with the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild, St Marys Lions Club and the e.ScApe café gallery have created a uniqueSt Marys calendar from photos entered into the recent St Patricks Head Festival PhotographicCompetition.

The calendar titled "the next generation and others" will cover the coming financial year (July 06 – June 07) with each month showing a familiar young St Marys face.

SMACD President Reon Johns said the calendar will make a great gift idea to family and friends particularly those living interstate or overseas.

Calendars will go on sale in the coming weeks at \$17.95 with the launch to be held at this years Winter Solstice.

ALL money raised from the sale of the calendar will go towards the celebrations for the St Marys sesquicentenary (150 years) in 2007.

Many events are being organised with participation from many groups.



St. Marys Association for Community Development Member Application Form	
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Address	

Phone	
Fax	
e-mail	
Joining Fee \$5 per Annum	
I will agree to abide by the rules of incorporation of SMACD	Signed



A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas "The Black Diamond Soccer Team"

Michael Colrain, an old Cornwall Boy, and now a well known Hobart entertainer, who sang his first song on the stage of the Cornwall Hall accompanied by the Nolan Orchestra, has, like many of us, fond memories of growing up at Cornwall. Even now, after leaving to go south in 1945 at the age of nine, still takes a keen interest in the town and indeed, the whole Break O'Day region.

Michael's family was amongst a group of Scottish and Welsh immigrants who came to Australia in 1927, many of whom ended up in the Fingal Valley to work in the coal mines.

They were a jovial but hard working lot, with a wonderful love of music and sport. But alas, they had arrived in a place where the football the locals played was as foreign as the land they had come to. But by 1930 more Colrains along with more British immigrants had arrived in the Cullenswood area and the Colrains were able to gain enough support to form the Break O'Day Soccer Association, and the game they knew and loved from their homeland came alive in the Fingal Valley.

It originated with two teams from St.Marys and Cornwall, but Fingal soon fielded a side and a triangular tournament called "The Hood Challenge Trophy", named after the founding President, Mr. C. S. Hood, the then Cornwall Coal

Jim Colrain, John Colrain, Michael Colrain SITTING: Michael Colrain Snr (Coach)

Co. manager, was played. Mrs. D. Hindle, a St.Marys business owner, gave a cup to the winning team with all monies raised donated to St.Marys Hospital.

Games were played at the St.Marys, Cullenswood and Fingal grounds, and at the end of the tournament a combined team was selected from all three clubs, and with Michael's father and two uncles making up almost a third of the team and his grandfather as coach, they all went off to Hobart to play a southern combined side at the South Hobart ground, which back then, was the home of soccer in Hobart.

The Break O' Day boys, or "Black Diamonds" as they were known, because their jumpers were royal blue with a black diamond on the chest, knocked the stuffing clean out of the south by defeating them 3-4. As the Mercury reported next day: "....it was clearly demonstrated at South Hobart yesterday, playing a characteristically British and scientific type of football, that Break O'Day were capable of an even better performance and that the score line did not do them justice.... and the exhibition given by James Hardie and James Colrain has not been seen since the days of Honeysett and Stoner...."

Later in the year, a team from the North of the State traveled to St.Marys with great expectations of showing up the South by knocking over the much talked about "Black Diamonds". But they too went home with their tails between their legs with a 1-5 thrashing. Break O'Day went on to be the only undefeated team in 1930.

1932 saw three "Black Diamonds", John Rowan, Will Turner and James Hardie, picked in the State squad to travel to Sydney to play in the Australian Soccer Carnival. John Rowan, a piper with the Caledonian Society, was reported to have played his pipes all the way to Sydney on board the ferry "Loongana", and it was said the skirl of John Rowan's pipes stirred every Scotsman from Tasmania to Sydney.

The Break O' Day Soccer Association was short lived, however. By 1933 most of the good players were lured away with better employment offers and "poached" by the bigger more prominent clubs. But the memories of that most significant time in our sporting heritage should live on and be preserved for ever. Thanks to the Colrains and their talented mates, there was a time in Tasmanian sporting history when Break O'Day, through their "Black Diamonds", were feared by all and supreme over any who dared to challenge.

Thanks to Chris Hudson's book Century of Soccer for information and Michael Colrain for his help and photos for this story.







Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to raise this issue of recycling of waste at our local waste disposal refuse in St Marys. I have attached a letter of concern I sent to Cr David Clements.

As a local Tourism Operator, I am perplexed at the lack of recycle facilities at our local tip. I have contacted our local council, to be told "I would have some-one phone me back," which was about three months ago, and I am still waiting for a phone call.

I have spoken with a local Councillor, who indicated that "it would be a very slow and expensive issue to resolve, and that the community would have to show a need for such a service."

I would be very concerned if I was the only "concerned resident" re: waste recycling, and would like other like minded "concerned residents" to express their concern to our local Councillors and council.

If anyone wants to contact me about this issue, I can be contacted on 0417 017 105 or 6372 2168

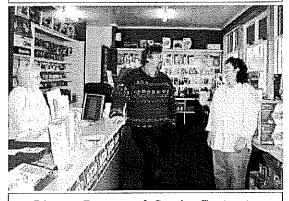
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Friday, 28 April 2006

Cr David Clements C/O Break O Day Council Cecilia St St Helens 7216 Tasmania Dear David.

Re. Recycle of waste in the municipality.

I am writing in regard to the recycling of household and business waste in the Break O Day Municipality.

As a Tourism Operator in St Marys I have a concern that the local waste refuse depot has no facilities for recycling of waste.

I have three accommodation cabins just out of the township of St Marys and a steady business with guests who consume and create waste, i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles and regular rubbish.

My guests ask me regularly whether we recycle our waste, which I have to answer, yes! However as I do recycle my rubbish, the local waste refuse depot has no recycle facilities to dispose of the waste.

I find it very uncomfortable disposing of my rubbish all in the same dump bins, when it should be as simple as setting up separate dump/ waste bins for the appropriate waste.

At the St Marys depot, which I dispose of my business waste, there are about 7 to 8 dump bins where the communities dispose of their waste, all in the same bins.

I find it difficult to understand why the council cannot provide separate recycle bins for recyclable waste.

All you would require is separate bins for, Glass and Plastic.

I understand the depot has facilities for cardboard, tyres, metal, aluminum and oil, which is obviously being used by the local community, so to add two additional dump bins for Glass and Plastic should not be a major issue for the council as expressed by the Council in the past.

I am sure I am not the only concerned community member, re: wastes recycle and truly believe that the Council should implement this action immediately. It appears to me that the Council is sadly lagging behind in an important environmental issue here.

I hope the council hears my simple request / plea and acts swiftly to remedy the problem.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Power Rainbow Retreat P O Box 195 St Marys TAS 7215 www.rainbowretreat.com.au

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WHAT AFFECT WILL...CLAC... HAVE ON YOU? by Jim Haas

I wonder how many people in the community are aware of the Crown Land Assessment Classification Project (CLAC) and what affect it will have on you and your environment. This is a project undertaken by the Lands Department to assess all unallocated Crown land and Public Reserves in Tasmania, and the Break O'Day Municipality is the latest council to be assessed.

Public Reserves will effect the whole of the Municipality and whilst in most cases, I understand, the Lands Department are recommending these areas be taken over by Local Government, there is no certainty that this will happen, and unless all ratepayers lobby their Councillors and voice their concerns, some of this land could be sold to private owners and public access denied and its significant values destroyed.

The unallocated land, on the other hand, will not affect the major towns too much because the majority of land is privately owned. However, the small ex-mining towns in Break O'Day like Mangana, Mathinna, Lotta and Cornwall which were surveyed out as towns, and where blocks were leased for housing and where these blocks have been given back to the Crown as houses have disappeared due to a decline in mining practices, this land assessment could have dramatic consequences as most of these blocks are recommended for private sale.

In Cornwall for example, there are some twenty blocks on the current list for sale and although Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. have made a submission to have the existing park and recreation ground known as the "Flat" turned over to the Council, and a five hundred metre buffer zone around the town to be made into a State Reserve, there is no guarantee that more land could be recommended for private sale.

The buffer zone takes in an area to the west, north and part of the east that is a valuable forest area full of native vegetation and wildlife, as well as its heritage values in old mine sites and walking tracks, all of which should never be intruded upon by any operations such as mining or forestry.

Inside the town boundary, however, is a different story, and with the price of land escalating in other parts of the country, it is not inconceivable to think that towns like Cornwall, where you would assume blocks will sell at bargain prices, could increase by some 50% in the not too distant future.

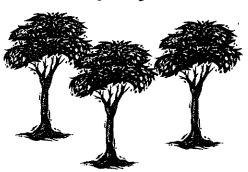
Communities which could be affected by this should be made totally aware of what is taking place and converse themselves with the Council's Settlement Strategy Plan 2006, and make submissions as to how they want their town to head into the next decade.

Do you want huge two story brick houses next door that takes away the view you have enjoyed for years? Do you want houses to be built on small pocket sized blocks or do you want them spaced out in a more acreage type setting? Do you want new houses to blend in with what your town currently portrays? Do you want your parks and reserves kept in public hands? Do you want sewage, paved streets, curb and guttering and treated water? All these questions and more need to be addressed or our towns could be led in a direction none of us want.

So whilst it has appeared in the past that Councils tends to look after the big towns, it could be the little towns that provide it with a welcome windfall. Although more infrastructures will be required, Councils will be laughing all the way to the bank

because at the moment Crown land is not ratifiable, but once it becomes private, the owner is hit with the lot including: water, sewerage, garbage and fire levy charges.

All in all, I believe, Council will do very well out of the CLAC project, but all ratepayers need to make sure that all land with public values is not lost to the private sector, but taken over and managed by Council to ensure its protection for the recreational enhancement of all, now and into the future, and communities are given ample opportunity to have constructive input into the future planning of their towns.



CSCA10C Tasmanian Wilderness Cafe Gallery

Current Exhibition ; 'EMERGING WILD' JOHN GYPSY McCOLL

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AT THE FRONT by Slouch Hat

Slouch Hat has heard people talking about this year's ANZAC day and how successful it was. And it is still being discussed by all those who attended.

As next year is the sesquicentenary of St Marys it is hoped that the Dawn Service will be attended by more people next year. All are welcome to come along and join in and make it a very special day.

The RSL was hoping to have a car display, on the day of Targa Tasmania, but unfortunately the insurance cover could not be arranged in time. However, plans are underway for something in the near future.

As winter in upon us, the RSL meeting will be held every two months unless something pops up and there is a need for a monthly meet.

The Sub Branch is working with the Cornwall Community Group to have a tree planting day on the flat at Cornwall. It is proposed to re-create the pine trees that were planted in remembrance of all those soldiers from Cornwall. It is hoped that this process will be approved by the relevant bodies.

5. All entries remain the property of the Guild.

6. The competition is open to anyone.

7. You can enter as many times as you like.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

by Reon Johns President, 6372 2094

It is with regret that the Guild has lost a true friend. Mayor Stephen Salter has past away. Stephen supported the Guild from the start and was our patron. The Guild would like to pass on their condolences to his family in this sad time.

The Electrician has started to wire up the shed, and has made progress on this part of our project. If this keeps up we will have power soon. The wait will certainly be worth it. A big thanks to Bruce for his mighty effort.

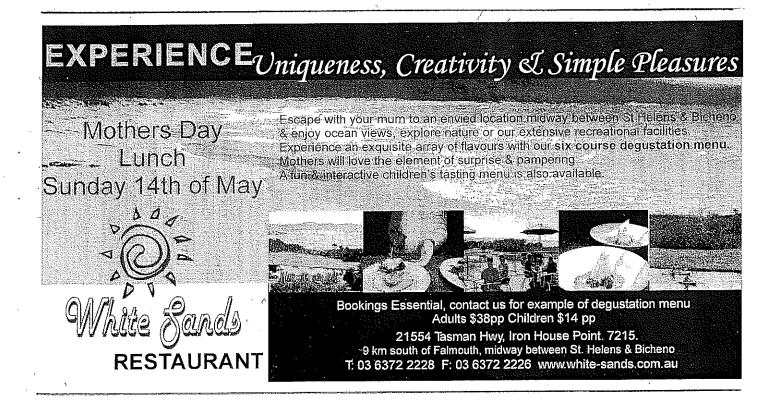
I am being approached by more than a few people who are interested in joining the Guild, I see this is as a good sign. So if you are interested please feel free to either see me or one of our members about joining, it is only \$16-00 per year. Better still come along to a meeting.

Here are the rules again for the Guild's logo competition.

- 1. The design must be on A4 paper.
- 2. Must be in black and white.
- 3. Must contain the words" Break'O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc.
- 4. The Guild reserves the right to change or alter the winning design.

All entries may be lodged at the E.sCaPe Café. Make sure that you have your name, address and telephone on each entry. This competition will close on the July 1, 2006 and the winner announced in the following issue of the Valley Voice. Good luck at all who enter.

The next meeting is Saturday May 27, at 4-00pm in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Station.





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Kindest Regards and Best Wishes.

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The Say by Cagerattler

I did tell you didn't I? In regard to the monthly supplement appearing in our local newspaper, what about the most recent one as an example?

I'm not sure that the valley coverage was sufficient, to show what is happening here at the moment. I think a lot more coverage would be justified of our locality, particularly with the Winter Solstice soon upon us. What a perfect opportunity for them to do a decent feature story. Let's hope so anyway. I'll be keen to see if they do.

With that in mind, I suggest that St Marys, Fingal and the valley is becoming the creative arts leader in the municipality.

Through the not infrequent assistance of Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, the wonderful e.ScApe Café and Fingal Neighbourhood House, there are ways, and places, for the considerable talents of local people to be shown, and for some performances and displays of world class artists, sculptors and musicians.

Add St Marys District High School to the mix and you must surely be getting close to an Arts Centre for the area. Over recent years, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, firstly Todd's Hall, and now e.ScApe Café, Fingal Neighbourhood House have provided many, many chances to showcase all sorts of skills.

At the school, the kids have the chance to perform in the Rock Challenge, (T.M.I.A.) their famous Arts on Tour, the fairly new but highly praised Percussion Band, and the Speech and Drama performances which amazes the public with their professionalism each time.

The Taiko Drummers were highly impressed last year by our kids' talents, but better yet, their keenness to advance their percussion skills. The Taiko Band paid a big tribute to this.

Then you see the various art displays, photography, and now a proposed film shot, directed and acted by the kids, and you see what I mean. There is also a keenness to create a music CD this year, perhaps based on the popular St Marys 'Idle'.

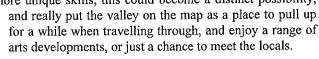
You have St Patricks Photography festival, markets, the Solstice of course, in the town. Chuck in puppetry, dance groups, our new Whatever Art business, the considerable efforts of Gone Rustic, Ratha B'zar, and that amazing lot at the Woodworking Guild, and it

gets better and better. Then you think of the ongoing work at the Railway Station on the new history room, and the efforts at Cornwall with historical work and restoration. Enough said, and apologies to anyone I've forgotten

This proud community can show many other places that you can make a difference, even without a major industry on your back doorstep.

Wouldn't it be great to have more outlets to further develop the opportunities this community has.

With the influx of new residents bringing with them even more unique skills, this could become a distinct possibility,

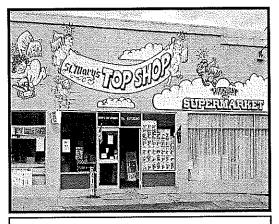


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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN TASMANIA AND TASMANIA TOGETHER PROGRESS BOARD LAUNCH NEW PARTNERSHIP

at 1033 - Tenth Ave at Agfest Quercus Site 11.00am 4th May 2006

The first Day of Agfest marked a significant day for the Country Womens Association in Tasmania and Tasmania *Together* as they jointly committed to working in Partnership in pursuit of their common goals.

The Agreement was signed by CWA State President, Mrs Lesley Young and Tasmania Together Progress Board Member Kem Perkins at the Quercus Rural Youth Park at Carrick at the CWA Site at Agfest.

Mr Perkins said "Tasmania Together is the community plan for the future of Tasmania. It was put together by the community and outlines what Tasmanians — including young Tasmanians, said they wanted for the future of our state. It is a vision which we hope will be realised by the year 2020—14 years from now."

"Tasmania *Together* is particularly important for people living in the rural areas of Tasmania as we need their communities to remain strong" said Mr Perkins

The CWA works with the Rural Youth Organisation in Tasmania in many different ways each year, i.e. by providing judges for their competitions; by coordinating where possible on joint workshops; and, by attending meetings of Rural Youth to be aware of their goals.

Mrs Lesley Young said "2006 marks the 70th year of CWA in Tasmania. Over those 70 years members have upheld the Association's objectives and they will continue to work on issues especially those concerning women and children. The many achievements over those 70 years also relate to the goals of Tasmania *Together* which forms a community plan for the future of all Tasmanians.

"Our organisation is thrilled to become a partner of Tasmania *Together* and continue to work for a better Tasmania." she said.

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EXCITING NEW SERVICE FOR KIDS AND THEIR CARERS -BODHRA RECEIVES APPROVAL OF GRANT FOR \$296,000



Isolated communities in the Break O'Day Municipality are soon to receive access to a quality service thanks to funding approval for the new 'Building Blocks' Project.

The Break O'Day Health Resource Association (BODHRA) has been successful in securing \$296,000 over 3 years, through the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Stronger Families and Communities Strategy – Local Answers Grant.

The grant will provide funding for a part-time worker, equipment and a van to service all areas in the Break O'Day Municipality.

The aim of the project is to support parents and children and to foster early literacy, numeracy and socialisation skills through access to quality equipment, support, information and services. This will be a huge advantage for some of the smaller, more Isolated areas such as Mathinna, Falmouth, Pyengana, Cornwall and Weldborough where access to services is minimal.

"Research has shown that the first few years of life of a child's development are crucial, therefore Building Blocks will be a great benefit for our municipality. The project has been identified as a need by a number of services for many years now and it is very exciting to have the funding." said Roger Harlow, BODHRA Secretary.

The project is in the very early stages of implementation and BODHRA aims to commence by August 2006. Information will be available to all communities prior to commencement. To find out more call the **Healthy Community Project** on 6376 5242.

Contacts for Valley Voice.

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Review of Break O'Day Settlement Strategy

Break O'Day Council is undertaking a major review of its settlement strategy.

This document will provide direction of future residential development throughout municipality.

The strategy will:

- 1. Review existing capacity of residential areas
- 2. Consider the need for additional residential land and review existing areas.
- Review individual community character of settlements.
- Review level of existing and future infrastructure needs and capacity to fund the new infrastructure identified.
- 5. Review the need for establishing additional areas for business and community needs to support the residential areas such as commercial, industrial, education and medical.
- 6. Review the need for specific rural/residential zones or provision in the planning scheme to accommodate a low density residential use.
- Consider residential needs in small and rural communities.

An initial comment period is open to the end of May 2006. Further information is available on Council's web site www.bodc.tas.gov.au. This will include copies of all releases, scoping document and the existing 1994 Settlement Strategy.

Copies will also be available from Council, please contact Jacci Viney on 6376 7900.

A small printing fee will apply for a paper copy of the existing strategy. All other documents and the strategy on CD will be free of charge.

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Police report

Road works continue on the Esk Highway near Tullochgorum. Reduced speed signs and traffic signals operate, so motorists are asked to drive at the applicable speed limits, be patient, and show courtesy to the workers and other motorists.

Winter is certainly upon us, so this is also a timely reminder for motorists to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy. Replace any worn tyres that may affect your vehicle's grip on the road, and replace any blown headlights or tail lights. Also don't forget the windscreen wiper blades... In adverse weather conditions such as rain or fog, lights on vehicles are required to be displayed. Correct lighting will not only protect yourself, but allow other drivers to see your presence on the road.

A request has been received by a local resident to provide detail on the correct storage facilities for firearms. Recent glaries around the state highlight the need for correct storage of firearms. Guns have been stolen during the burglary, and due to inadequate or improper storage, the house owner has been charged and convicted.

Anyone who possesses a firearm has to ensure they are stored in an approved storage facility. The keys to the storage cabinets are also to be secured to prevent unauthorised access to the firearms and ammunition.

Any Category A & B firearm must be stored in a locked receptacle which meets required construction guidelines.

All firearm receptacles weighing less than 150kg when empty must be fixed to a floor or a wall in a manner which prevents easy removal.

Due to this weight requirement, the majority of receptacles being used, including these commercially available will need to be fixed to the wall or floor.

Ammunition must be stored in a locked container separate from the receptacle containing the firearms. A separate container within the main storage unit is acceptable, however it must have a different keyed lock to the main cabinet.

Wooden receptacles should be of hard wood at least 12mm (½") thick with door hinges fixed internally. The door should be flush mounted with a minimal gap to reduce leverage points. The minimum standard for a steel or metal receptacle would be a locker room style with a solid metal lock, and be bolted down. Wooden and metal receptacles should be fitted with flush mounted metal or padlocks of good quality or have a substantial shackle of hardened steel.

To ensure further safety, consider removing the bolt and magazine from the firearm and store separately in a locked receptacle. There are also guidelines for transporting firearms. A firearm is not to be readily accessible to a person in the normal seated position whilst the vehicle is in motion.

Category A & B firearms must be carried in the most secure area of the vehicle and kept out of sight.

It must be carried in a gun case or cover. It must be unloaded at all times, and ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm. The firearm should not be left unattended unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Category C D & H firearms must be in the unloaded condition with the magazine removed, and where possible the bolt removed. If the bolt is unable to be removed, the bolt should be rearwards and in the open condition. The safety catch is to be in the "ON" position. The firearm is to be conveyed in a locked receptacle that is of solid construction or made of hardwood 100mm thick and fixed with metal lock. Magazines are not to contain ammunition.

A pistol is to be contained in a locked receptacle preferably located in the most secure area of a vehicle such as the locked boot of a sedan.

Firearm Registry are arranging for random inspections to be carried out. If you are unsure if your receptacle meets the requirements or further advice or transport call into the Police Station.

Sgt Mike DAVIS

More photos from the Soccer story from page 4.



MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER				
May		St Marys	Fingal	
Mon	15th	Debbie Barnes	Kaylene Sutton	
Tues	16th	Pat O'Donnell	June Hall	
Wed	17th	B & B McAllister	Susan Woods	
Thurs	18th	Yvonne Salter	Lynda Bean	
Fri	19th	Claire Bean	Mim Woods	
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Mon	22nd	Trish Pike	Karen Lohrey	
Tues	23rd	Pam Lynch	Tom Brady	
Wed	24th	Ruth McGiveron	Barb Saunders	
Thurs	25th	Gail Gamble	Prev Mills	
Fri	26th	Geoff Herrmann	Shirleen Woods	

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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 11.30am Campbell Town 5.00pm Bicheno LITURGY 9.00am

4th Week: LITURGY

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

5th Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm Bicheno 9.00am St Marys 11.00am Ross 5.00pm

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What's On In St Marys

Contact Rod on 6372 2444 or SMACD to add your event to the calendar

What	Date	Time/s	Where	Who
"Exotica" Quilt Exhibition	2 – 26 th May '06	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 3/6/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Winter Solstice	Saturday 17/6/06	4pm – 8pm	St Marys Recreation Ground	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
"The Knitting Room" Exhibition	3 – 30 th August	11am - 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
"Quilt the Blues" Exhibition	$5^{th}-28^{th}$ Sept.	11am - 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Maypole Festival	Saturday 4/11/06	10am - onwards	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Lions Christmas Parade	Sunday 24/12/06	TBA	Main St St Marys	Lions Club, St Marys
St Marys Pacing Cup	31/12/06	(afternoon)	St Marys Racecourse	St Marys Pacing Club

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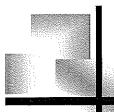
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Saturday 24th June St Helens Soccer Day	10am
Saturday 29th July St Marys Soccer Day	11am
Saturday 26th August St Helens Soccer Day	10am



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			11th May. • Work Experience • Minister for Education visiting the school.	12th May. • Work Experience
15th May. • Primary Assembly • 1/2 Boon to lead	16th May Dental Service	17th May. • Soccer Training • St Marys Cross Country	18th May.	19th May. • Dental Service
22nd May.	23rd May. • Inter-high Cross Country	24th May. • Soccer Training • Next newsletter • Football/Netball in L'ton	25th May.	26th May. • Secondary 'Idol' auditions 1.30pm



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



• Friday 19th May

• Tuesday30th May

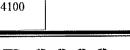
• Friday 2nd June

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



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St Helens Dental Unit 63 761713 Kelham Street Dental Unit 63 634100







On Wednesday the 5th of April, our team of Student Leaders from St. Marys DHS met up with the Student Leaders from St.Helens DHS at White Sands Resort for our 2006 Student Leadership camp.

On a meeting prior to the camp we organised our cabin arrangements, so there was a mix of St.Helens and St. Marys students in each cabin. The first night we were there we cooked our own meals in our individual cabins, before meeting with Mr.Lefevre to discuss the planning of our socials to come. After that it was off to bed by 11:00pm (or so the teachers thought!)

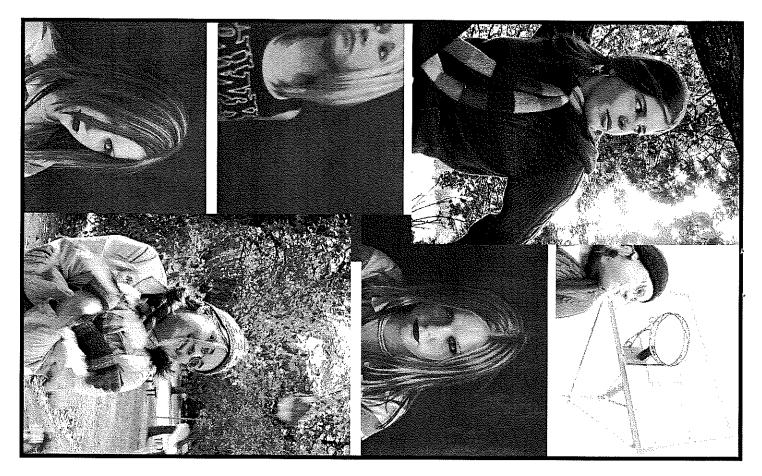
The next day we were up bright and early to head off with Paul Grigg to go abseiling. For some people this was an awesome experience but for a few

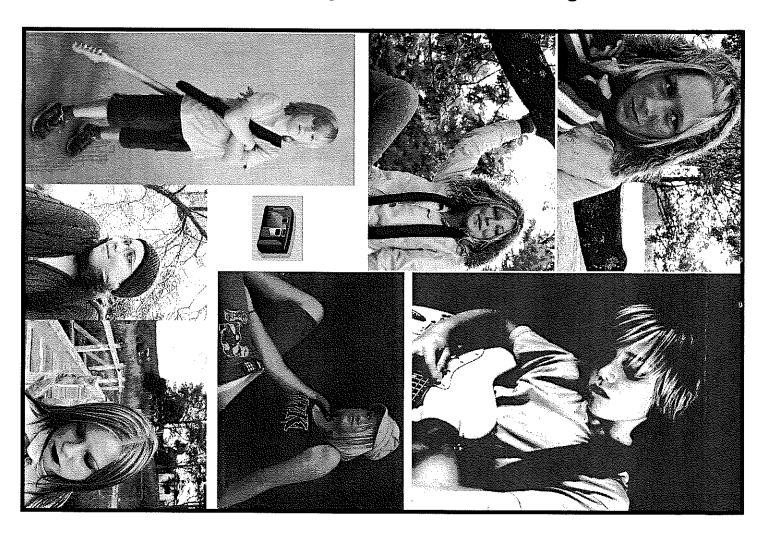
others it was just a little too daunting! For the rest of that day we did team character building activities with Paul Gough and public speaking with Megan Gillard, which turned out to be a rewarding experience, as we all changed our opinions on public speaking! Our lovely teachers cooked us a spit roast that night for tea, which we all enjoyed in their luxurious cabin! Most of us pulled an early nighter that night, as we new Paul Gough had some BIG challenges up his sleeve for the next day.

We were up early yet again, and after a huge feed of pancakes we set off to meet Paul Gough again to see what he had in store for us! Nothing could have prepared us for the challenge ahead... and for the people who didn't pull such an early night; they were definitely regretting it now.

Our challenge was to walk up to Iron House Point, collect some "ship wreck survivors" and carry them back down the beach on home made stretchers and all the way up to White Sands Air strip...the walk was an extreme 20km long... maybe a little over exaggerated but it sure felt that long! This expedition was to build character and confidence between the two schools.

Overall this Student Leader camp was challenging, heaps of fun and we all made new friendships with new people. We would like to say thankyou to all the teachers who took up their spare time to take us, and organise the camp...we know you all enjoyed it as much as all of us!





ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

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'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

11 May Weight Loss with Laughter Therapy 2pm-4pm, please phone Helen

Jennings for further details on 6372 2111

12 May Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity

Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 5026 for

details.

15 May TLC General Meeting 10am

16 May M.O.W. Meeting 1:30pm in the Day Room

16 May <u>Laurel House Counsellor</u> 10am-2pm Margaret. Phone 6334 2740 for

appointments

17 May Alcoholics Anon (AA).

Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone

6372 5026 for further details.

18 May <u>Laugh It Off Weight Loss Course</u> with

Helen Jennings. 2-4pm Fees apply.
Please phone Helen on 6372 2111 for

further details.

19 May Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity

Church St Marys at 8:00pm.Please phone 6372 5026 for further details.

23 May Women Get Active Program with Fiona

Watts. Phone 6376 5242 for further

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23 May Child Health Clinic 9am-12noon, with

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DID YOU HEAR THE BELL AGAIN?

Yes, the bell rang out again in St Marys!







Last month, on PALM SUNDAY, the bell at JAM rang out 'loud and long' to announce the start of yet another wonderful event.

This time of course, it wasn't Christmas, but the start of EASTER!

On April 9th, the church in Story Street was again full to the brim, with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, children and members of the public.

With summer-like weather, it was a fantastic sight to see all the activity happening outside the church, before the celebration inside had even begun.

A colourful jumping castle was in place behind JAM and many children enjoyed the sensation of bouncing inside it. There were also balloons aplenty and every child was able to choose a sculptured design to take home. The most popular choices seemed to be swords for the boys and teddies for the girls! The lawn was strewn with brightly coloured balls, and these too were a focus for play.

Guests and families were invited to share in afternoon tea, generously provided by the JAM parents. At 3 o'clock, the bell was rung, and everyone moved into the church.

PALM SUNDAY is the traditional start to Easter week, and it is on this day that Jesus' ride into Jerusalem is remembered. The exciting surprise for all the guests, was the arrival of a real miniature horse!

For the second time in nearly 5 years, John and Margy Scales were a tremendous support to JAM, and allowed us to borrow "Honey". He was extremely well behaved and brought a wonderful sense of reality to the proceedings.

Emma Squires was "Jesus", and she rode "Honey" into the church and up the aisle to the platform, with confidence and dignity.

The Salvation Army Divisional Commander for Tasmania, Major Allan Daddow, spoke to the crowd, the JAMmers sang songs, the congregation joined in too, the children and parents listened to an "Easter Journey"

and there was a wonderful atmosphere, as the truth of the Easter message was heard and understood.

PALM SUNDAY was indeed a wonderful day, and JAM is again looking forward to its next celebration service, when once more, everybody will be welcome!



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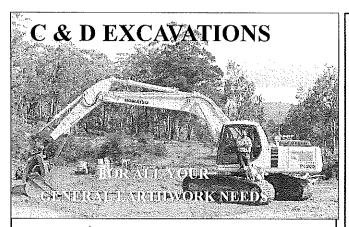
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St Marys Netball Club News

Sunday 30 April 2006

Solid victories for all divisions on a bleak windy day at St Helens. The girls in Division 2 and 3 looked fabulous in their new uniforms; special thanks to Sharon Rosskelly for her sewing skills in getting the patches ready for the Division 2 girls.

Division 1

A conclusive 55-12 victory against an under strength Georges Bay team.

Division 2

A good team effort to land a 45-20 victory against East Coast. The girls dropped off a bit in the third quarter but bounced back in the final quarter to show that they can maintain pressure when required. A solid team effort with all girls contributing.

Division 3

A very strong and determined 48-2 victory against a depleted Georges Bay team. These girls continue to improve and are becoming very competitive.

Saturday 6 May

Division 1

A powerful 66-24 victory against the Jets.

Division 2

The girls maintained pressure all day to record a very solid 62-4 victory against Georges Bay. It was sad to lose Christa McColl with a knee injury; hopefully Christa will recover quickly. Good luck to the girls when they represent St Marys DHS on Wednesday.

Division 3

The girls went down fighting to Surfside by 6 goals in a very tough and competitive game. They continue to improve.

Make your own buttons — create ceramic buttons in a class to be held 12-4 on Saturday, 3rd June, beginning with a shared lunch. Tutor: Di Field. Cost of \$20 (\$18 for members) includes your kit and tea/coffee. To book, call in to Gone Rustic Quilt Studio and Gallery at 37 Main Street, St. Marys, or ring 6372 2724 (mobile 0409 289 997).

Letter to Child

(Author Unknown)

To my child....

Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face and laugh when I feel like crying.

Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear, and smile and say how perfect it is.

Just for this morning, I am going to step over the laundry, and pick you up and take you to the park to play.

Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink, and let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.

Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the computer off, and sit with you in the backyard and blow bubbles.

Just for this afternoon, I won't worry about what you are going to be when you grow up, or second-guess every decision I have made where you are concerned.

Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies, and I won't stand over you trying to fix them.

Just for this afternoon, I will take us to McDonald's and buy us both a Happy Meal so you can have both toys.

Just for this evening, I will hold you in my arms and tell you a story about how you were born and how much I love you.

Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub and not get angry.

Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late while we sit on the porch and count all the stars.

Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you for hours, and miss my favorite TV shows.

Just for this evening when I run my finger through your hair as you pray, I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever given.

I will think about the mothers and fathers who are searching for their missing children, the mothers and fathers who are visiting their children's graves instead of their bedrooms, and mothers and fathers who are in hospital rooms watching their children suffer senselessly, and screaming inside they can't handle it anymore.

And when I kiss you goodnight I will hold you a little tighter, a little longer. It is then, that I will thank God for you, and ask him for nothing, except one more day......

To the family and friends of the late Break O'Day Mayor, Mr Stephen Salter

The committee, staff and Volunteers of the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc., would like to extend our deepest condolences, and we also express our gratitude for the support, interest and friendship given to us by Stephen.

He will be sadly missed and always remembered.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr Stephen Salter.

A true gentleman and friend who will be sadly missed.

From all the volunteers at the Valley Voice.

St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

It doesn't get much closer than that. I refer to the tight, tough battle on April 30 with Bicheno. Without Chris Davern and John Miles we knew we would struggle, but no-one expected it to go down to three games past the post results.

Eventually it took Jack Viney at the 20th and Dale Ridgers and Damon Viney at the 19th, to win their games for us to get in 5-4. The other winners were Tom Hawthorne and Rod McGiveron. Thanks also to Col Payne and Mark Birch for doing the team thing, playing up the list. This contributed to getting the overall win, with Chris and John unavailable. Well done everyone.

With the stuff up of dates for Mother's Day, the next game on May 14th (Mother;s Day) has been agreed by St Helens to be played on the scheduled June 25th date, which is the spare day for postponed games. Our next actual game is against Malahide on May 21st, and could well determine this year's winner.

To club golf, and a big thank you must go to Aurora, and Leigh and Karen Spilsbury, for sponsoring the popular Reverse Course Challenge event last Sunday, May 7th.

Unfortunately the lousy weather curtailed the field somewhat, but about \$200 was still raised on this sponsored day. With all entered teams playing this could easily have been double, but no-one can help the weather. Thanks again Leigh, Karen, Macca and Aurora. Also to our intrepid caterers who provided a fantastic lunch for all. The 20 or so who did play, enjoyed it immensely. Thanks also to Roger and Trev for all your work too.

This upcoming weekend, we host another sponsored day. This is the Carpet Walk 3 person Ambrose, on Saturday May 13.

We thank Garry Walker for his kind offer again, to sponsor such a day. Entry sheet is available in the clubhouse, and we hope for 30 –40 players if possible. Come along and enjoy another great day.

On the next weekend, May 20, it's the Ray Ridgers Memorial Trophy. Once again this great event should see a good field, as Ray deserves. Thanks so much to Dale, Marilyn and family, for their ongoing support of this event.

Please watch for a series of big weekends coming up in the next six weeks. No-one will be able to say that there's not enough golf going on, that's for sure.

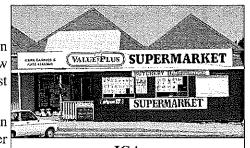
To club news. Don't forget if you are interested in doing a few bar hours, you are welcome to express an interest in a little bit of work at the club. Please get your expression of interest in by this Sunday, May 14, so we can see who wishes to talk to the committee.

Well done to all for the new flags and cups on the course. They look great.

Keep an eye out for plenty of work on the course and the bowls green soon. It's envisaged the next project for the bowls green is the building of the new fence to replace the ratty old hedge there now.

The club wishes to extend to the Salter family our condolences, on the loss of Stephen, who was our bowls Patron in recent years. No doubt he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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