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"People's Choice Award to Rainbow Retreat"

The Tourism Industry Council "Tasmania's Peoples Choice Award" for the June quarter has been won by local tourism operators Rainbow Retreat Wilderness Eco Cabins. Rainbow Retreat, situated on Gillies Road at St Patricks Head has been operating for just three years.

Rainbow Retreat Wilderness Eco Cabins were shortlisted among other operators for the award and recommended as the winner for the June 2006 quarter through exceptional comments in a joint decision between the Tourism Industry Council and Northern Tasmania Development.

This award is highly contested on a quarterly basis and is based on the quality of customer feedback through comments made in customer survey forms returned to the Tourism Industry Council. The People's Choice Award recognises businesses that have excelled in their commitment to a professional, customer-focused approach and excellence in service is awarded on a points system based on customer feedback surveys received at the Tourism Industry Council's Hobart office.

Rainbow Retreat is now eligible for the Annual People's Choice Award, with the winner to be announced at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards on 24 November 2006 at Wrest Point Casino.

Peter Power, owner and manager said, "It is a real privilege and honor in winning this prestigious award, considering we have only been trading for just over two and a half years.

We were fully booked through the peak season in the first two years and we are now fully booked for the upcoming Christmas season. We have international guests from the USA, the UK, Germany, France and Japan, to name a few; we also have guests from the mainland and locally from Hobart and Launceston.

Tasmanians love holidaying on the East Coast, as we have the most beautiful beaches and such a lovely climate, and there is so much to see and do. We have people of all ages stay at our Retreat, from young couples in their early twenties, to eighty-year-olds. We have had couples propose to each other, and others on their honeymoon, also people just escaping the fast, busy city living.

The cabins are solar powered and have all the facilities one would expect from a five star hotel. Each cabin has the most amazing ocean views and wildlife roams freely around the property, as the owners are wildlife carers, and the animals can be viewed from the comfort of the deluxe cabins."

Peter believes that the success of their wilderness Eco retreat is because people are now more interested in a holiday that offers an experience that is different from the everyday hotel/motel or B & B style accommodation.

"We offer an accommodation that is exclusive and that caters for the nature loving traveler," Peter said.

Rainbow Retreat also cater in-house gourmet restaurant quality meals, or their renowned woodfired pizzas, which are delivered fresh to the guest's cabins, and they also have a full liquor license, so when the weary traveler arrives they have the choice of eating in or eating out at one of the wonderful café's that St Marys has to offer.

The benefit to the Break O 'Day municipality of Rainbow Retreat winning the award is that, it will now be recognised as a tourist destination that has plenty to offer and that they are centrally located to several day trips such as, St Patrick's Head, South Sister, the Bay of Fires and Freycinet National Park and St Helens, the game fishing capital of Tasmania. So if you are after a night or two away, why not try Rainbow Retreat and experience a holiday with a difference, without having to travel the distance.

Peter has also just completed and passed the Marriage Celebrants course, and is now awaiting his registration by the Attorney Generals Office. Peter said he decided to become a Celebrant, as there is an obvious need in the area for such a service; however he is unable to perform legal marriages until he is registered, but is able to perform, renewal of wedding vows, naming ceremonies and commitment ceremonies. Rainbow Retreat is the perfect venue for any of the ceremonies with perfect ocean views in a lovely bush setting.

Congratulations to Rainbow Retreat on winning the award and we wish Rainbow Retreat all the very best for the annual awards in November.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

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 the last Saturday of the month 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.

Break O'Day Stitchers welcome everyone to their Friendship Day to be held on the 6th of October at the St Helens Neighbourhood House Bungalow between 10.30am to 3.00pm. \$10 entry fee which includes morning tea, lunch, lucky prizes and take home the bookmark you make. RSVP by 1st OCT. to Marj 6372 5752 or Barbara 6376 3771

SMACD's next meeting will be held on September 29, 2006, 5 pm, at the St Marys Online Access Centre.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild AGM is set for September 30, 2006 at noon in the Old Railway shed.

There will be a BBQ and refreshments for members at \$10.00 a head. Please pay prior to the date. Ring Reon on 6372 2094 for further details.

St Marys Community Garden – next meeting

Where: St Marys District High School Library

When: Monday 2nd Oct 3.15 pm

Who: Marion Herzveld, head of Eat Well Tasmania is visiting with lots of information on community gardening, and some Dvds

Also on the agenda-
spring planting and drip irrigation systems.

If you would like to find out more about community gardening or increase your gardening knowledge then feel free to come along, there are no joining fees or time commitments!

More info contact : Tanya
6372 2534

Or school office 63723900



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0438 571 291

or Rachael on 6372 2255

THANK YOU

Michael, Sue, Gail, Graham and family would like to thank everyone for the cards and floral tributes on the passing of our mother, Fay Brown.

A special thank you to Dianne Harris, Janell Coker-Williams, and Kevin Faulkner for the lovely service.

Sue Fisher.

CORNWALL COMMUNITY MEETING

Cornwall

Community Development Group Inc. will hold its next meeting on

**Tuesday the 3rd October 2006
at 7.30 pm**

in the Community Hall.

Councilor David Clement will be in attendance to talk about and answer questions on the future Settlement Strategy Program for Cornwall.

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Rosa Byard.

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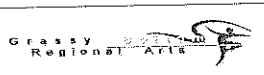
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SEMINAR

The launch and workshop of St Marys
resident Charles Trollope's new board
game will be held at

Doherty's St Helens Resort

Friday, September 29,

TOMORROW

at 6.30pm

Marketer, Ken Howard will be in
attendance to witness the launch.

The game is called

Hatch, Match, Dispatch,

and follows the human life span from
birth to death.

"Hopefully, kids will see this as a
glimpse into their future, and what can
happen in their own lives if they make
negative choices," said Mr Trollope.

St Marys Pacing Club

The Annual General Meeting of the
St Marys Pacing Club will be held
in the Committee room on
Friday, the 6th of October, at 7pm.

Eric Bean. Sec.



St Marys Child Care Centre is
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includes your kit plus tea and coffee.
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Tim Morris MHA
Member for Lyons



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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: *by Jim Haas* *"The Burning Mountain"*

In 1843 a farmhand hunting rabbits on the side of the Mt. Nicholas Range, just above where the township of Cornwall now stands, made a most significant find when his dog tried to dig a badger out of a hole and instead dug up coal. It was about the time when coal was becoming what many called "Black Gold" because with the discovery and development of the steam engine in England the demand for this marvelous fossil fuel was increasing at an alarming rate.

The settlers of the Break O' day Plains knew this from the correspondence and newspapers they were receiving from the home country, and went about exploring the mountain from east to west, in every creek bed, land slip and anywhere that may expose their prized find, and they were ecstatic when some four or five seams of two to three metres in thickness were found.

But the coal had very limited use around Cullenswood in the mid Nineteenth Century and transportation with horse and dray to the Port of Falmouth, or down through the valley to Launceston, was simply not practical, and it wasn't until 1886 when the railway from Conara was completed that the viability of coal mining became a reality.

The settlers had done their homework prior to 1886, however, and driven a number of exploratory tunnels into the coal seams and found what was to be called the "Blue Seam", named because of its blue/black colour, was the best quality coal and had a good solid sandstone roof making it much safer and easier to mine. Consequently, this was the seam that started a new economic revelation to the Fingal Valley.

The Blue Seam was to move on from those humble beginnings to produce thousands of tonnes of black gold, provide much needed employment to the area and with other entrances opened to the east it was, for many years, the main production seam for Cornwall Coal Co.

It was one fine morning in 1956, however, that all this came to an abrupt end for the Blue Seam, when the first shift of the day entering the eastern entrance, ran into a wall of smoke. The mine was on fire.

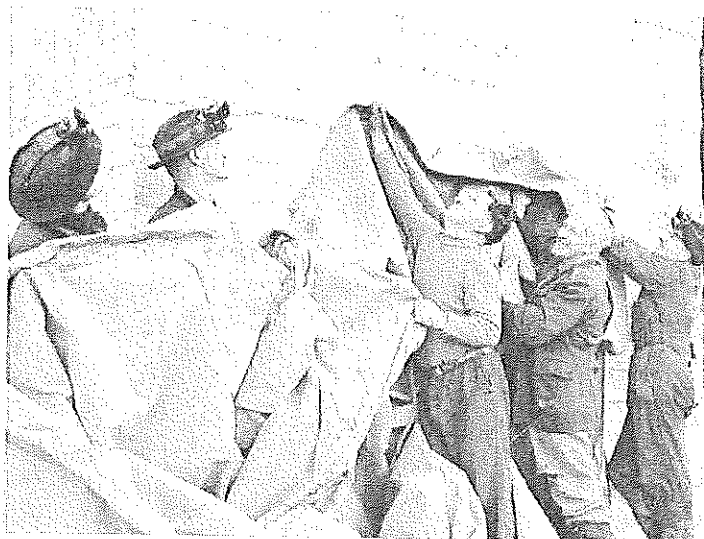
A frantic effort was made to get to the fire, but it was impossible. It had been burning all night and had too much of a hold, and every attempt to enter the mine, carrying the life saving canary to test the air, would result in the canary toppling over just a few metres from the surface, leaving the miners no choice but to move quickly out of the tunnel.

The next effort to extinguish the fire was to block off all entrances in an attempt to starve it of air, but that too failed and the Blue Seam, with thousands of tonnes of good quality coal reserves, was closed for ever. Now fifty years later the coal still smoulders beneath the mountain sending its steam, smoke and strong sulphur smell to the surface with a message that the fire will take its course, despite the efforts of man.

The burning coal seam at Cornwall is by no means unique however. There are literally thousands throughout the world, particularly in India and China. In the United States where several hundred burn, one in particular in Centralia, Pennsylvania, which started in 1962 from a rubbish fire, has caused almost the whole town and part of Route 61 to be shifted and rebuilt because as the coal seam burned, the heat caused the ground above to crack open.

The oldest known burning coal seam in the world is called Burning Mountain, and is in New South Wales some 300km north of Sydney near Wingen. Scientists estimate this huge coal seam has been burning for some six thousand years, with the fire moving southward at a rate of about one metre per year.

Wingen, which is Aboriginal for fire, is rich in indigenous heritage and was first settled by Europeans in around 1857, but it wasn't until 1866 that it was realised their burning mountain, which they all thought was a volcano, in fact was a coal seam set alight by some ancient natural force.



"Cornwall miners manhandle a tarpaulin in an attempt to seal off the burning Blue Seam in 1956."

In recent years the area has been declared a nature reserve with the National Parks and Wildlife Service maintaining walking tracks, information panels and viewing platforms where people can safely experience and learn the wonders of nature as the smoke and steam oozes from the ground.

The origin of our Blue Seam fire was never found, although the strong theory at the time was that a cigarette butt was thrown accidentally into a pile of papers in an underground crib room. But whatever the cause, the fire in our mountain is still alive and, perhaps, will continue to be for another fifty years and beyond. We can only hope that our authorities can take the lead from Wingen, and the heritage of our "Burning Mountain" can be preserved for all to see and learn from.

Nipping bush fires in the bud

Tree cutting near Aurora's powerlines will start in late September 2006 in fire danger areas across Tasmania. This work will be undertaken by Aurora and its authorised Contractors. This ongoing maintenance program by Aurora aims to:

- protect property by preventing fires caused by vegetation coming into contact with powerlines
- ensure a safe, reliable power supply for all Tasmanians.

Aurora and authorised Contractors will be entering properties, where required, for the clearing of Aurora owned lines. In most cases this work will be at no cost to property owners. Customers are reminded of their responsibilities to keep vegetation clear of privately owned powerlines.

For further information contact Aurora Vegetation Officers responsible for your area:

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Vegetation Officer North West – (03) 6420 2301

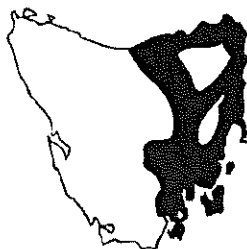
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Vegetation Officer South East – (03) 6271 6189

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■ The region in which tree cutting will occur.



Police Report

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new St Marys Police Sergeant. I have previously served in Hobart, Nubeena, Bellerive and George Town, and spent time at the Launceston Drug Squad. I have also had secondments to various Task Forces, including Road Safety, so like my predecessor have a keen eye for traffic matters.

Having been promoted to the position at St Marys, I will be here for at least the next two years and very much looking forward to the challenges rural policing can bring.

I have already noticed numerous motorists crossing double white lines on both the passes. Not only is this illegal, it's also very dangerous, as the roads don't leave much room to avoid an oncoming vehicle. The police officers stationed in the Valley regularly travel these roads in both marked and their own private vehicles, so please do the right thing.

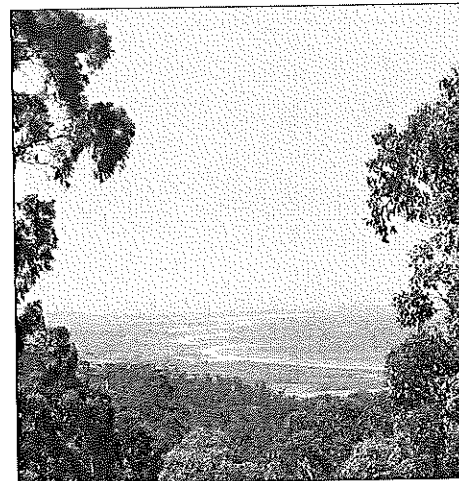
In relation to the road works that are ongoing between Fingal and Avoca, we have had a letter from the management regarding motorists speeding in excess of the posted speed limits and disobeying the temporary traffic lights. Please show consideration and patience when travelling in these areas. This area will be policed.

Commiseration's to the Fingal Blues over their Grand Final loss but I do thank them and their supporters for the way they behaved afterwards. Cameron and I paid a visit to the Fingal Hotel and all were in good spirits and well behaved. Better luck next year guys.

If you have any police related queries, please do not hesitate to call or visit the station. Any information regarding criminal behaviour can be given anonymously to **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **1800 005 555**

For urgent and life threatening matters call "000" but for non urgent matters there is a new number which is **131 444**

Tony ROUGHAN
Sergeant



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Your hosts, Peter & Ian
6372 2168 or 0417 017 105



Grassy Bottom Regional Arts update

Springing into spring, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts is getting ready for the 8th Annual Maypole Day celebration.

There is quite a full schedule evolving for the 4th and 5th of November. The main event will be on Saturday the 4th, with a Spring Market and guided bush walk in the morning, followed by a day of entertainment and activities on Faulkner's Green, including a puppet parade, cake decorating and flower arrangement competitions, the Maypole Art Prize and the Maypole Dance itself.

There will be food and music and things to do all day, so please put it on your calendar! On Sunday Nov 5th there will be a pancake breakfast on the green and an open Gardens and Gallery Tour. If you would like your garden or gallery to feature in the tour, please contact Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291 or C/o PO St Marys 7215.

We welcome volunteers for the Maypole Day, as there will be plenty to do. Contact as above.

The Arts Festival in a teacup workshop series schedule will be out soon and entry blanks for the Maypole Arts Prize are available now. If you are interested in puppets, this is an opportunity to take part in St Marys first ever puppet parade – Fiddlesticks Puppet Theatre's entire cast of puppets are prepared to go on parade – sign up now to be a participant!

Don't miss the Oct 1st screening of "The Secret" at the e.ScApe Café from 2pm. It is a film that can change your outlook on life! Music session after. All welcome.

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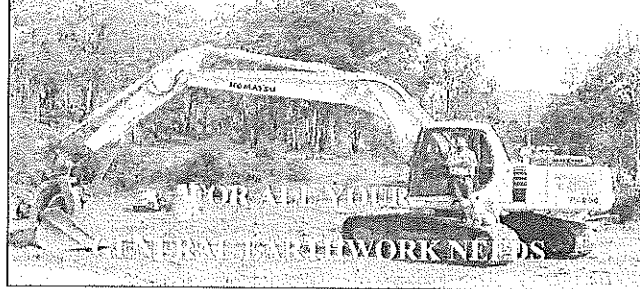
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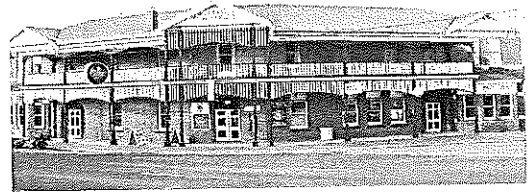
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Council Listens

People Power was a major feature of the September meeting of the Break O'Day Council, as Council passed a quadrella of motions responding to petitions, letters and requests from residents and ratepayer groups from Fingal, St Marys, Binalong Bay and Weldborough, representing the inland, highland, coastal and nether regions of the municipality.

Councillors endorsed a proposal to install a 50km/h speed zone in Talbot Street Fingal, initiated by a petition from 85 Fingal residents that an appropriate value be placed on the lives of residents by comparison with ensuring the "mobility" of traffic passing through their town.

It rescinded a motion passed in 2005 to subdivide and sell land it owns on the river bank at Groom and Storey Streets, St Marys, and instead instructed that the land be entered on the Register of Public Land, responding to a letter from over 200 St Marys residents requesting that the river bank land be kept in public ownership and developed as a park.

Following a petition and questions at Public Question Time from Binalong Bay residents on issues of sewage and environmental sustainability at Binalong, Council adopted a formal process of community consultation to explore options to achieve a long-term solution to the problems. It was also moved that Council would liaise with an expert in community consultation to design a comprehensive survey process of Binalong Bay residents.

The voice of the far flung nether regions of the municipality was heard when a request from the Weldborough Progress Association was supported and Council moved to ask DIER to conduct a safety audit of the Tasman Highway between Weldborough and North George River.

There are 6000 people in the Break O'Day Municipality. If only 5% of the people put forward one idea a year to make life better in their bit of the Break O'Day, or an idea on how to do things in a better way, that would be 300 ideas, about 6 a week, one each working day.

If only 10% of those ideas were workable, achievable and affordable, that would represent 30 initiatives a year coming to Council from the people of the Break O'Day, equivalent to 3 resident initiated proposals each Council Meeting. That would be a partnership, that is how people can make a difference.

David Clement

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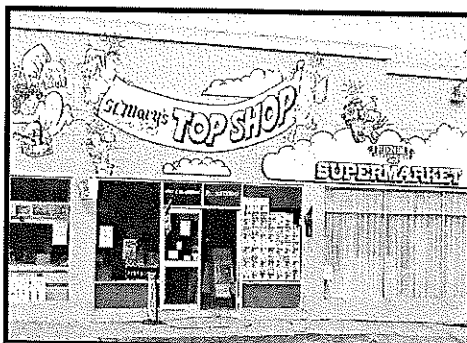
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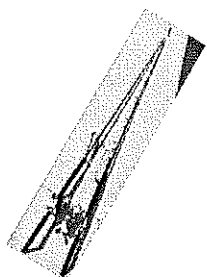




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Letter to the Editor

Re: Roadkill awareness:

Dear Editor,

I would like to remind the travelling public and locals of the ever increasing problem of roadkill of our wildlife on our main roads.

On Sunday the 17th of September I was confronted with a Bennett Wallaby that had been hit by a vehicle on the Esk Highway outside the Works Depot. This poor animal had been hit by a vehicle and suffered a broken back and was suffering on the middle of the highway.

Fortunately, and thankfully Dana Smith had also found this poor creature suffering in pain on the road and rendered assistance with the help of her son Lyle and his companion. It was very distressing for all of us to find this animal left on the road after being hit by a passing vehicle.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask anyone who witnesses or who is unfortunate enough to hit an animal, to stop and see if the animal is hurt or if there is a joey in the pouch.

If the situation is that the animal is injured, please do not hesitate in contacting the local police, who will in turn contact the local animal carers in the district. It is a slow and painful death when these poor creatures are hit and it is our obligation to end the suffering of the animal or rehabilitate them.

There are several animal carers in the area who are able to assist in these situations and will respond within moments of a phone call by the local authorities. So, please slow down and be aware of our wildlife as they will also cause expensive damage to your vehicle and distress to the persons who find them.

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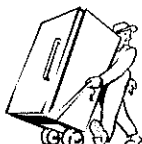
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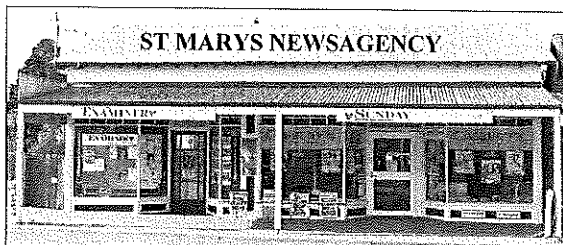
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1st Week: MASS

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Fingal 11.30am
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2nd Week LITURGY

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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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St Marys 10 am
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What's On In St Marys

<i>What</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time/s</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Who</i>
"Quilt the Blues" Exhibition	5 th – 28 th September	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gallery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
AFL Grand Final Event	Saturday 30/9/06	1 pm – onwards	St Marys Hotel	
Movie 'The Secret'	Saturday Oct 1st	2pm	e.ScApe Café	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 7/10/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Karaoke	Saturday 7/10/06	8pm – onwards	St Marys Hotel	TasBash Variety Club
<u>THE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON</u> "The EVENT of the year!!"	Tuesday 7/11/06	11am – 5pm	St Marys Sports Centre	Tasmanian Lympho- edema Committee
Melbourne Cup Fashion Parade Lunch	Tuesday 7/11/06	tba	St Marys Hotel	Ratha B'zar & Main St Clothing
Makers & Growers Mar- ket	Saturday 4/11/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Maypole Festival	Saturday 4/11/06	10am – onwards	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 2/12/06	9am – noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Christmas Carols	Sunday 17/12/06	(evening)	St Marys Town Hall	St Marys Community
Lions Christmas Parade	Sunday 24/12/06	Tba	Main St St Marys	St Marys Lions Club
St Marys 'Sesquicentenary' Pacing Cup	1/1/07	(afternoon)	St Marys Racecourse	St Marys Pacing Club

If you would like your event included in this page, Reon can be contacted on **6372 2094**

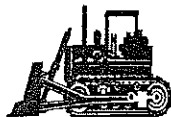
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The Say by Cagerattler

How does everyone feel about cutting their nature strips? The other day I just happened to be home, and watched as one of the council personnel maneuvered the ride-on around the nature strips near my place. The growth hasn't exploded just yet, but when it does, it's just about a full time job keeping up with it all, that's for sure.

I expect someone from the council will lampoon me for raising this issue in the Valley Voice, but it gives them an opportunity to reply and tell us ratepayers what we can expect about this subject as the growth season hits again.

I think it's always been a bit of a grey area, whether a resident mows and takes responsibility for the area between their boundary fence and the kerb.

Most of us, me included, do this and will continue to do so, but what if you decided not to? How long would it take for a council crew to cut the grass, and is it a credible expectation of council that we do mow our own nature strips all the time?

In regard to other public areas, parklands and recreation ground, and infrequently used to date, land, what is the minimum requirement of any council (not just this one) to deliver, particularly in regard to mowing services?

I was once accused of sarcasm when asking questions in this column.

This is not being sarcastic. It is a genuine request for public answers on these matters so that all of us are fully aware of both ratepayer and council mowing maintenance requirements.

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'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 29 Sept **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 5026 for further details
- 2 Oct **Hospital Auxiliary General Meeting** 2pm at the Hospital.
- 4 Oct **Senior Week Activity** at St Helens Foreshore, 10am-3:30pm. NO DAY CENTRE.
- 4 Oct **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details
- 9 Oct **Laurel House Counsellor**, Marg. 8:30am-9:30am & 1pm-3pm phone 6334 2740 for appointments
- 10 Oct **Child Health Clinic** 9am-12noon, with Lorraine McGee. Afternoon appointments are available by phoning 0428 136 381
- 11 Oct **Alcoholics Anon (AA)** Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further.
- 13 Oct **Relationships Australia** 10am-4pm phone 6336 7000 or 1300 364 277 for appointments
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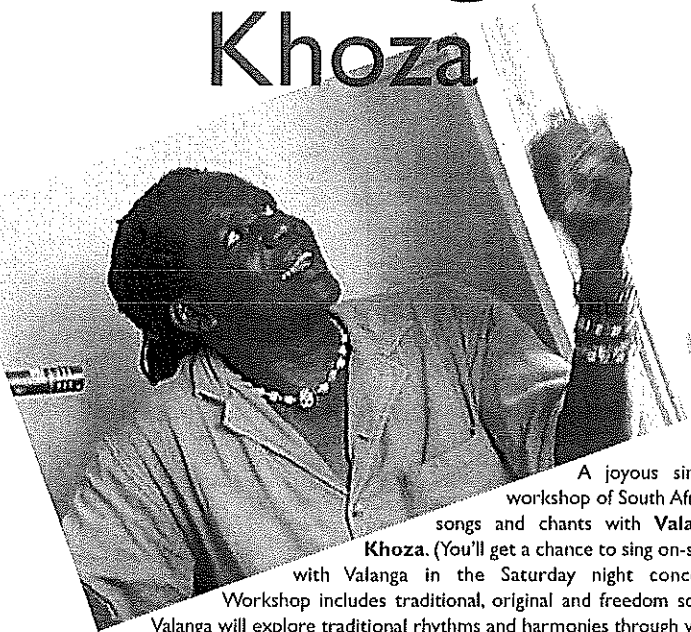
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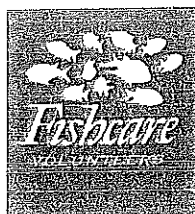
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- ✓ **We will be having a sausage sizzle with refreshments between 12.30pm and 2.00pm.**

Maybe you'll catch this evenings' dinner!

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Best regards and tight lines,

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Sports Centre news by Kackhander

Starting with golf, and well done to the 24 or so members who supported the Tasbash-Variety Club Day two weeks back. Although it was only a small field, there was still some money made for this great charity. Some visiting teams didn't actually play, but to our three Tasbash people who did, Mark, Jan, and of course Lyn, thanks so much for all your work on the day. And the guide dog was great to check out also. Hope he becomes one in the next couple of years.

Well done to Jack, Damon, Jim and Beth, winning the event. Thanks also to Macca for organising everything.

Last week we had a single stroke with Barry Harrison shooting the lights out with a fine nett 61. Dale Ridgers won the gross. Once again a smallish field, but considering the terrible weather it wasn't too bad.

Don't forget the next two weeks are special events. This upcoming week it's the AFL two person Ambrose, preceded by breakfast. This has become a very popular event over the years. It commences about 9am, so come along and have a go.

On October 7th, it's the inaugural Tote St Marys Hotel and Golf Day. This is a fantastic concept, and promises to be a big day for all concerned. Contact the club for details, but you'll have a ball that's for sure. There are plenty of spots available to play.

To bowls, and practice has already commenced. To all involved with the green, a huge congratulations to you. It is quite simply fantastic at this time of the year and a credit to the club.

Pennant is still a few weeks away yet, but good numbers are turning up on Thursday nights, and Johnny Mac's 100 up will be commencing soon.

If you are new to the area and want to try bowls, or golf for that matter, come along and have a look or ask us about it all. You will be very welcome.

Congratulations go to our Eightball team who have just won another Valley Premiership, after an emphatic victory in the Grand Final last Friday night. To roger and the whole team, well done indeed. Great effort by everyone who played this season. There will be a 'do' at the club soon.

Thanks again to the Tuesday crew, our loyal band of helpers on our course each week. The place has never looked better, especially considering we are in the middle of a drought, and you all deserve hearty congratulations.

If you want to become one of the Tuesday crew, just come along and see Bob, Trev, Jim, Col and the gang any Tuesday morning.

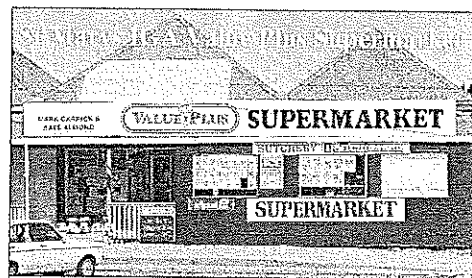
On working bees, keep a look out for a few soon, on weekends, to do some big work to the course, green and clubhouse.

Our friend Michael Polley MHA, is due soon to visit us with some really good news. So let's make him very welcome again that day. Details later.

Ladies golf is continuing well at the moment and it's good to see a couple of new regular golfers joining their ranks. Fantastic.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Good Luck to both the Sydney Swans and the West Coast Eagles in the AFL Grand Final on Saturday.



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