

Compliments of the season to all our readers



Silly Saturday St Marys Success

The retailers have called last Saturdays St Marys promotion 'Silly Saturday' a success. The aim of the promotion was to give you the chance to shop locally, save money and have a bit of fun.

All St Marys businesses participated with the added bonus of St Marys Post, and St Marys Health and Beauty opening for the morning.

The Silly Saturday prize draws were all won by wonderful locals who braved the brisk winds. Shari Donald won the major prize, the Christmas Hamper.

SMACD would like to thank St Marys Post, St Marys Value Plus, Ratha B'Zar, e.ScApe Café Gallery, Main Street Clothing, Purple Possum, Whatever Art, Gone Rustic, Coach House Takeaway, Valley Ink Tattoo, St Marys Newsagency, St Marys Hotel, St Marys Bakery, St Marys Top Shop, St Marys Health and Beauty, St Marys School Op Shop, Caltex St Marys and Designer Hair Studio for supporting the morning.

And a big THANKS to all those who came along and supported St Marys.

	<p>THE LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS STOCKING IS ALSO DISPLAYED AT THE POST OFFICE, AND TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY LIONS MEMBER AS WELL AS BUSINESSES AROUND THE TOWN.</p>	<p>Lions Club of ST. MARYS</p> <p>SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS OF THE LIONS CLUB OF ST MARYS CHRISTMAS PARADE</p>	<p>SANTA'S MAIL BOX IS AT THE ST MARYS POST OFFICE. THE LIONS CLUB OF ST MARYS HAVE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH SANTA..... ALL LETTERS WILL BE ANSWERED.</p>	
<p>CHRISTMAS HAM RAFFLE TICKETS ARE SELLING WELL... SEE HARRY AND KERRY AT THE POST OFFICE.</p> <p>HAM RAFFLE DRAWN DECEMBER 12TH.</p>				

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, December 19, 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.

SMACD will hold its next meeting on December 22nd at 5pm at the **St Marys Online Access Centre**.

The next meeting of the **North East Bioregional Network** will be held at **Eo's Garage** at 2 Storey St St Marys at 4pm.

The **Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc.**, holds meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am at the **St Marys Community Health Centre**

Don't forget the **Lions Club of St Marys Christmas Parade and Children's Party** on Christmas Eve. Get involved with a float or offer your help on the day.

Christmas Carols will be held again this year on **Dec 17th** at the **St Marys Community Hall**. If any one is interested in joining in by presenting an appropriate item, they will be most welcome.

Please contact:

Kevin Faulkner on
6372 2196 or any
Auxiliary member.

The Pacing Club of St Marys will be holding their one day of the year again on New Year's Day.

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St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

raffle consisting of four prizes, the
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chase of a new Heart monitor costing
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Kevin Faulkner Sec.

St Marys Online Access Centre

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ing there for us during my re-
cent months of poor health.

Although 'things' aren't as
'fixed' as we had hoped they
would be by now, I'm sure that
time isn't too far off.

It has been a really difficult time
for us and I'm sure you will never
really understand how great it was
to feel so cared about.

To all the hospital staff and
ambo volunteers, what a
difference you made to a
harrowing time, every time, and
there were a few!!

It truly is a privilege to live here
in this community. We may have
had the dubious distinction of once
being named the poorest postcode
in Australia, but we are the richest
in knowing and caring about each
other, and that can be all that mat-
ters at times.

Thank you all again, and we wish
each and everyone a happy and
safe Christmas.

Wendy, Bung and Mollie.

Classifieds

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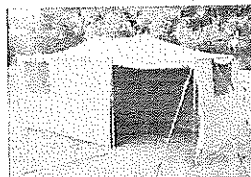
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Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of charge. If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue. Please inform us if your items are sold.

Please note: Letters to be published in the Valley Voice must be signed. Your name need not be published, but we must have a signature. Articles and letters published in the Valley Voice are not necessarily the opinion of the staff and volunteers of this community paper. Ed.

As part of the upcoming Sesquintenary celebrations we are looking for the oldest vehicle in St Marys and the oldest vehicle that is still registered.

Please contact Ian Summers, Grant Faulkner, Bill Targett or Reon Johns.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas

Recently I took time out to look over the old Cullenswood Church and grave yard. For half an hour or so I wandered through the old weathered headstones displaying the names of many of our early pioneers. Names like Legge, Ransom, Groom, Cadman, Lohrey, Todd, Oliver and Napier, all of whom were among the trail blazers of the Break O'Day Plains, but now seemingly forgotten by the community they established.

Suddenly, with my mind filled with thoughts of the significance this place once was to our ancestors, I came across the graves of my great Grandfather and Grandmother, James and Ann Haas. Sadness and shame were my only emotions as I stood and stared at the headstone lying in pieces on the ground. The once white marble monument with its clear black writing, that had stood so proud for some eighty years was nothing more than rubble, with the date of their deaths in 1916 and 1917 almost unreadable.



The broken headstone of James and Ann Haas's grave at Cullenswood.

I remembered as a child losing concentration during the sermon, and casting my eyes over the old building and picturing the convicts in their cream arrow patterned clothes, placing every huge stone in perfect alignment to allow the windows that came from the Home Country to fit and display their many symbols of the Christian faith. I could imagine the carpenters high above the floor fitting each piece of timber into the ceiling with expert precision to bare the weight of the wooden shingles and stand the test of time.

Now, as I stand on the doorstep, I feel shame again that it is some twenty years since I entered a church to worship and it is because of people like me, with little time to follow family tradition, that this breathtaking building with so much character demonstrated in the Nineteenth Century architecture and lovingly built by Robert Vincent Legge and his band of convicts in 1847, that it now stands lonely and neglected like the graves of our ancestors who once filled the pews.

It is hard for us to imagine what the Break O'Day Plains was like in 1827, when Robert Legge and his family and convict servants arrived and settled at Cullenswood. The first years would have been rather rough, perhaps living in tents or hastily built huts with the prime objective to prepare the land to enable it to provide a living, and it was some eighteen years before he was able to complete his dream house on the banks of the river.

His next project for the crew of talented convicts was to build a church as fine as any in the land and what a day it would have been in 1847 when Robert and his fellow Protestant settlers, opened his Church with the first service.

In 1851, Dr. Samuel Parsons, a nephew to Robert, took up residence as the first clergyman at Cullenswood and he was installed by Bishop Nixon, the first Anglican Bishop of Van Diemens Land. Since then the church has seen many marriages, funerals and celebrated services, with one of the most memorable occasions being the inauguration of the first Mothers Union in Australia in 1892. It was founded by the wife of Reverend J. W. L'Oste who was rector at Cullenswood from 1880 to 1899.

The memory of the Sunday morning gong of the bell reaching all the way to Cornwall sent me back into the sun to look up at the old bell-tower.

It too, like the rest of the grand old building and grave yard, is in need of some tender loving care.

But to me, Christ Church Cullenswood will always be a special place, that generates a feeling of holiness and a reminder of the wonderful conviction our ancestors had in their faith.



Convict built Christ Church Cullenswood with the grave yard in the foreground.



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GEORGES BAY BARWAY

Break O'Day Mayor Robert Legge has fired a shot over the bow of the State Government for its failure to resolve the issues at the St Helens Barway and Pelican Point, which has resulted in St Helens Marine Rescue ceasing escort operations as from November 22.

Mayor Legge has held discussions with St Helens Marine Rescue, and has been informed that the conditions are dangerous, and that the rescue craft and its operators are not prepared to put lives at risk, or damage valuable equipment, which would be required to escort vessels through the barway and Pelican Point area.

"We have been negotiating with the State Government and particularly with the Minister, Jim Cox MHA, for months and have received no support for this issue.

Unless some action is taken immediately, St Helens will become a marine wasteland, with no reasonable sized vessels capable of operating in this State Government owned and operated port.

It's time for the State Government to put the safety of the commercial and recreational fishers, and the economic health of residents in St Helens, to the forefront, and allocate the necessary funds to solve this long standing issue. It is also critical for those many vessels that seek refuge in St Helens after long voyages from mainland Australia and other destinations, to also have access to the safety of Georges Bay."

At a meeting held November 10, 2006, which included 23 stakeholders associated with the barway, a number of resolutions were carried, which if implemented, would significantly reduce the danger that currently exists at the two locations mentioned. There has been no response from the Government since that meeting, and we now find ourselves in an impossible situation that may well have significant economic ramifications for St Helens over the coming months.

"If this was a racecourse and the barriers were broken, they would be repaired in an instant. In our situation, we have a State Government that owns the St Helens port and is unwilling to address what is a simple but critical solution to this problem. I implore the Premier to instruct his Minister to take immediate action to solve this problem."

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**When: Tuesday 19th December
2-4pm**

**Where: St Marys Child Care Centre
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St Marys Police report

With Christmas creeping up on us rapidly I cannot reinforce once again how important it is to be careful on the roads. Police will be conducting random breath test operations in numerous locations at different times, so please be responsible, arrange your transport and be safe.

Over the Christmas period police will also have an increased presence on the highway, checking vehicle registrations, seatbelts, people using mobile phones and vehicles speeding.

It is also important to remember that over the holiday period there will be an increased number of tourists on the road. These vehicles do not travel in the area regularly and there will be plenty of boats being towed.

We would like to thank all the school leavers from the area for conducting themselves in a mature and responsible manner following the recent leaver's dinner.

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 please call 131 444.

Tony ROUGHAN
Sergeant

St Marys Community Garden

There will be a meeting to discuss what to spend our grant money on

**When: Thursday 7th December 3.15 pm
Where: St Marys District High Library.**

All interested people very welcome to attend.

The community garden is an organic space open to all members of the Break O'Day area.

More information tel; Tanya 6327 2534



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EXCITEMENT for JAM!

This group of excited children, is pictured outside JAM headquarters, with all hands pointing to our Colin Buchanan poster from last year's concert at the Door of Hope in Launceston. And of course, the reason for the smiling faces, was the planned trip to Colin's concert... for this year, 2006!

And so, all the preparations were in place: kind and generous donations for the bus fare (\$450.00 – THANK YOU!!)

JAM shirts all washed & ironed and ready for wearing; pocket money saved for Colin's CD's, posters, books and DVD's; tickets given out; afternoon tea all packed; music on standby, for singing along with on the bus ride; insurance papers all accounted for; the roll called and...right on time at 8am on November 4th, the bus finally pulled away from the curb at JAM – and we were off for another fantastic day to share with Colin!



(Thank you to our wonderful driver – 2 years in a row – Mr. Kerry Franklin)

We had THE BEST DAY, again! The day went perfectly to plan, and all children and parents (including those from Bicheno) seemed to thoroughly enjoy what Colin had to offer.

A wonderful moment during the concert, was Colin's singing of the (Beaconsfield) "Beacy Song". Colin assured us that he had saved this song especially for the Northern Tasmanians, and he did not disappoint us in the rendition of it.

There was great excitement also, when our own Lochie Gee, Courtney Middendorp and Cathrina Smith were invited onto the stage to perform with Colin! We were so proud to see them representing JAM so confidently.

After the concert, as for last year, Colin sat for nearly 2 hours, signing autographs and meeting the children and their families.

We left the Door of Hope with great memories, and some even with Colin's new book and/or poster; of course both decorated with his wonderful drawings, messages and signature.

Our afternoon tea stop at Avoca was a welcome break on the return journey, and the JAMmers, and parents certainly seemed happy and relaxed.

The bus pulled into St Marys at 3pm and off-loaded some tired, but happy children...and adults! And again...we are already planning for 2007!



These photos show Colin with Melanie Norton and Val and Don Brown.

Many individual and small group photos were taken of all the JAMmers with Colin too, and while there were too many to publish in the V.V., they will be on display at the St Marys Post Office, so please make sure you have a look!



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The Say by Cagerattler

I know it's just coming up to Christmas and generally it's a happy and festive time, but what we all wouldn't give for a wet drizzly couple of weeks right now.

I can't recall seeing everything so dry and dead leading up to Christmas, as it is now.

There is hardly a thick healthy lawn or reserve anywhere around, no growth explosion like we used to get, and in recent weeks, water trucks have been doing a roaring unabating trade to top up tanks and to even water the racetrack, so it doesn't turn to dust too quickly, before the race meeting on January 1st.

One local property owner told me the other day that they have had no option but to reduce their stock numbers, to try and cope with the lack of feed. I'd not be surprised if all the farmers have had to do the same.

This would be understandable if we were in the middle of the outback or somewhere, but this is the fertile and rich Fingal Valley on the East Coast of Tasmania, not the outback. That's the scary part for me.

We all fully appreciate that on a grand scale we are not as bad off as many, many places in Australia, and for a lot of people their drought periods are longer and tougher, but for me, the underlying thing is that if even places like our little neck of the woods can miss out on the usual rainfall to the degree we already have, then there just might be something in the dire predictions for our planet we read and hear of each day.

I really don't know how close we are to major problems with our water supplies, except to watch with despair as our local creeks drop lower and lower as each day passes. I wonder if we get a long hot summer with no substantial rains and we again miss the downpours we are so used to in Autumn, what predicament will we be in?

If our local authorities put full on water restrictions soon, we must observe them to the letter, and try to conserve the water reserves as best we can. Otherwise, we might just find out what a real drought means.

Let's try to do the right thing, when this is asked.

Somehow, if it's a rainy Christmas Day, I don't think too many will mind, do you? That would be a real present.

What do you think?

MILLERS SKID STEER EARTHMOVING

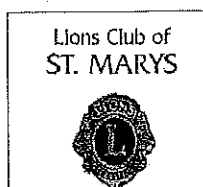
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3.00 PM — Children's Party begins with free tickets in draws of gifts for school age students, as well as free tickets for adult gift.



3.00 PM— Large jumping castle, free to children. (until 6.45pm)

3.30 PM — Santa arrives with sweets and balloons for children.

Treasure hunt during the afternoon — Games — Icy poles — Drinks — Chips — Balloon Sculptures —
Children's tent — duck pat lotto.



5.00 PM — **CHRISTMAS PARADE** starts in Newman Street, decorated bikes will join and **FOLLOW** the parade from the Library to the Post Office. Parade will continue around the square and disperse at Hotel corner.



5.30 PM— Music on Faulkner's Green —BBQ and refreshments on sale. Dance prizes during the evening.



6.30 PM— Lions Christmas Stocking drawn — Float prize winners and House lights winners announced.



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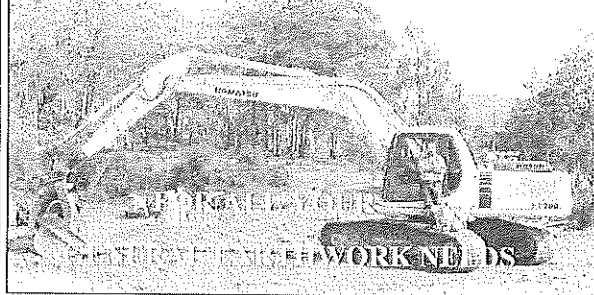
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St Marys Sports Centre news by kackhandler

It's all happening at the club at the moment, but unfortunately on the bowls scene it's all happening with some pennant losses that we hoped would be good wins.

The good news is that even though we have missed at least scored points and there is a real bottleneck between places two to six on the ladder, we only have to finish in the top four, and as silly as it sounds we are only one big win away from the double chance. That's how tight it is. All year we have struggled to be able to keep settled rinks, which is making it hard to get it right, but hopefully from now on this is on the mend.

After losses to Bicheno and Scamander, we now face Swansea at Swansea this week then St Helens Red at St Marys before the Christmas break. After the New year it will be a good run home to the finals.

Congratulations to Jim Rankin, Graham Hayes, Jim Turner and Rod Field, making it into the East Coast Fours Championship Final, after a great win in the semi's last weekend. It was a fabulous game and a top result for St Marys. They now face Gilbert Brown's St Helens rink in the final, at 1 pm next Sunday at St Marys. Go over and have a look and support our fellas if you can.

A huge thank you to our catering crew, our bar staff and Jack and the boys on the green this year. Last Sunday was no exception, and it's great to see this support for the club. You are the envy of all the visitors, that's for sure.

To golf, and a reminder that the trophy night is to be a barbecue style this year, with all sorts of meat, salads and sweets to enjoy. Macca worked himself into the ground the other week, getting all the invitations out to all the members, and requests the RSVP be adhered to for catering/ordering reasons.

It should be a great night on Friday, December 15th. While still on Macca, a special thanks to him for his efforts in securing the \$10,000 grant that allows the purchase of the new water pump, that will finally let the right amount of water get to the greens and tees. That is of course, there is water in the creek to pump, such is the worsening drought we are experiencing at the moment. Thanks so much Glenn, for all your work on the grant.

Also a continuing thanks to Bob, Trev, Col, Jim and the crew on the course. No-one can grizzle about the course because these fellas are just amazing each week.

Another very special thank you must go to Shan Wilmot and Rita Mitchell, who have donated a wonderful new seat to the club for the 9th/18th tee-bed. This is a marvellous gesture by them, and we hope to soon properly dedicate it in honour of a very special person we all lost this year. Thanks again, Shan, Rita and Charmaine.

Back to bowls again to finish. Over the next few weeks the club hopes to trial a Friday night under lights comp, for old and new bowlers alike. So keep an eye out for that.

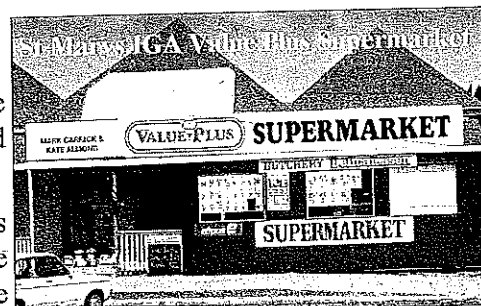
Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.

The flag competition conducted by SMACD, valued at \$75, has been won by Jason Cottrell.

The Start-up computer package was won by Tony Wronski and kindly donated back to be redrawn this Friday 8th at Value Plus at 9am

FOUND last Friday. One brand new toy.

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Next week's specials

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This week's meat specials

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Boneless lamb roasts	\$ 9.99 kg

Next week's meat specials

Rump steak	\$ 9.99 kg
Silverside	\$ 7.99 kg
BBQ Round steak	\$ 7.99 kg



Our girls are always smiling.

Come in and see Scott, Matt or Nicky to order your Christmas hams, turkeys chickens etc.



St Mary's Tennis Club

Wednesday Ladies Comp cancellations and washouts have been very disappointing for the keen St Mary's Tennis Club.

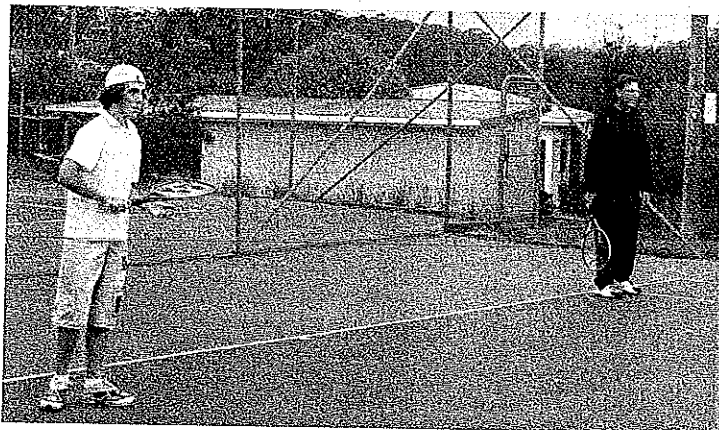
This Wednesday sees Karen, Anne, Yvonne and Dana take on Genevieve, Jill, Liz and Annette in the Grand Final- Go Girls!

East Coast Pennants Prelim Final will see St Helens take on Bicheno to see who meets Drew and Co in the Grand Final the week after. See Pennants Photo- Warren Blackberry was aced by all the members of St Marys Red at some stage on the day. Well done ladies!

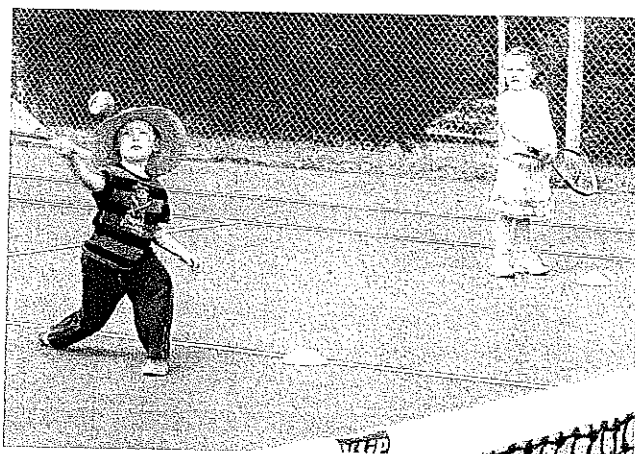
Break O'Day Tennis Coaching's Harry Ebsworth was presented with his certification from Tennis Tasmania in a ceremony at StHelens last week. Michael Roberts (see Pic) Executive Director Of Tennis Tasmania joined the kids for a fun morning of BBQ breakfast and coaching in honour of Harry's achievement. Congratulations Harry!

The Fun Day on the 25th saw a quality turn up (more in style than numbers due to the rain) with Reese and Chris joining the regulars for a keen few hours before the rain sent us all packing.

Anyone wishing to come for a few casual sets can roll up on a Friday for twilight fun around 5.30pm ish or on a Saturday arvo at 1pm. All welcome.



Reese & Drew on Funday.



Django & Chloe at Coaching.



Pennant crew at Bicheno



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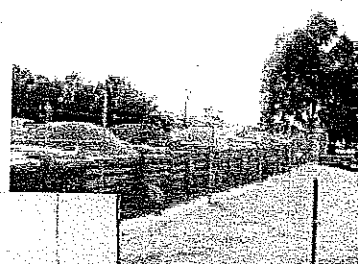
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Get Walking Week



As part of the Heart Foundation's Get Walking Week, students at St Marys District High have been participating in walking activities. These have included bush walks, walks around the town and school based walks which have aimed to show the social and health benefits of regular exercise.

Through our participation, we have gained a prize of \$500 from the Heart Foundation which will be put towards lunch-time sports equipment.

Thanks to all students and staff who have participated in activities throughout the week.

National History Project



Oliver Micek, David Bartlett, Sam Panton

On the 8th of November Oliver Micek, Sam Panton and Mr Park went to Hobart to attend the National History Challenge presentation day. Several students entered with a very quality of work. Two students won awards which were presented by the Minister of Education, Mr David Bartlett and co-ordinator of the event, Angelique Bowe.

Hazel Buchhorn came second in the turning points of Australian Womens Rights. Oliver Micek won a high recommendation for his efforts in the web design challenge. All in all it was a pretty good day considering we were the only school from the Coast to receive awards. We would like to thank all those who participated and hope you all enjoyed it.

Written by Oliver Micek and Sam Panton.

PRIMARY AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD

GRADE 3
Ebony Bennett
Jack Greenwood
Joshua McDiamid
GRADE 4
Grace Ennis
Elizabeth Carin
GRADE 5
GRADE 6

MERIT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 3 MORRISON

Jamie Squires
Cody Dutch
Ayla Harvey

GRADE 3 MACKENZIE

Amber Davern
Jesse McCall
Pollie Rawnsley

GRADE 4/5 WARDLAW

Liam Gough
Cassie McGee
Emily Miles

GRADE 4/5 MACGREGOR

Stuart Wright
Otis McDermott
Teala Roney

GRADE 6 HUNT

Christin Heron
Karly Graham
Kiani Carson

SPORTSPERSONS AWARD

Shari Donald
Jacob Spilsbury

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Rebecca Cooper

SECONDARY AWARDS

GRADE 7

ACADEMIC AWARD

Elizabeth Jones

GRADE 8

ACADEMIC AWARD

Christa McCall

MERIT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 7/8 WHITE

Nathan O'Shea
Courtney Meiklejohn
Danielle Williams

GRADE 7/8 RED

Damian Bean
Dan Male
Emily Brown

GRADE 7/8 BLACK

Kate Wright
Ashleigh Corbett
Selina Panoff

PRIZE WINNERS 2006

GRADE 7/8 GREEN

Rebecca McDonald
James Douglas
Elise Wright

7/8 SPORTS PERSON AWARD

Elise Wright

GRADE 9

ACADEMIC AWARD

Hazel Buchhorn

GRADE 9 MERIT CERTIFICATES

Jessica Panoff
Beth Roskelly
Ruby Wallace
Sebastian Booth
Sam Parrott
Diana Nickson
Rebecca Bretag

GRADE 9 SPORTS PERSON AWARD

Ned Hyland

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT

Ella Cooke

NEET CENTRE INC. AWARDS

GRADE 11/12

ACADEMIC AWARD

Rebecca Barnes

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Rebecca Holmes
Linda Burns
Stephanie Oates

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT

Rebecca Barnes

VET PRIZE

Felicity Spilsbury

PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE

ART AWARD

Linda Burns

GRADE 10 SUBJECT PRIZES

HEALTH/PE	Leah Nash
VISUAL ART	Jessica Downing
DESIGN GRAPHICS	Isaac Kriesch
MUSIC	Kirsten Viney
ENGLISH	Lana Stephens
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Isaac Kriesch
INTEGRATED	Melissa McGarrity
MATHEMATICS	Lana Stephens
MATHEMATICS METHOD	Eidene O'Shea
SCIENCE	Eidene O'Shea
SPEECH & DRAMA	Lana Stephens
ENTERPRISE COOKERY	Craig Smith
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY	Aaron Midson
LOTE	Kirsten Viney
AUTO	Bradley McDonald & Ryan Street

SPECIAL AWARDS

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Kodey Street
Nicole Evelyn
Reanna Kelly
Allyson Bowling

PRIZES

SPORTSMANSHIP

Leah Nash

CITIZENSHIP - "PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL"
DICK ADAMS AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE

Bradley McDonald
Aedan Pentelow
Aaron Midson

LIONS CLUB AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Kirsten Viney

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Zack Gale

TODD'S HALL DRAMA AWARD

Lana Stephens

CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Aaron Midson

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Tegan Speers

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RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT

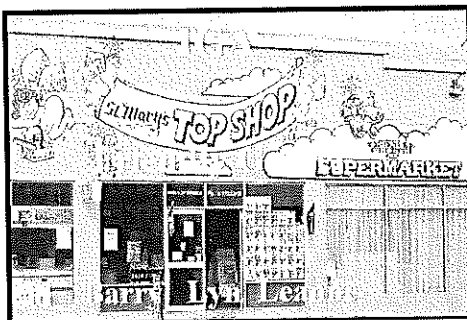
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St Marys Falmouth
Celebrational Year 2007



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Those who qualify will receive a special certificate at the afternoon tea on 18 March 2007 at the St Marys Hall.

We are also searching for the oldest living resident in the St Marys area.

Please feel free to nominate anyone you consider fits the requirements or you can nominate yourself, and if you need more information contact Reon on 6372 2094.

Its easy, just fill in the form and leave it at the Caltex Garage.

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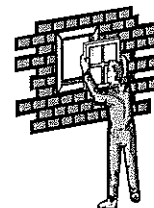
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OPEN LETTER TO ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

As you would be well aware St Marys will be celebrating its sesquicentennial (150 yrs) in 2007.

Plans are well underway for a community celebration beginning St Patrick's Day weekend (16-17-18 March 07).

We would like to have a calendar of events for the entire year. We have already negotiated with several Clubs to hold a special event.

We would like any club or organisation to consider holding an event or re-title a current activity with the word "sesquicentennial" in mind.

E.G: Sesquicentennial car show.

SMACD would appreciate meeting with you or your organisation to discuss this further at your earliest convenience. We also plan to have a lunch on a Sunday in the not too distant future to inform you further of our plans for the sesquicentennial.

Reon (03 6372 2094)

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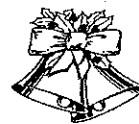
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Letter to the Editor

The Editor
Valley Voice

Sir,

Would anybody in the district who would be interested in being a member of a Friends of St Marys Cemetery group, please let me know over the next few weeks.

A phone call in the evening on 6372 2647 will usually get me.

David Clement
St Marys

Wildlife of Tasmania Caring for Wildlife Caring for Orphaned Wildlife (Continued from last issue)

Diet And Feeding

Diet varies for each species and its stage of development. However all pouch-dependant young require a low lactose or lactose-free milk formula. Specialised marsupial milk formulas include Wombaroo and Biolac, available from vets and product agents. Also suitable is Di-Vetelact, a low lactose milk formula, available from most veterinary clinics. Never feed soybean, Carnation, condensed or cow's milk to marsupials. Pouch young should only be fed with specially-shaped, marsupial, latex teats. Older individuals usually lap from a saucer. To successfully rehabilitate orphans requires establishing 'gut flora'. In some cases this may be achieved by allowing weaning herbivores access to droppings from healthy individuals from the same species.

In 24 hours a young marsupial should drink no more than 10% -20% of its body weight (note: 1 ml = 1 gram). For example take a 600 gram wallaby: 10% of its weight is 60 gms, which is equivalent to 60 mls of fluid. This wallaby should have between 60 mls (10%) and 120 mls (20%) of milk over a 24 hour period. Weigh the animal as a guide for feeding and as a record for its development. The first 48 hours of care are often the most critical.

Pouches and Warmth

Security and warmth are vital to the survival of orphaned pouch young. Use pouches made from natural products. A woollen pouch (old jumper) with a cotton liner (old pillowslips) that can be regularly changed is ideal. Place the pouch in a padded basket, box or old canvas backpack for added protection. As the animal develops, make sure that it can enter and leave the pouch of its own accord.

An unfurred joey requires a constant pouch temperature of around 32 C. As the joey develops fur this can be gradually decreased to 28 C. Furred young should be allowed a few minutes of direct sun light each day, even if just on the face, to promote vitamin production. Once a joey has developed thick fur it should be able to maintain its own body temperature and should not need a heating device. Hot water bottles and electric heat pads work best. Make sure the heat source is padded and is not in direct contact with the animal. The joey must also be able to get away from the heat source if it gets too hot, otherwise it could overheat and die. Always have a thermometer handy to regularly check the temperature. Regularly refill hot water bottles.

Stress-free Environment

Keep animals away from loud noises such as televisions and radios. Pouch dependant young should not be removed from their pouch except for toileting or changing of pouch liners. Never allow orphaned wildlife to have contact with cats, dogs or poultry as they can develop diseases or lose fear of natural predators.

If you are unable to take on or continue in the carer's role, please contact the Northeast Wildlife Carers. They have dedicated wildlife carers available to care for wildlife. **Phone 0417 107 105 or 6372 2973**

(Submitted by Peter Power)

We would like to acknowledge the Parks and Wildlife site:

<http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/wildlife/care/orphans.html>

Northeast Wildlife Carers

Northeast Wildlife Carers: are a local group of volunteer wildlife carers based in the Break O Day municipality.

If anyone finds an animal or bird which is either injured or orphaned, please contact us on **0417 017 105** or **6372 2973** or take any injured animal directly to the local vet, who does not charge for this service if the animal has been taken for an examination first.

It is advisable to phone the vet first on **6376 1577** to seek the appropriate advice.

Any donations of old children's playpens, or old beanies, which are used as pouches, would be much appreciated.



..which is also a great site in general for the public to understand about wildlife.



MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 11th	Audrey Wright	Karen Lohrey
Tues 12th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 13th	Wendy Aulich	Barb Saunders
Thurs 14th	Kaye Nailer	Jan Marshall
Fri 15th	Pam Gillies	Julie-Ann Claridge
Mon 18th	Debbie Barnes	Sharon Hall
Tues 19th	Ruth Aulich	Robyn Holder
Wed 20th	Ruth McGiveron	Alana Johns
Thurs 21st	Liz Rice	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 22nd	Claire Bean	Mim Woods

Church Services

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Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0427 055 963

1st Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.30am
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 11.30am
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

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
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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

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Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens
Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens 9.00 am
Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander
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Divine Service 11 am

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DOCTORS ROSTER

December 2006— January 2007

Except for the Public Holidays, doctors will be rostered on as normal during the December and January period.

PLEASE PHONE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE ON 6372 2111 FOR APPOINTMENTS OR **BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS**.

CURRENT WAITING PERIOD IS APPROX 2 WEEKS FOR DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS.

- At the time of print, subject to change depending on demand.

SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

PLEASE ENSURE DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS ARE BOOKED **PRIOR** TO YOUR MEDICATION/S RUNNING OUT OR **IN ADVANCE** IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THIS PRACTISE REGULARLY. SCRIPTS **WILL NOT** BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

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1:30pm-5:00pm

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David Mallett Coordinator

DAY CENTRE Xmas Closure

The Day Centre will be closed Wednesday 27 December and will resume again on Wednesday 3rd January 2007.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

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

8 Dec **Relationships Australia**
10:00-4:00pm Phone 1300 364 277 for appointments

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Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8.00pm
Please phone 6372 5026 for further details

19 Dec **Bill Bragg** 633 10.00am-1.00pm
Phone 6336 2185

22 Dec **Relationships Australia**
10:00-4:00pm Phone 1300 364 277 for appointments

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work availability over the December/ January and period is as follows:

December 2006

St. Marys: Helen Jennings will be available each Monday & Tuesday & on Wednesday 6th & 20th December

St.Helens: Shan Williams will be available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the Xmas break.

January 2007

Helen Jennings will cover both sites:

St.Marys each Monday & Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd, 17th & 31st.

St.Helens each Thursday & Friday and Wednesday 10th & 24th January

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NEXT PODIATRY VISIT

Please note that Perry Daly's next visit will be Wednesday, 7th February 2007
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and a
Safe and Happy New Year**

R.D.A. receives a helping hand.

On Thursday 16/11/06 at St Helens Equestrian grounds, children from Scamander, St Marys and surrounding areas who participate in horse riding activities through the Riding for the Disabled Association were thrilled to each receive a new pair of riding boots, helmet and an equine grooming kit.

A joint effort between Scamander Beach Resort Hotel Social Club and St Marys Lions Club resulted in providing the funding for the much needed items.

The children, who are all students from St Marys District High School, travel to the Equestrian grounds every second Thursday.

Accompanied by parents, teachers, and carers, they join in with students from St Helens District High School in horse riding sessions covering learning to mount and dismount the horse, basic balance and seat, games activities, grooming, horse care, and more.

These sessions are conducted under set guidelines by accredited coaches with volunteer help from the community and other students.

While help is tailored to suit the riders individual needs, which can be from a severe physical disability to a mild learning difficulty, focus is always about the riders ability and what they can achieve. Their smile says it all!

It was great to see St Helens students willingly sharing their riding gear with St Marys students, but as this raised other issues of health guidelines, (having to wear shower caps etc.) it was better to see all participants with their very own helmets and boots.

Riding for the Disabled Association would like to acknowledge Scamander Beach Resort Hotel Social Club and St Marys Lions Club for taking interest in this worthwhile program and thank them for supporting it to achieve an ever improving outcome.

No names for the photos were supplied.



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Letter to the Editor

Update on Save our Sisters

Dear all,

Save our Sisters continues to lobby to save the South Sister coupe from logging by Forestry Tasmania. Here's a summary of the latest activities.

1) After FT experts submitted supplementary evidence to RMPAT a few days prior to the Hearing in September 2005, SOS expert David Stapledon reduced his risk assessment regarding the likelihood of a landslide. This reassessment was based in part on the evidence presented by McIntosh and Weldon. However, information provided in this paper was later found by Rallings, to be false and misleading. Key features central to the slope stability argument were incorrectly positioned on a sketch map, which according to **Rallings ... 'effectively destroyed the hypothesis that Slide B was deep seated'**. By then, the applicants had withdrawn from the hearing as Stapledon's reduced risk assessment did not meet the threshold for the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act.

Rallings has spent the past twelve months reviewing the documents, performing field work, writing review paper and forwarding it to RMPAT, Ombudsman, Forestry Tasmania, the former Minister of Forestry, Bryan Green and most recently the Premier (who has taken over the Forest portfolio). Ralph's paper has provided them all with detailed information about the false and misleading evidence.

Despite his attempts to solve the issues and despite his 40 years of experience with landslides, he has constantly been ignored. It would appear that none of those to whom he has written is interested in pursuing the matter. He continues to be shocked and astounded at the lack of professionalism and blatant disregard for the truth. The review paper can be found at: <http://www.southsister.org/articles5/rallings5.htm>

2) Three lichens identified on the South Sister (close to the coupe) by esteemed Herbarium Lichenologist Gintaras Kantvilas were nominated for listing on the Threatened Species List earlier this year. Despite the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) recommending the three be listed as 'rare' the Minister failed to list the lichens. The Minister's decision was based on the premise that he was ... **'not able to determine whether these species are at risk...'**. This was despite the lichens being recommended by SAC to be listed under the criteria stating ... **'species subject to stochastic risk...because of naturally small population size(s).'**

The Minister's decision came as a huge shock to many Tasmanian scientists as the Scientific Advisory Committee consists of esteemed scientists who perform their tasks methodically and scientifically. An appeal has been made challenging the Minister's decision to RMPAT which was initially granted, and a Direction's Hearing set for November 24, 2006. However, the Minister has challenged this and questions whether there is a right of appeal in relation to this matter! The issue should be resolved in the next two weeks, during which time it will be apparent whether a Direction's Hearing will indeed proceed.

3) St Marys will celebrate its sesquicentenary in 2007, therefore Save our Sisters is keen to have both North and South Sisters included in an area that would become a reserve. A botanist is soon to survey the area and finalise an area that will link existing reserves. It is hoped that the State and Federal Governments may accept the proposal and an area may be saved from future logging.

4) Various scientists continue to work on the South Sister and build up the expanding knowledge we have of the area. Peter McQuillan, invertebrate specialist from University of Tasmania continues to add species to his moth collection as well as other species such as spiders, ants, beetles etc. Shelly Lachish, a PhD student working on Devil Facial Tumour Disease, recently spent time in the area of Nicholas Range, and trapped 31 devils (of which 10 suffered from the disease). She also trapped 11 Spotted Tailed quolls and 11 Eastern quolls, which is the largest number of quolls recorded in the area. Fungi specialists also spent a short time on the coupe during the year and found a large array of fungi. It is hoped they will return to do more work.

Other scientists and experts have worked on the area in the past, many of whom consider the area to be a bio-diverse hotspot. Due to the unique qualities of this area which may in part be due to the effects of South Sister being a 'cloud mountain', SOS plans to organise a Biodiversity Conference early in 2007. This will give the opportunity for scientists studying the area to meet and collaborate further, as well as give the community the opportunity to hear about the many special features of the South Sister that are currently not well publicised

5) A wedge tailed eagle's nest was recently found by a local community member some 350m from the coupe despite apparent searches by Forestry in the past. It is likely however that this won't alter the forest practice plan for the coupe.

6) The area is currently looking spectacular, with many flowers on display including the rare *Euphrasia collina deflexifolia*, which can be seen in various shades of white, pink and purple.

For those of you who are able, make the effort and come for a bushwalk. Forestry Tasmania confirmed only two weeks ago that they still plan to log South Sister, although a date is yet to be set. We live in hope that they will reconsider, and the South Sister and North Sister will remain as they are.

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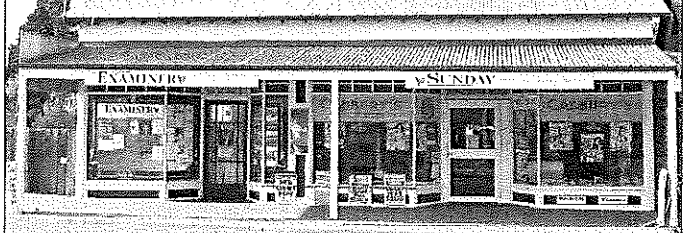
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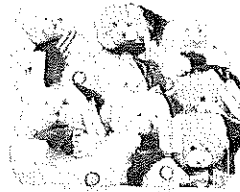


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Croagh Patrick Ireland

Article submitted by J Perman.

The text is an excerpt from "The pilgrims Way", written by John Adair -1978.

(John Adair was educated at Cambridge, Doctorate Uni. London, Fellow Royal Historical Society, and a founder of Institute of Ecclesiastical Studies)

"Today the main pilgrimage associated with St Patrick is on the mountain of Croagh Patrick in County Mayo, (2,510 feet above sea level) which lifts itself suddenly from the lowlands on the southern shore of Clew Bay, into a conical summit of white rock.

Here the Saint is said to have lived during the forty days of Lent in 441, in a hut on a site now marked by a heap of stones, fighting manfully against the temptations of demons.

A major pilgrimage by up to eighty thousand people takes place on the last Sunday in July, the so-called "Garland" or "Garlic Sunday."

A Mayo legend relates that a witch threw garlic water at Patrick, to kill him as part of a spell. The Saint promptly hurled back a hand-bell (which Celtic missionaries carried) and it slew her on the spot.

After angels had succoured him, Patrick is reputed to have prayed on this mountain that Ireland may never lose the faith he had preached to it. Some of the many thousands of pilgrims still climb the mountain barefooted.

The first station is a mound of rock and stone, at the foot of the final rise to the summit, called after St Brendan. Here, the pilgrim says seven pater, seven aves and one credo, while making seven circuits of the mound.

The practice of walking round Holy places or wells in a clockwise direction, universal in Ireland, may go back to the days of sun-worship, when the pagan worshipper walked around a stone or circle in the direction of the sun.

At the second station, the modern chapel, and "Patrick's Bed", as the cell site is called, the pilgrim repeats this observance.

The third and final station lies on a continuation of the ridge of Croagh Patrick to the west, about half a mile away, a place dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

At one time, a custodian family used to produce, for a small fee, on pilgrimage days, St Patrick's Bell, and each pilgrim kissed the shape of a cross upon it, and passed it three times around his body.

Many pilgrims completed their days with a visit to Kilgeever Well and its Ancient Ruined Church near Croagh Patrick."

NOTE: The modern day map of Ireland places "Tully Cross" less than 20 miles S.W. of "Croagh Patrick". Was this of any significance to Mr William Alcock Tully (1857) (Surveyor)?

Mr Clement made reference to Surveyor Tully in the last issue of the "Valley Voice".

Important Notice

Northeast Wildlife Carers would like to bring to the communities' attention the devastating effect and situation of domestic dog attacks on the local wildlife.

Over the last few weeks local carers have been given injured and orphaned wildlife that have been attacked by dogs in people's yards.

We would like to advise people who bring these poor creatures for rehabilitation to the carers, that as the animal has been affected on their property it is their responsibility, and it would be appreciated if they could donate some money to the carers that they are handing the animal to for rehabilitation.

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As we are suffering a major drought, the wildlife are coming out of the bush and into the suburban areas for food and water, so please be aware of the wildlife that may be entering your property and please check before letting your dog out as they cause irreparable damage and cause a lot of grief for all who are involved.

We have had instances of dogs entering people's properties and attacking wildlife. When we care for these animals after an attack we cannot be sure the orphan will survive, as they suffer post traumatic shock and die after a few days.

Please feel free to check out our new website at www.wildlifetasmania.com where you are able to make an online donation and learn about the status of Tasmania's unique wildlife.

Peter Power

North East Wildlife Carers



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