THE VALLEY & EAST Est.1968 Volume 38 No 20 **50 cents** Thursday March 15,

Vision comes to life.

"It all began while walking with a friend in 2003. We stopped at the vandalized railway station, our comments were what a shame to see this old building in such a state. We thought what a wonderful place for a history room, such a classic old building which holds so much history itself," said Darlene Wright.

A couple of weeks later Darlene and Michael found out the building could be purchased, and then after almost three years of negotiations, they became owners. Darlene and Michael are both from local families, with ancestors dating back to the 1850's in the Fingal Valley. Renovations have taken them 15 months of extensive work.

Over the years the sandstone foundations have been covered with soil. Excavations around the building have once again revealed the stone footings, also protecting the building from future rot. Extensive decay of the timber structure had to be replaced, along with some weatherboards. The entire building has had a fresh coat of paint.

Every window in the station had broken glass and glazing bars. The new glazing bars were made to the original profile, and fitted to comply with the Heritage Commission Act.

The new toilet block has been designed to complement the original structure. The kitchen has been positioned in what used to be the ladies room. In this room the floor had rotted away, from many years of leakage from holes within the original valley flashing.

Extensions have been added for seating for the coffee shop, with a mural backdrop. The grounds have been landscaped, and an outdoor eating area has been allocated.

The business will include a coffee shop, gift shop and a small nursery. This is a private enterprise, but Darlene and Michael wishes the history room and research room will always have community input and ownership of information collected.

There have been many generations of families walk through its doors and they hope many more will continue. The Fingal Valley is rich in pioneering history which should be preserved.

Darlene and Michael are very grateful for all the encouragement along the way. This is a start to the collecting and compiling of our proud and hard working ancestors, for future generations.

"If anyone has photos that we can take a copy of, or items to add to the history collection, it would be wonderful." OPENING MONDAY 12TH MARCH, WITH AN OPEN DAY, 17TH MARCH 10—2PM (Closed for private function after 2pm.)

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Community news

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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.

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Olivier and family wish to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and visits on the sad loss of our much loved father, Bernard.

Special thanks to doctor and staff at St Marys Community Health Centre, St Marys Ambulance, and John and Valda for their support.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

Apology

I would like to apologise for an unfortunate misprint in my St Marys Heritage Book. Due to a misconception on my part, I stated that the former Uniting Church in Storey Street is now owned by the Salvation Army, when it is in fact leased by them.

I do hope this has not caused any problems to the actual owners, or the Salvation Army.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas

Mathinna

Most of the towns, properties, mountains and land marks in the Fingal Valley were given names by the early settlers which related to their homeland, with the Irish theme being the most dominant. Two towns, however, both of which were established and became famous after gold was discovered in the area, ended up with Aboriginal names.

The first to feel the influx of some 500 prospectors in 1852 was The Nook, later to be given the name Mangana after the Aboriginal words Mangana Lienta which was their way of describing the South Esk River.

Soon after gold was found at Mangana, a second and larger find was discovered 20 or so kilometers north at Mathinna. This find led to the opening of the Golden Gate mine, which, once established, became the second largest gold producing mine in Tasmania after the Tasmanian mine at Beaconsfield. The town too, grew and with around 300 men per shift working at the Golden Gate in the latter part of the 1800's, Mathinna was, for a time, the third largest town in Tasmania.

But it is the name Mathinna that I believe has more significance than the history of the town itself. It reminds us of a time in Tasmanian history that no one should be proud of. It is also a time we should never forget, so that the ignorant acts of our ancestors will not be repeated.

Mathinna was a beautiful Aboriginal girl born at Wybalenna on Flinders Island in 1835, after her parents and the rest of their South West tribe were rounded up by George Augustus Robertson two years earlier. He was under orders from Governor George Arthur to relocate all Aboriginals from Van Diemens Land to the Bass Strait Island so they would cause no more trouble to the settlers.

Mary, or Mathinna as she was later renamed by Europeans, was taken from her parents as a baby and sent to live with a school teacher as part of a policy to educate Aboriginal children in white ways as early as possible. In 1838, the then Governor of Van-Diemens Land, Sir John Franklin and his wife Lady Jane, visited the Aboriginal settlement at Wybalenna where they were entertained with dance and song and in return gave out presents of knives, handkerchiefs, beads and marbles. They also arranged for the pretty, young child, Mathinna, to be sent to Hobart where she would become part of their household at Government House.

All of a sudden Mathinna was part of the Hobart upper-class. She rode in the carriage with Lady Jane, shared a governess with Eleanor, the Franklin's daughter. Lady Jane even had convict artist, Thomas Bock, paint Mathinna's portrait while dressed in her favourite red dress.

But alas, her time of being the apple in many a European's eye at Government house was short lived. In 1843 the Franklin's returned to England without Mathinna. She was sent to the Queen's Orphan School in Hobart where she was totally different from the other girls and completely unaccepted by her fellow students. She was soon sent back to Flinders Island and again taken in by a school master. Her people at Wybalenna were dying, however, disease, loneliness and sheer broken hearts had almost wiped them out and Mathinna returned, once again, to Hobart and Queen's Orphan School.

By this time the school had become overcrowded and disease ridden, with many dying of scarlet fever. Hunger and unjust punishment were everyday occurrences and at the age of sixteen, when Mathinna was able to leave the school, she was given another setback when she went to live with a group of her people at an Aboriginal settlement at Oyster Cove. Here again she found the same situation as at Wybalenna, her people were dying at an alarming rate and dwindling to extinction.

Mathinna had no choice but to get caught up in the devastating way of life forced onto her people by the white man, and in no time she was selling her body for alcohol and enough food just to survive. Her end, at the age of just 21, was as tragic as hundreds who had come before her. One dark night, in a drunkard state, she fell into the water and drowned.

The township of Mathinna in now only a shadow of its 1800's hay days, but it is blessed to have such a lovely name, which stands as a symbol to a beautiful young lady born into a wonderful race of people, whose misfortune, it appears, was the arrogance of the Nineteenth Century Van Diemens Land aristocracy

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Right:

Mathinna as a young girl.

Painted by Thomas Bock whilst she was living at Government House with Governor John and Lady Jane Franklin around 1842.

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Mount Nicholas book launch

It is difficult to imagine that for over seventy years the old site of Mount Nicholas was a bustling township and the location of a mine with the largest output of bituminous black coal in Tasmania.

A new book by Bernice Jurgeit titled "Mount Nicholas: A Story of Coal from the Killymoon Seam", reveals an otherwise unknown history of how coal was first discovered on the Mount Nicholas Range in 1842, the struggle to attain commercial mining operations and the highs and lows of the Mount Nicholas mine through subsequent years.

In an easy to read style the story encompasses the social and working lives of the men and women who lived there until the mine closed and the town buildings sold after 1958.

Two and a half years researching the story, Bernice says that she never set out to compile the story but was driven by the need to learn from where her family, the Faulkner's, originated. "It soon became evident that few people remained living with memories of Nicholas and photos were scarce.

It disturbed me that a whole period of history had the potential to vanish from living memory and so it became a matter of some urgency to gather the facts and reconstruct the story."

The paperback is available at St.Marys History and Gifts (the Railway Station), the St. Helens History Room and newsagents within the local area for \$19.95.

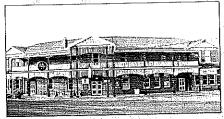


Bernice Jurgeit, author of a new book on Mt Nicholas, on sale at selected locations as stated in article. (left)

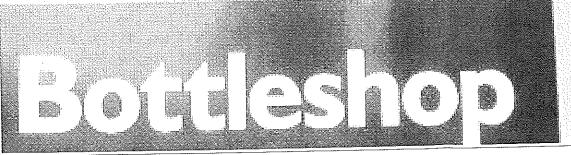
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OUT OF THE WOODWORK by Reon Johns, President 6372 2094

A few Saturdays ago four members went to Chain of Lagoons, searching for a walnut tree which was pushed over to create a fire break. As it was raining when we left St Marys some members dropped out.

On arriving at the location we started a search for this tree. It was hard to find, as not one of us knew what a walnut tree looked like. After looking in all the wrong places we managed to stumble over it, among a fallen stand of blackwoods. The rain had stopped and it turned out a bit on the warm side.

What we thought would be a few hours work turned out to take all day. It was a bigger job than we imagined. Cutting the tree into manageable lengths and man-handling them up the side of the creek was an adventure in itself. As it was lunch time, we shared what food and drink we had and chatted away, taking a well earned break.

Just as we finished loading the truck it started to pour down, what excellent timing. I am sure that there will be some nice walnut items on display and for sale in the future.

The Guild has finished the WW2 commemorative plaque, and handed it over to Darlene from the History room. The plaque was restored by Pete Williams and Col Mackenzie; both served in the armed forces and took great delight in this labour of love.

The plug in stove has found a new home. Good to see that it is of use to some one.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station, at 4pm.



Left: Col McKenzie and Pete Williams with the plaque which has been presented to the Railway Station History Room.

Right: Darlene Wright accepting the plaque this week.



Rosie

1925 - 2007



The Cornwall Community would like to pay tribute to an old resident in Rosie Bradbury who sadly passed away at Media Park, St Helens, recently.

Rosie was born Rosie Ford at Cornwall in 1925. She grew up to be an attractive young lady and married the local football hero and well known character, Stuart (Brindle) Bradbury.

Rosie and Stuart spent the biggest part of their lives at Cornwall where they reared three children, Pauline, Gregory and Robert.

Until Rosie and Stuart moved to Scamander, after Stuart retired from the coalmine, they both played a large part in the Cornwall Community and were greatly missed.

Now with the loss of Rosie, and Stuart a couple of years ago, a huge hole is left, not only in the Cornwall Community, but the extended community of Break O' Bay.

Condolences to Pauline, Gregory, Bobby, along with family and friends.

Jim Haas, President,

Cornwall Community Development Group Inc.

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The St.Marys District High School Association is responsible for the

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> The Association is made up of parents, Teachers, school employees, and community members.

As a parent or guardian of students at this school you are already a member.

Meetings usually occur twice a term in the school staff room at 7pm on a Wednesday, however, this can be changed to suit.

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Brian Inches GENERAL MANAGER

ST MARYS SESQUICENTENARY COOKERY BOOK

Do you have an **old** family recipe (no matter how quirky) or a favourite one of your own that you would be willing to pass on to the St Marys Lions Club for inclusion in our upcoming publication?

This book will be produced and released on December 1st to celebrate the sesquicentenary of "Life in St Marys" since settlement.

It would be lovely if you could put your name to the recipe for acknowledgement, but this is not necessary if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

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The Say by Cagerattler

First of all, a very big pat on the back to the new St Marys History and Gifts venture. This initiative is a major boon to the township. The amount of work, time and effort put in deserves our utmost support, and to the proprietors, thank you for investing in the town like this.

Last weekend I had a very interesting conversation with another local business person who similarly has been a great contributor to our town in the past couple of years. He has had a large input involving his expertise with the redevelopment of the Recreation Ground, which is gradually beginning to come to fruition.

We spoke of many things, but what was of great interest to me was a vision he has to see all our local groups sharing resources available to them, to aid and co-ordinate worthwhile ventures within the municipality.

Such things have worked well in the past, as many long term residents from the Progress Association to SMACD would agree. The initiative would need common support, but everyone would continue to benefit in many ways.

It is not my place to go any further with this, suffice to say, until the proponent desires to put it out to the public, but it sounds pretty damned good to me.

Finally, retouching on a subject from last issue. A licensed, experienced trail bike rider spoke to me the other day, to give me his views on what I commented on. His insightful comments were of great interest to me, and enlightened me even further on potential ways to offer trail bike riding, a great sport or pastime for our local kids. He obviously knows what he is talking about, and if ever a proper group was formed to look at options for the sport, he would help out if he could.

This is exactly what is needed, to not stop kids from using bikes, but actually allowing more to take it up, but in a safe way. Thanks to the correspondent again.

What do you think?

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

On Thursday 8th March, the St Marys Golf ladies organised a competition with funds raised kindly donated to the Auxiliary assisting their funding efforts for the provision of the new "Heart Monitor" for use at our Centre.

A trade table and raffle organised by the Auxiliary members contributed greatly to the success of the event which in total resulted in \$1040.20 being added to the project coffers.

The day coincided with a Men's Bowls competition held at the Sports Centre which no doubt boosted the effort by their purchases of trade table stock.

The total presented by the Ladies alone was the magnificent amount of \$450.00 an amount far in excess of that expected by Auxiliary members.

Our heart-felt gratitude is extended to the Golf Ladies for their initiative, effort and efficient management of the exceedingly successful event.

Our appreciation and commendations also are offered to the Sports Centre committee and staff for their efficient and pleasant service and use of the Complex facilities.

Lastly but not least, our thanks to members of the community who generously gave items and cash donations to our cause, and to the untiring efforts of the small band of Auxiliary members who so many times make it happen.

Kevin Faulkner

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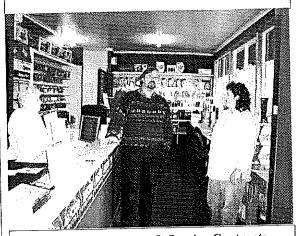
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Police Report

In the early hours of Saturday the 10th of March 2007, a person threw a rock through the window of the 'Top Shop' Supermarket causing several hundred dollars damage. If any person knows who is responsible, please let us know.

With daylight saving about to end, now is a good time to check the lights on your vehicles. Check high and low beam, indicators, tail and brake lights.

I clocked a motorist (with a baby on board) doing 139 kmph on the Esk Highway over the long weekend. This speed results in an automatic disqualification of 3 months. Obviously, the driver doesn't read the "Valley Voice".

Just a reminder, that it is an offence to consume alcohol while walking down the street. I noticed a couple of cans thrown into the yard at the Police Station. This behaviour can result in an on the spot \$100.00 fine.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Fingal Valley Festival. There were no problems reported to Police.

Please be aware of the temporary speed limits on St Marys Pass. No doubt they will be in place for some time until all the road works have been completed.

We have received a number of complaints about children on motorbikes, especially in the Falmouth area. Parents please be aware that the only place that your children can legally use their motor bikes, is on <u>PRIVATE</u> property.

The best way to contact your local police officers is by phone. If we are not at our stations, the phone will divert to the Police Radio Room, who always know where we are and what we are doing.

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

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Tony ROUGHAN Sergeant

Parents alerted to chat room capabilities of children's hand held computer games.

Concerns about the unsupervised use in public of children's hand held computer games that connect with a local wireless network, were raised in Senate Estimates recently. The wireless technology allows users to communicate in print and picture with up to 16 people in one of four chat rooms with users of the same technology by using the touch screen to send and receive messages within a distance of up to 35 metres or possibly further.

Senator Helen Polley said the issue had been raised with her by concerned parents, who had recently attended a public venue with their children. The children were using the chat feature on their hand held computer game, when other users at the venue, uninvited, entered the chat room.

Parents need to be alert to the capabilities of the hand held device, so they can explain to their children the risks associated with providing real names, addresses and other personal information, if someone unknown to their child enters a chat room.

Senator Polley said that children are often more adept with advances in new technology than their parents.

"It is crucial for parents and guardians to ensure they are fully aware of the capabilities of the technology being used by their children. In the example of the DS Lite, the PictoChat program is embedded in the device and additional software and connection cords are not required.

Used in the appropriate way, the technology provides fun entertainment for children, but it does share some of the dangers of internet chat rooms, and therefore similar precautions should be taken."

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Sr. Helen Hickey,

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 Break O'day

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

<u> Anglican Parish – St Helens</u>

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday 8 am and 10.30 am

Kanga Sunday School

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

St Marys 10 am

(No service 5th Sunday)

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

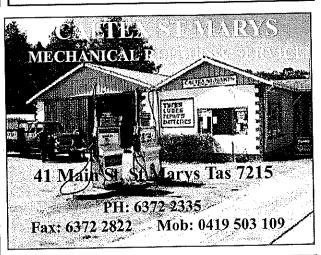
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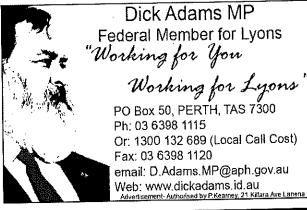
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St Helens 9.00 am Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander Sabbath School 10 am Divine Service 11 am





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Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors 93 York St Launceston Ph: 6337 5555

Visiting:

St Marys Community Health Centre

Alternate Tuesdays: 9 am - 10 am

Appointments: 6337 5555

Survivors by Shannon Rosskelly PART ONE

James had been sitting in the police station for hours. He wanted to go home. But what was there to go back to? He didn't have parents or siblings anymore. All he had were the strangers who adopted him 2 years ago.

Even thinking about what happened two years ago was enough to make him cry. Let alone sitting in a police station trying to identify a man who had possibly killed his parents, siblings and 307 other people.

He thought back to what happened. It played over and over in his mind. Everybody knew about the plane crash. It was on the news every night for a week. Everyone in the country tuned into the news at 6:00 to see if they had found someone. Anyone. Just a person who could tell them what happened.

The only person they found was James. Out of 308 people only one survived. Imagine being told that out of all those people that you were the only one who made it. The only one that survived.

James thought back further to when they were boarding the plane. There was a family waiting to board. There was a mother, father and three children. A girl who was about 10. A boy who looked about 8 and another child. A new born baby girl. The mother held the baby in her arms as she stared into the baby's eyes. And she smiled. Thinking of the new start they were about to have. A family who had so many things ahead of them. Birthdays, holidays and those special times that only a family can experience together. The last thing they would think was that in an hour all those dreams would be lost. The family that had just started was also about to end.

James cried as he thought about the look in his father's eyes when they were sitting down in their seats ready to take of. The look was a glowing happiness. A look of excitement and joy as he laughed-with his wife. James's mum. Who James wished now that he could have hugged her one more time. All he wanted to do was to tell her he loved her. One more time.

And then James remembered the look in his father's eyes as the plane shook and the whole cabin was thrown around. Just before James blanked out. The look was of fear. Not just fear for himself. But fear for everyone. Fear for the elderly woman in front of them who was going to see her new born grandson. Fear for the family who had just started. And fear for his family. His wife. His two sons and one daughter. And fear that he would never be able to hug them again.

And after that James stopped thinking and just sat there in the station. Listening to the telephone ring and the sounds of all the busy people who still had their loved one's with them. But didn't really realise it. James didn't really realise how much he'd miss his family if he lost them. And now he knew.

James looked straight up when the door opened. Constable Johns came in with another pile of photos. Photos of people James didn't even know. But was forced to recognise. Constable Johns sat opposite to James, and started to speak.

"Now James. I know this is hard for you. But I need you to think when you look at these photos. And try to spot out anyone who looks even slightly familiar to anyone on that plane."

"Why?" James asked, "They'd be dead anyway. I'm the only survivor. Remember?"

"I know," said Constable Johns, "But we just need to know so we can know if it was a terrorist attack."

A terrorist attack! James felt angry and full of questions even when he heard those words. Even trying to imagine that he was a victim of a terrorist attack made him scared. What if there were others out there trying to kill him because he survived?

But he couldn't think about that now. He needed to focus on the pictures. After 15 faces and after 15 'no's,' James finally gave up.

"Listen," he said, "I don't know what all these people have done. But he won't be in that pile of photos."

"Why's that?" Asked Constable Johns. "Because he's not a criminal," James said through tears "He didn't do anything wrong. You don't even know if he exists."

James stood up and walked to the door. Then he turned and said. "I'm sorry." And he left. As he walked out he passed Officer Jones. Mr Jones had been a friend of the family's for many years. He was even the best man at James's dad's wedding. And he couldn't stand to see James in such a horrible state. Just when James was starting to get over the accident the police called him in and told him that it probably wasn't even an accident. That someone had deliberately killed 307 people. And had tried to kill him.

When James got home the phone rang. He answered it. "Hello." He said as he tried to sound cheery. "James this is Officer Jones," said Officer Jones in a whispered voice.

"Why are you whispering?" Asked James. "I need you to come back down to the station," said Officer Jones.

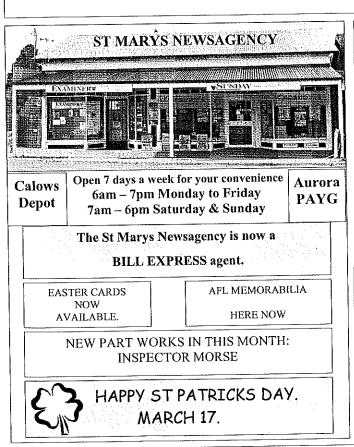
"Oh god. Why? I'm sorry but I can't do anymore photos today. Goodbye." James went to hang up the phone but Officer Jones didn't give him a chance.

"No. James. Don't. There's something really important I need to tell you. I'm risking everything to tell you this but......you're not the only survivor. And your family isn't dead.....



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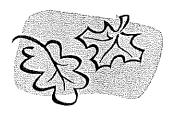
ST MARYS COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden is based in the schools grounds. It is an organic garden based on sustainable principles, aiming to encourage skills and enjoyment in gardening – vegetable, fruit and ornamental.

Regular working bees are held on the last Saturday of the month 10.30 am - 12 pm.

Volunteers are welcome to visit and work in the garden at any time. We are always looking for interested volunteers no matter what your time available or gardening knowledge!

Next working bee :March 31st tel; Tanya 6372 2534



Contacts for Valley Voice

PH: Judy: 6372 2155 Fax: 6372 2172

Email: j.spilsbury@tassie.net.au

Accounts: Mary: 6372 2328

Please leave written material at the St Marys Health & BeautyCentre, Main St, St Marys, or post: C/- Post Office, St Marys Tas 7215

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1 year posted subscription \$28.

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MARCH 17

Post-Fire Vegetation Management and Recovery

Despite appearances, and contrary to popular belief, native vegetation recovers from even the most intense of bushfires. Some species, such as eucalypts, re-shoot from the base or trunk after fire.

Others, such as she-oaks, are unlikely to recover, however the fire will effectively germinate the seed to promote recovery. In fact, some species require fire to germinate and others, such as some orchids, require fire before they will flower.

Researchers after the very intense 2003 Canberra bushfires found that <u>all</u> species recovered after the fire, with some new seedlings growing up to a metre in six months. A walk through the Winifred Curtis reserve will demonstrate already the recovery of eucalypts, melaleucas, grass-trees and many other species. Many eucalypts are now displaying 'epicormic' growth, that is, leaves sprouting along the trunk and branches of trees.

The major environmental management issues following the fire will be weed control and erosion. Any disturbance of the soil, for example by raking or clearing burnt vegetation, will significantly increase the potential for erosion. This will mean the loss of valuable topsoil and the nitrogen-rich ash layer, as well as contributing to sedimentation in waterways.

Landowners should also be advised that burnt vegetation is subject to the same regulations as unburnt vegetation. Any clearing, lopping or 'cleaning up' of burnt vegetation must comply with the Break O'Day Planning Scheme. For any enquiries regarding clearing of vegetation, contact the Planning Department of Break O'Day Council.

In some areas, for example where young shelterbelts or other revegetation projects have been burnt, re-planting with appropriate local species may be necessary. Council's NRM Facilitator can provide advice on post-fire land management, and grants may be available to assist with rehabilitation.

Contact NRM Facilitator, Kate Thorn (6376 7900) for more information.







Vegetation Recovery one month after the East Coast Bushfires.

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Further progress on bushfire recovery

The Affected Area Recovery Committee today endorsed a Community Recovery Plan which was developed following recent community planning forums. The plan outlines a number of broad Strategies which target issues raised by the community in the wake of the bushfires.

The Plan is now available from Council, and information sessions will commence in the next fortnight, to engage community feedback on the strategies.

Last weekend, Australia Red Cross advertised for a Disaster Recovery Co-ordinator, who will be working with the affected communities in the implementation of the Community Recovery Plan over the next 12 months.

The committee further approved the establishment of a Community recovery Reference Group to facilitate broader community participation and input into the recovery process. The process of forming the Community Recovery Reference Group will be communicated in the next two weeks in the Recovery Newsletter, Council Website and the Examiner.

Mayor Robert Legge said "I am delighted with the progress that is being made following the community consultation process, and we now have a clear way forward, based on what the community has told us."

The committee was advised by Australia Red Cross that over \$250,000 of the East Coast Bushfire Appeal Fund has now been allocated to the affected communities.

Robert Legge, MAYOR

NEW OPERATING HOURS FOR THE FINGAL WASTE TRANSFER STATION



Dear Resident

At the November Meeting Council agreed to improve the management of the Fingal Waste Transfer Station by employing an attendant for three days a week. Due to this change the operating hours will be reduced and commence on 20 March, 2007 as follows:

Monday closed
Tuesday 10am to 4pm
Wednesday closed
Thursday 10am to 4pm
Friday closed
Saturday closed
Sunday 2pm to 5pm

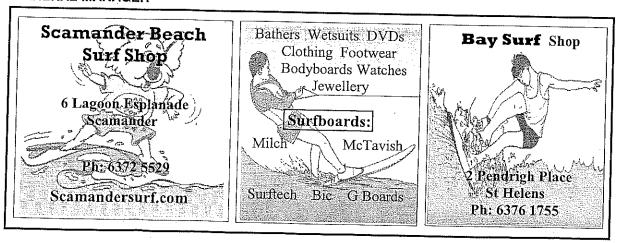
The transfer station **will not** accept commercial quantities of waste which should be deposited at the Scamander transfer station. Fees apply and are as follows:

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"Glad Bags" etc of domestic waste into bins	NIL
Loads of domestic clean green waste	NIL
Clean Fill Material	NIL
White goods	NIL
Car bodies (St Marys, Scamander & St Helens only)	NIL
Cardboard (uncompacted by arrangement only)	\$15per m ³ compacted
Domestic waste/rubbish	\$15 m ³
Unsecured loads (additional charge)	\$5
Tandem Trailers and large Ute Loads of domestic waste/rubbish	\$15 m ³
General Builders Waste & Rubble	\$11 per m ³
Tree lopping material requiring chipping	\$11 per m ³
Heavy stumps and oversized timber	\$11 per m ³
Waste oil	NIL
Bulk Waste – delivered to Scamander WTS	\$100 per tonne
Asbestos disposal – delivered to Scamander WTS	\$50 m ³
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For further enquires please contact the St Helens Depot on 6376 1866.

Brian Inches

GENERAL MANAGER





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



PARENT/CHILD SESSIONS

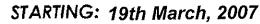
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WHEN:

MONDAYS 1.30-3.00 P.M.





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

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

FIRST SESSION 19th March, 2007 - an informal session (get together) where we will become organised for the year.

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



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
-		14th Mar. → ENE Swimming Carnival St Marys Pool	15th Mar. → St Marys DHS Secondary Swimming	16th Mar. → St Marys Swimming Trials		
th Mar. Primary Assembly 11am 2/3 Boon to lead Dental Service Parent/Child Sessions begin 1.30-3pm	20th Mar. → Dental Service	21st Mar. → AFL Clinics at St Helens	22nd Mar. → Student Leaders Camp	23rd Mar. → Student Leaders Camp → Drama Excursion		
26th Mar. → Dental Service	27th Mar. → Dental Service	28th Mar. → ENE vs Scottsdale at Scottsdale → Dental Service	29th Mar. → Dental Service	30th Mar. → Inter-high swimming		
2nd Apr. Primary Assembly 11am 4/5 Wardlaw to lead	3rd Apr.	4th Apr. → Next Newsletter → School Association AGM.	5th Apr. → Student Free Day	6th Apr. → Good Friday		

FIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

[East Coast Schools Cluster Initiative]

Dear Parents/Members of the Community,

All members of our community are invited to attend a meeting that has been organised for Tuesday 27th March as part of the Fire Recovery Programme.

The focus of the meeting is

"Helping your Child"

Two meetings	have b	een	scheduled	so	as	to	provide	access	for	all	interested	neonle	ลร
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Afternoon meeting: 1.30 - 3.00pm

Evening meeting: 6.30 - 800pm

The meetings will be facilitated by representatives from a number of agencies [including Department of Education, Health Services Child & Family and Break O'Day Support Services.] and will be held at St Marys District High School.

To assist with the organisation of the meetings would you please tick the relevant box below?

I will be attending the afternoon meeting	
OR	
I will be attending the evening session.	

Please return completed forms to the Main Office, St Marys District High School by Friday 23rd March

Regards,

B.J. ShepheardPrincipal [Acting]St Marys District High School

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

ARE YOU 65 YEARS OR OLDER? FLU VACCINATIONS

Catching the flu is easy, just waiting for a bus or having lunch with friends will do it. Good health alone is not enough to protect you. Having a flu injection may be the best thing you do for your health all year.

If you are 65 years or older and want to receive a **FREE Flu Vaccine** please phone the Community Health Centre to place an order.

Hurry as vaccine orders need to be sent to pharmacy ASAP. More details next Valley Voice on when the FREE Vaccine will arrive.

If you are under 65 please make an appointment with your doctor to order a Flu Vaccination by script.

Health and Ageing I M M U N I S E

AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

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FINGAL VALLEY MEALS-ON- WHEELS ASSOCIATION

We are looking for more recipients, (our frail, aged or disables persons) in the area, who may need a meal at home after a short or long term stay in hospital to help with their recovery. Please contact your hospital, Doctor or staff.

This service is offered Monday to Friday and is delivered to your home by our rostered volunteer drivers. Meals consist of soup, main course and a sweet at a cost of \$31.00 a week or \$6.20 per day. Also each month the association provide 1 bottle of blackcurrant juice free to recipients, plus a Christmas gift.

If you are interested in being on our roster once a month it takes only 1 1/2 hrs of your time. Our dedicated rostered drivers receive a small gift mid year for their commitment. Please contact:

Sue Woods 6374 2193 or

Shirleen Woods 6374 2267 for further details

Petrol vouchers for all drivers.



BUILDING BLOCKS SESSIONS

Parents/ Grandparents/Carers and Children 5 or under

20 MARCH- FINGAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

22 MARCH- ST HELENS SPORTS COMPLEX

28 MARCH- SCAMANDER SPORTS COMPLEX

21 MARCH- FALMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

27 MARCH- BICHENO HALL

29 MARCH-ST MARYS GOLF CLUB

Phone Emily on 6376 5215 for more information

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS on ROSTER

DR. NELSON Tues 13/3/07—Fri 16/3/07 Please note there is only one Doctor this week.

> Dr. OTTOSEN & DR REECKMAN Mon 19/3/07- Fri 23/3/07

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

THERE IS NO WAITING PERIOD FOR DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS AT PRESENT.

- 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 <u>WILL NOT</u> BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE AND WILL NOT BE FAXED BY THE CENTRE. PLEASE USE HEALTH AND BEAUTY OR POST OFFICE.

St Marys Community Health Centre
GP Surgery Hours:

8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

(Please do not phone during lunchtime as appointments can not be taken by the nursing staff) 1:30pm-5:00pm

AFTER HOURS SERVICE

PLEASE PHONE GP ASSIST ON 1300 780 011 AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or EMERGENCY 000

THANK YOU

On behalf of the St Marys Day Centre thank you to all you generous people in the community who were so quick to respond to our request for a chess set. We now have ample sets to play with.

DOCTOR RECORDS

Have you moved or changed your phone number? If you have then please update your contact details on your records at the Community Health Centre. This can be done by seeing our reception staff.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Worker Shan Williams is available for consultation at St Marys Community Health Centre Thursdays, Fridays and every 2nd Wednesday.

For appointment please phone the Centre on 6372 2111.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

15 Mar St Ma

St Marys Walking Group

10- 12noon Commencing 1/3/07.
Initially this activity will run for 6 weeks and depending on demand can become ongoing.
Phone 6376 5242 for further details.

15 Mar-

Fitter Sitters with Fiona Wattsin the Day Room. 1-2pm Phone 6376 5242

15 Mar

<u>Physiotherapy</u>, Margaret Van Der Merwe Phone 6372 2111 for appointments

16 Mar

Relationships Australia, Lyn Marie 11– 2:30pm

19-21st Mar Professor Neil Pillar

Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre

19 Mar

<u>Physiotherapy</u>, Margaret Van Der Merwe Phone 6372 2111 for appointments

21 Mar

<u>Lightfoot Podiatry</u>, Perry Daly Phone 6331 9568 for appointments

22 Mar

<u>Physiotherapy</u>, Margaret Van Der Merwe Phone 6372 2111 for appointments

22 Mar

St Marys Walking Group, Fiona Watts 10- 12noon starting in the Day Room

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23 Mar

Fiona Watts 11-1pm

26 Mar

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27 Mar

Rae & Partners Lawyers, Tom Bain

27 Mar

St Marys Child Health Service 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month Open Clinic 9.00am—12.00noon Appointments: 6372 2111 Mobile 0428 136 381

28 Mar <u>Dr. Thomas</u>, Psychiatrist

29 Mar

Physiotherapy, Margaret Van Der Merwe Phone 6372 2111 for appointments

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30 Mar

Relationships Australia, Lyn Marie





The Annual Club and Pennant Dinner is on again - come along and catch up with club happenings, presentations and news.

Where: The Jailhouse Restaurant- Bicheno When: 6pm for 6.30pm, Saturday 14th April 2007.

R.S.V.P Contact, Drew Adam, 17 Franks Street. 0438 918 025 by the 12th April.

NIGHT ROSTER

Our next St. Mary's Tennis Club Night Roster will be starting on 26th March. The amount of nights the roster will be over and its duration, depends on the number of participants, but Mon/Tues is likely. If you would like to participate and \$15 fee per player in an envelope to Drew Adam please give your name(s) at 17 Franks Street by 23rd March. This cost covers milk/tea/coffee; the purchase of balls; the end of season prizes; barbecue and refreshments; and court maintenance.

Club Championships

So far we have played the Men's Singles, which attracted 8 players with Jack Foreman and Mark Oliver proceeding to the final on the 1st of April. That'll be a good match to watch. Good luck! The next few weekends will see the Mixed doubles- Ladies Singles and Ladies doubles. Come along and watch if you haven't signed up to play. 9am start for the next few Sundays.

<u>C</u>asual

Don't forget -anyone wishing to have a hit on a Saturday afternoon - a rat-tag bunch of players usually turn up at Ipm- and all are welcome- junior or senior- of any level- especially new members.

The kids coaching with Harry sees children from 5 years to 16 years having a great time and their skill level is racing ahead each week. Looks like we will have some handy players emerging.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Championships to be held 21st April 2007, with a 9am start. Permission notes will be given out at school and to the kids at coaching, and are to be returned by the 17th April 2007. Boys and girls of all ages welcome- but will need to be able to serve and play perhaps 6 games. More info later! New Members- We want more! Membership is only \$25 plus \$15 for affiliation to Tennis Tas (which is all the insurance stuff) and includes an entire year's worth of court hire. If you played once a fortnight for two hours, that would be around \$0.76cents per hour for court hire- that's obscenely cheap! Compare that to city prices of \$10-\$20 per hour and we're laughing- all the way to good health! Ring Drew for membership details - 0438 918 025

Wednesday ladies social roster could do with a few more fill ins - or even the odd permanent player or two. Anyone interested call Kaye on 6372 2100. The club has a fully fenced play area with a sandpit and toys and lots of lovely ladies (mums and grandmums) to keep them amused, as well as a team of dedicated pre-schoolers to play with. If you want to do something for yourself, but don't think the little ones will let you - come down on a Wednesday at 9.30am and let the kids check out the play area while you have a cuppa.

P.S whoever is leaving the lights on at night- please switch them off as you leave!



St Marys Tennis Club ladies at their Annual Dinner at Surfside.

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St Helens

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46 Tully Street St Helens

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St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

First to the bowls, and bad luck to the boys in the second semi-final the other week against St Helens. Unfortunately we weren't good enough in the game across the board, but to our two rinks who had convincing wins against very difficult opposition,(Chris Davern 15 shots and Jack Viney 7 shots,) well done indeed.

The cream came to the top that day, but there's still a little bit of work to be done so we can all contribute, hopefully, to that elusive flag. Perhaps Kackhander needs to be on KP duty this time. (as I was quite rightly reminded of since the last issue)

This Saturday the team takes on Swansea in the preliminary final. The winner goes on to the grand final.

Let it be stated again. ALL players are expected to make an effort to practice, so they can be considered for selection. There are players we would like to consider if available and able to make it to Thursday night practice, particularly this week. If anyone can't make it please ring one of the selectors to let them know. Thanks.

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Howard Watson Trophy last Thursday, either as a player, a caterer or green worker. It was a fabulous effort once again.

To golf now, and on a slightly sour note we have not received good news that the new restrictions would be revisited at this stage, so there is no real likelihood that we will field a team this year. Before anyone criticizes this from anywhere, let it just be stated that our players feel strongly that the new restrictions have to be scrutinized closely, and we will re-look at it for the 2008 season.

Another point needs to be made. To our knowledge, St Marys, up until this year, has been in every recorded year of pennant, and is the last of the original clubs not to field a team in the competition. So some respect is deserved for us not in a position to play this year.

Thanks to the fire teams who supported the Three Person Ambrose event last Sunday. It was good to see the cobwebs being knocked off some clubs. Once again it was a great barbecue lunch which followed.

With a few new events scheduled this year, it should be an interesting winter, and hopefully next issue we will have some dates for major days.

Thanks to everyone involved in the Community Centre Day last Thursday. Approximately \$1000 was raised, thanks to some very enterprising work done by the ladies committee and Community workers. A wonderful effort.

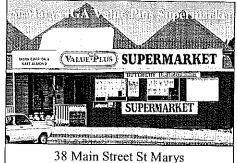
Good luck to the joint St Marys and Malahide team in the ladies pennant. Details later.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.









Mark Kate

Phone/Fax 6372 2240 Butcher Ph: 6372 2274

Mon – Fri Sat

8am - 6pm 8am 12 noon

From the Butchery

This week

T-bone steak \$14.99 kg Silverside \$ 7.55 kg

Next week

Porterhouse steak Beef mince

\$14.99kg \$ 7.99kg

IN STORE SPECIALS

Come in and check out our display of Cadbury Easter lines. More stock arriving soon!



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