

The Valley & East Coast Voice

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ALL YEAR POOL? PUBLIC MEETING.
by Rod McGiveron

On Wednesday May 31, a small but very keen group of local people braved the cold, drizzly evening, to meet at the St Marys Community Hall. This meeting was called to gauge if there was enough interest in investigating the possibility of roofing and enclosing the St Marys Community and School pool, enabling winter months usage. Currently this of course is not possible, being a fully outdoor facility. It was apparent that this has been a topic previously.

Initially a broad range of issues involved in this were canvassed, but the overriding outcome was that at least as an ideal, the concept had much merit and genuine benefit to the community at large.

Those in attendance concluded that apart from the obvious extended recreational, fitness and training advantages gained by a full time facility, there was also the opportunity for rehabilitation to local industry workers for treatment and physiotherapy to soft tissue injury. Currently this can only be done in Launceston or Hobart.

Also envisaged was the potential use by the St Marys Health Centre and Tasmanian Lymphoedema Clinic patients, for types of hydrotherapy sessions at a local level. The Health Centre currently has some equipment that may enable this with a suitable venue.

Mr Paul Gough was asked to be chairperson of a convened steering group, at least in the initial stages of investigation with prospective proponents. He agreed to do this, along with other members interested in being involved with a steering group.

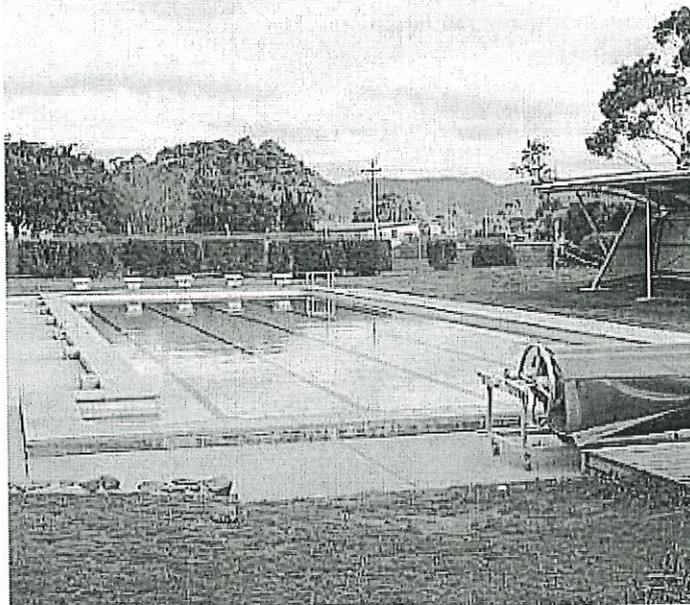
They were, Allison Bushing, Karen Spilsbury, Sandra Cooke and Liz Baldwin. Procedural assistance was offered by Councillor David Clement, SMACD President Reon Johns and from Tanya Greenwood. All concluded that the strict criteria of this group was to establish a concept, to cost that concept, and to seek support from any prospective proponents, and/or government agencies.

A formal committee may then be elected to look at ways of future implementation of the concept if it is feasible. All agreed that it will need to be modelled on the same basic unsupervised arrangement currently in use, for legal and liability reasons.

Another crucial issue is its access and aesthetics, being located on St Marys District High School grounds, and it must not impinge on the operational, safety, parking and cost centre of the school with increased usage. Likewise also applies to local residents. It must be an economically affordable and user friendly idea for it to have any chance of being considered in future years.

Paul Gough has asked if anyone is interested in aiding with the investigation process? He would be happy for them to ring him on 6372 2767.

Details of any future findings will be published in the Valley Voice.



ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL POOL

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

Community news

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

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

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.

The next meeting of **SMACD** will be held at the St Marys Online Access Centre on June 30, 2006 at 5pm. Community members welcome. \$5 to join.

The North East Bioregional Network will hold their June meeting at Eo's Garage on the 20th at 4pm.

Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee – in 2005 we made a stack of butterfly patchwork and applique blocks. In 2006 we will put them together! Come and join in on Thursday, 22nd June, from 11 am to 4 pm. Donation of \$5 for cancer research and a plate of lunch, please, as well as your sewing kit. Register your name with Rita at *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio & Gallery*, 37 Main St., St. Marys (6372 2724 0409 289 997).

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ST MARYS SPORTS CENTRE INC.

AGM

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 7.30PM

AT THE CLUBHOUSE.

Normal agenda items will be conducted as with elections, subscriptions, financial details and general discussion of the direction of the club.

R.B. McGiveron. (Hon. Sec.)



THE FRIENDS OF MEDEA PARK

AGM

5PM, Wednesday, 28 June 2006.
Activities Room, Medea Park
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Further information **6376 2181**
Heather Knight, Secretary.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY.

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

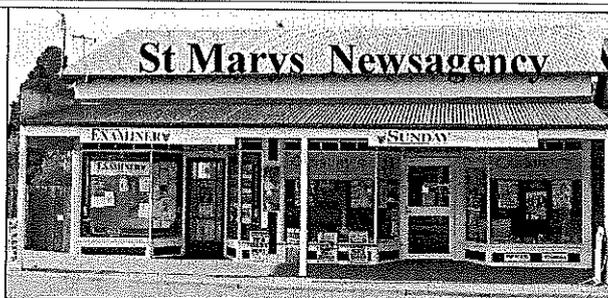
It is to be held on Sunday 30th July, 2006 if fine, meeting at 10.00 am, at Wombat Walk.

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

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

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that membership of \$5 per member is now due for 2005/06.

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Thank you
Len Miles.
President.

St Marys Playgroup

St Marys Playgroup meets every Friday morning - school term only, in the school kindy room. 10am - 12pm, \$2 per family, with fruit to share.

New families always welcome.

Reminder that memberships to Playgroup Tasmania are now due. \$18 concession /\$25 family.

Next Term: Is your pre school child speaking properly? Do other people have trouble understanding what they are saying?

St Giles speech therapist will be giving a free talk to interested parents on the 19th June from 1.30, on child development.

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Yvonne and family would like to express their gratitude to all those people who have given us so much support recently, with the passing of Stephen.

Your expressions of comfort, well wishes and condolences are very much appreciated by us all.

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. Ed.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas

"The America"

During the settlement of our great country, sailing ships have played a major roll, many of which have become household names and are highlighted in history lessons relating to the discovery and colonisation of Australia and indeed, Van Diemen's Land.

Tall ships like Tasman's Heemskerck and Zeehaen, Cook's Endeavour, Bligh's Bounty and the eleven ships of the First Fleet, have all carved their way into almost every early Australian history book we read, but for our little part of the world, perhaps, the most significant sailing ship to visit our waters was the America.

The America was built in Canada by J. Frederickson, of Maitland, Nova Scotia, in 1848. She was a wooden vessel and although no plans were found it is estimated, by comparing her with other vessels of her time, she was some 706 tons in weight, 145 feet long, with a 30 foot beam and a depth of 22 feet, give or take a foot or two.

In 1854 she was purchased by James Baines & Company's Black Ball Line in Liverpool, England. This Company specialised in shipping emigrants, and was also the owner of the more famous Canadian built ship Marco Polo which was deemed as the fastest ship ever built and set records all over the world, one of which was in 1852 when she sailed from Liverpool to Sydney in 76 days. The voyage was marred, however, with a measles epidemic that killed some 56 children.

In 1853 transportation of convicts by Britain ceased, and in order to continue to build up the population in its colonies an extensive immigration program was launched, targeting people in Scotland, Ireland and Germany, and on the 15th April 1855 the America left Liverpool with some three hundred German and some fifty English men, women and children on board, all bound for a new land full of promise.

The enthusiasm amongst the passengers as they sailed out of Liverpool and down the English coast to the open Atlantic sea was ripe. None of the Germans cared that they had paid 18 pound for each adult fare, 9 pound for each boy child between 7 and fourteen and four pound ten shillings for boy children under one year. (girl children were half price)

For the English passengers it was simpler: 22 pounds for adults and 11 pounds for each child under fourteen. In most cases the fares were their whole life savings but it would be all worthwhile when they arrived at this new land with so much opportunity, where the children could grow up in freedom and not be dragged off to fight and never return from some war that nobody really understood or cared about.

Two months later, however, and the enthusiasm was dampened. There was still no sign of this promised land. All they had seen for weeks was sea and more sea, food was in short supply and what was left was hard, dry and tasteless. Scurvy had broken out everywhere and a number of women and children had died. Out of the six births on board, only one had survived, sea sickness was still a problem for many and boredom was becoming prevalent. But they had to keep going. Survival was all they had left now, and it was too late to turn back.

But survive they did, and on the 23rd July 1855 the America arrived in Hobart Town. It had been an unbroken voyage and the taste of fresh food and water and the feel of solid ground under their feet along with the sight of this new beautiful green untouched land, brought a smile back on the faces of the adults, caused the children to laugh and play again and a renewed enthusiasm began to mount and the doubts of the decision to leave their homeland were pushed to the back of their minds.

A few days later some twenty German families were loaded back on board the ship and brought up the east coast to Falmouth, where along with their few meager possessions, were unloaded and given directions to their designated destinations, most of which was up the newly formed St. Marys Pass, past the convict settlement of Grassy Bottom and on to the area called Break O' Day Plains.

The America made only the one voyage to Australia before she was lost in the Atlantic Ocean in August 1862, but the cargo she carried on that significance trip in 1855 played a major roll in the development of the Fingal Valley. We can only wonder where our industries and wonderful community spirit would be today without the enhancement of that passionate bunch of Germans, all of whom made that brave decision to come half way around the world to the Promised Land and fulfill their dreams.



"The Bounty" Replica

A similar Tall Ship to "The America"

The Say by Cagerattler

Firstly, it's good to hear that it now seems much more likely that the potential St Marys Pharmacy is going ahead. That's great news, and if and when it actually happens it will be a massive boost to the Valley for all sorts of reasons.

It's coming up to rates time again in the next couple of months. You would have to be naïve to think it's an easy job by council to allocate budgets, for capital works in particular, out of the rates and grants pool. Capital works is what the rest of us see, and where our money is actually returned to us in improvements and so on.

I, like most of you, will be very keen to see where our part of the budget is allocated in this regard. We all have things we'd like to see occur on this matter.

I'm also sure many of us would have read with trepidation, an article in the local newspaper about four northern councils, including our own needing to re-evaluate properties which may affect rates to varying degrees.

The gist of the article referred to desirable locations directly having an outcome on what a property owner might have to absorb in rates rises.

Scary, isn't it? Let's hope that in our neck of the woods common-sense prevails, and that any rates increases are fully justified and appropriate. The formula that is used may well cause irritation.

It must be remembered that regardless of our generally more favourable position on property prices we had a decade ago, and consequently our property values have risen somewhat, most of us are long term residents with no real desire to leave or sell, and many of us live on low incomes.

Any rates rise is a big issue for us, and must be absolutely essential to the survival and growth of the area, and for no other reason. Except perhaps for special capital purchases, deemed a must for the community.

We will await capital funding 2006/2007 for St Marys, Fingal, Scamander, Cornwall, Falmouth, Four Mile Creek, Binalong Bay, Goshen, Mathinna, Rossarden and Mangana. Each one of these communities need their slice of the pie each year, just as St Helens does. We all have our ideas on capital works or services in this regard, and we should make council aware of them at every opportunity. Time will tell.

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Police report

How quickly things relating to crime can change in two weeks. The drought has broken and diesel thefts are occurring again in the Fingal Valley forest logging areas. A substantial quantity of diesel was stolen from machinery at one site and damage caused to another machine nearby.

Police urge anyone with information to contact them on the Crime Stoppers number 1800 005 555 or advise your local officer so that we can put a stop to this. The soaring price of fuel has no doubt resulted in the reoccurrence of diesel theft.

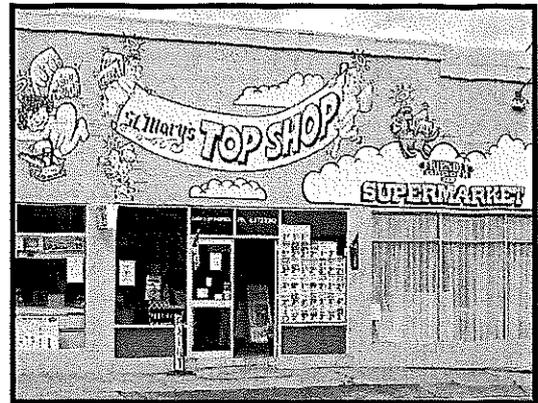
We also ask the contractors to take what steps they can to prevent the theft but due to the isolated locations may prove a hard task. If you sight any suspicious vehicles in logging areas or see vehicles at odd times in the night with fuel containers on drums on the back, record the registration number or description of the vehicle and pass it on. It may be the clue we need to put those responsible before the courts.

There have also been several recent incidents of vehicles being entered and searched for items of property.

Please ensure that you lock your vehicles. Don't leave loose change, CD's, tapes and other valuables in sight for pending thieves to view and possibly steal. Prevention is the aim so take all precautions, the days of being able "to leave the car door unlocked" and the "house back door open" are long gone.

Motorists are reminded that it is still school holidays so keep an eye out for the kids on the streets both on foot and their bicycles. Some do not think cars are a danger and do not display proper road sense.

Sergeant Mike Davis
St Marys Police



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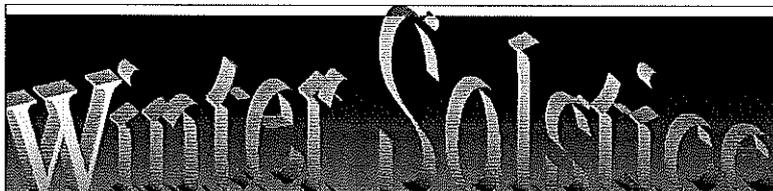
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Letter to the Editor

With the proposed sale of the property Bryar Wah on the Esk Main Road to an investment company with the purpose of turning it into a tree plantation, I have grave concerns of the health risks that could occur from such an operation.

This property is within a kilometre of the township of Cornwall, a town that prides itself in its heritage and natural bush land where native wildlife is allowed to run free and virtually unharmed. If 1080 poison is allowed to be used on this property, as it seems it is on all other private plantations in the area, many of the wildlife that are part of our town and its heritage will be lost.

1080 poison not only kills wallabies, possums and deer that are claimed to be harmful to young trees, but any animal or bird that eats the fruit or vegetables that is laid out with this lethal chemical. As well, any meat eating wildlife such as Tasmanian devils, native cats, eagles, hawks and crows etc. that eat the dead poisoned carcasses, are in grave danger. To top this off, with 1080 being used so close to a town, many of the contaminated animals could wander in to the township and even into resident's back yards before they die and then be eaten by domestic pets causing death, or in some cases, long term damaging effects on the animal.

The Tasmanian Government, in its wisdom, has realised the harmful affects of 1080 by banning it from State Forests, but they still allow the use by private land owners. Surely, if it is harmful enough not to be used on Government Land, this is reason enough for a total ban, above all in close proximity to our towns.

Whilst 1080 has the potential to have devastating affects on our wildlife, I believe the use of toxic chemical sprays, that appear to be used in quite large amounts on tree plantations, is a threat to the general health and wellbeing of the people of Cornwall, in particular our children. It is hard to believe that aerial spraying so close to a township, that some of it will not end up drifting into its midst.

Cornwall was first settled in 1886 and although it was a coal mining town up until 1964, it has always been a place with good clean air and a healthy environment. Why now, should its health and wellbeing be threatened by some large investment company, where it appears at the end of the day, its only objective is the almighty dollar?

Although, it would seem, we have little power to stop plantations on prime farmland, I will continue to lobby Local Government, State Government and environment groups for their support to stop 1080 poison and toxic chemical sprays being used within at least a three kilometre radius of where ordinary people reside, so that the detrimental effects of such environmentally unfriendly substances are minimized and the wellbeing of people as well as valuable native wildlife is protected.

This issue is not about left or right, Labor, Liberal or Green, it is about the wellbeing of grassroots people, all of whom have every right to expect their environment to be protected by those in authority.

I call on the people of Cornwall, and indeed residents of towns everywhere, to support me in my campaign to continue to put pressure on State and Local Governments in the hope that they will take the important initiative to put restrictions on these out of town investors in order to stop the spraying of harmful chemicals and the use of devastating poisons in close proximity to our towns so that our wildlife and more importantly our children are protected now and for the future.

Jim Haas, Cornwall

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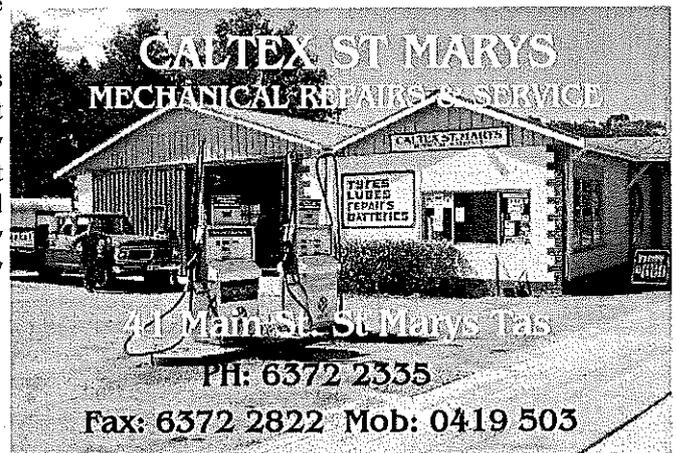
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Pony Club Tasmania, Northern Zone Games Championship 2006.

For about the last four months, the Suncoast Pony & Riding Club has been practicing for the Northern Zone Games, held on May 14th at Gravelly Beach. The team chosen for the events consisted of Katie Tharle, Jess Watts, Courtney Olds, Nicole Evelyn, Caitlin McGee, Jamie-Lee King, and Ailsa Hindrum.

The 18 games that the girls had to participate in involved relay events such as riding their horse up to a witches hat, placing a flag on a stick into the top of the hat, riding to the next hat and withdrawing another flag out without knocking the hat over and riding to the changeover box and handing the flag to the next team rider who would repeat the tasks until all team members had a turn.

Other games consisted of placing letters in a mail bag, riding up to a letterbox and posting a letter, or carrying a fishing pole to a bucket to hook a wooden fish out and riding up to a rack and hanging the fish on it. All this while mounted on a horse !

The events were run in lanes with about 6 other clubs competing at the same time. The first team across the finish line would be the winner with maximum points awarded and so on down the finishing order to last place, with emphasis on all teams finishing no matter how long it took. (Some horses could really play up!) Being a relatively new club from the East Coast, it was our first attempt at the games and we were advised to run in B division as we had no idea how we would go.

About a fortnight before the games at one of our practice days, Katie had a very hard fall from her horse and ended up in hospital with concussion, a fractured tailbone and a neck injury which required a neck brace for a few days. At about the same time Jamie-Lee informed the club that she was going down Hobart way to live and wouldn't be able to make the practice days and wasn't sure about the games. This is where Caitlin came in at the last minute to help keep a minimum team. Six were required, we had five.

On Saturday 13th May (the day before the games) members, parents & horses left the East Coast for West Tamar Pony Club at Gravelly Beach. We arrived early in the afternoon and decided to get some last minute practice in. It was then that I realised that for some games some of the girls hadn't had a chance to practice at all.

After a practice and a ride around the cross country jumps, dinner was next on the agenda with some healthy fish and chips and dessert provided by some of the parents, and later on, an even healthier but yummy pizza.

Jamie-Lee arrived from Hobart to stay at the clubrooms with us, without a horse, but to cheer the rest of the team on. I don't think anyone had an early night, as you could imagine the gasbagging that went on between half a dozen teenagers the night before an event like this.

Sunday started with a gear check, then a presentation judgment and finally the games began. It became apparent from the first game of riding through bending poles that our girls were going to be very competitive and make the other clubs work for their ribbons.

Unfortunately during the third game Nicole had a fall and was taken to L.G.H. for X-rays and observation. After we were assured that Nicole was in good hands it was time to sort the team. We were one rider down with 15 games to go. Then Jamie-Lee stepped up to the plate to ride Nicole's horse 'Riff' for the remainder of the games. With jodhpurs and boots borrowed from other clubs, the team was away again.

With the exception of a few other minor hiccups the girls placed first, second or third in the majority of the 18 races. The excitement as the day drew closer to an end was infectious. Our girls were running third, then second, then in the last two games they secured their place as winners by beating Launceston Pony Club and West Tamar Pony Club in both games very convincingly. **They had won!!**

Accompanied by many cheers, well wishes, congratulations and applause from all clubs and bystanders, the girls rode forward and received their first place sashes.

A big thank you to all the riders, parents, clubs and officials who contributed to making a very enjoyable, good spirited and exciting day out.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about what our club has to offer, either riding, parent help or just spectating at other exciting events, please contact the club on **6372 2233**.

David Evelyn

President, Suncoast Pony & Riding Club.



*Winners are grinners !
Ailsa , Caitlin , Courtney and Jess with their blue ribbons.*

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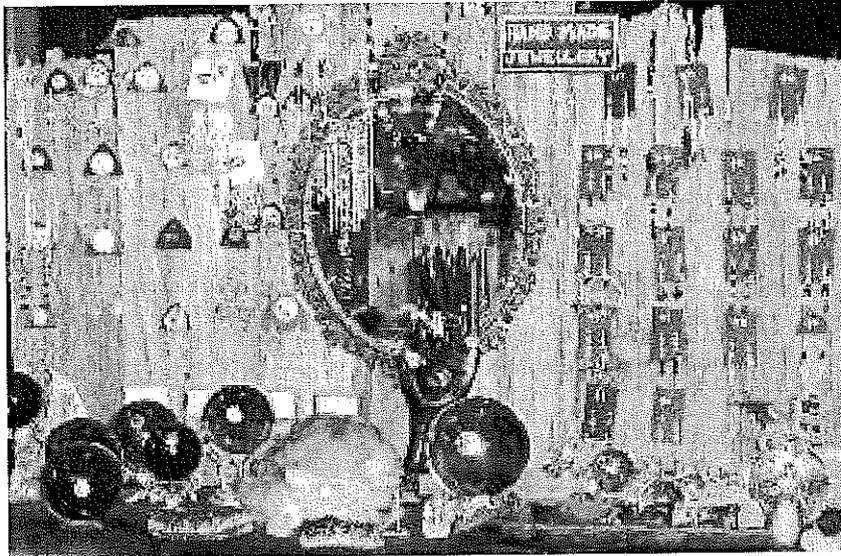
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WINTER SOLSTICE 2006

As winter begins to nibble, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts crew are going full tilt with planning and preparation for this year's Winter Solstice Fire Spectacular. 2006 is a Fire Dog year in Chinese Astrology, so 'A pack of Flaming Dogs' will light up the night!

Winter Solstice fall on the 21st of June, and is the point in the cycle of the year when we experience the longest night and the shortest day. Essentially, it is the beginning of the new year in terms of the solar cycle. In early times, before the advent of electric lighting, this would have been a very dark time of the year. At the exact moment of the solstice, it was said that time stood still for an instant, and animals were endowed with the power of speech. As far as I know, neither of these have been proven, but maybe this year it would be worthwhile, just out of interest, to listen carefully to our canine companions? At any rate, winter solstice celebrations, along with Christmas would have helped people through the deep gloom and freezing cold which characterise the Northern European winters, where they originated.

The first year we celebrated the winter solstice in St Marys was a Dragon Year -"in the middle of the winter, in the middle of the week" (it was a Wednesday) about 300 souls turned up at Faulkner's Green for a lantern parade, fire dancers, a fire dragon puppet and fire breathing be Ellie Titree. A traveller reported hearing about our event on a Darwin radio program!

Since then, the Fire Spectacular has grown into a very much larger (and more spectacular!) event with a variety of entertainment and fireworks. We hold it on the Saturday night closest to the actual solstice, so that more people can attend, and they certainly do, with a crowd of around 1500 people in 2005. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday June 17th, at the St Marys Recreation Grounds from 4.30 pm onwards.

If you would like to volunteer to help out we have a number of jobs such as putting up tents, stoking fires, food service etc. Many hands make light work. If you can put in even a couple of hours, please ring Rachael on 6372 2255. We hope to see everyone there - Come, gather around the fire drums and share in one of the most ancient human celebrations as we reach the deep of winter and begin the return to light. Winter nights are guaranteed to be cold so please dress warmly!. Eo.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT

Break O'Day Council is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the full time position of Office Assistant.

It is envisaged that the successful applicant will have relevant administration experience, good computer skills and a willingness to work as part of a team.

Remuneration will be in range of \$27,696 to \$30,200 dependant upon the applicant's qualifications and experience.

For further information including a copy of the selection criteria and position description please contact Council's Executive Assistant Simone by phone on (03) 6376 7011 or by email at admin@bodc.tas.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria, including curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of at least two referees should be sent by 5.00 pm Thursday 15th June, 2006.

Brian Inches.

St Marys Winter Solstice Community Workshop Program

Fire Dance Thurs 15 June **Pio session** 11am - 12.30pm
Fire Staff session 1.30pm - 3pm
Double Fire Staff session 3.15pm - 4.45pm
 1 session: \$15 / 2 sessions: \$25 / 3 sessions: \$30
 Venue to be advised

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

Songwriting, Drums and Percussion

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

Songwriting for students	11am - 12 30pm	\$15.
Drums and Percussion	1.30pm - 3.30pm	\$20
Songwriting for adults	6pm - 8pm	\$20

Out of the Woodwork by Reon Johns. President 6372 2094

The Winter Solstices is upon us once again.

Last year it was a wonderful event which many member of the Guild attended and we are looking forward to this year's celebration.

The Guild has collected quite a number of logo entries from St Marys School and they look great. It will be hard to pick a winner with the quality so far.

The Guild had a working bee a few Saturdays ago and we helped lay the sewer and water pipes. We will contact the plumber soon and had these services hooked. That's one hurdle overcome. Now for the electricity!!

Don't forget to get your snag or sav sandwich from the Guild at the Winter Solstices. Our stall will be near the bar.....

The Guild will also be helping out at the Rock and Roll dance on the 22 July in the St Marys Hall. Hope to see ya there.

The logo competition will close soon, the 1st of July in fact, so get those entries in if you are still wondering on a design.

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

1. The design must be on A4 paper.
2. Must be in black and white.
3. Must contain the words "Break'O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc."
4. The Guild reserves the right to change or alter the winning design.
5. All entries remain the property of the Guild.
6. The competition is open to anyone.
7. You can enter as many times as you like.

All entries can be lodged at the Escape café. Make sure that you have your name, address and telephone on each entry.

This competition will close on the 1 July 2006, and the winner announced in the following issue of the Valley Voice. Good luck to all who enter.

The next meeting is June 24, at 4-00pm in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

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Are you ready to have a great night of 'Rock 'n' Roll'?

Following on from the success of a bush dance held earlier this year in the St Marys Town Hall, a *50's/60's Rock 'n' Roll Night* has been organised for Saturday 22nd July.

There will be LIVE music, a fully licensed bar, and to give the evening a real buzz, prizes for best dressed in various categories.

Being organised by SMACD, funds raised will assist with the promotion and events planned for the St Marys sesquicentenary next year, and to the St Marys District High School.

SMACD President Reon Johns said the aim of the event is to have a good old fashion fun night, and support the school and raise a little money to help have some wonderful community events next year!

Tickets will be on sale soon – keep your eyes open!!!
And get your 'rock n roll' gear ready.

SMACD Offers Support

The St Marys association for community development (SMACD) has been working for the community for many years.

With the great increase in new settlers to our area the association believes it is a great opportunity to introduce itself, through our Valley Voice to you, and also g'day to old friends.

Over the years SMACD has worked with various people and groups on various projects.

At present in our town there a lots of ideas in progress and being thought and talked about, from the wonderful work at the old train station, to talk of the much needed walking tracks, to the covering the swimming pool. (and of course Main Street beautification.)

SMACD President Reon Johns said the association is willing to offer any support needed that it can.

He says any project aimed at developing our town has merit, and if SMACD can assist it will.

Mr Johns said all people or groups need to do is contact us at the On-line Centre, then all items will be raised at SMACD's next meeting.

St Marys School Op-Shop

Opening hours
Monday –Friday
11.30 – 3.30

The volunteers and committee of the St Marys School Op-shop wish to thank the community for and encourage continued support of this valuable community asset.

Donations can now be left safely at the St Marys Newsagency during opening hours.

(If the Op Shop is closed)
(a big thank you for this generous offer)

If anyone is able to take bags of unusable clothes through to Launceston, could they please collect them from the Op-shop during opening hours.

Finally, if anyone would like to volunteer on an occasional basis could they please contact Kelly on 0427 361 547 or Terese on 6372 2846.

Watch for \$2 bag days
Books and Bric-a-brac needed

GRASSY BOTTOM REGIONAL ARTS

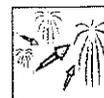
are calling for volunteers
to help with the

Winter Solstice.

If you have some time to spare
we would love to have your help
in the preparation, and on the day.

Contact Rachael
On 6372 2255

Come along and help make this the
BEST SOLSTICE YET!



St Marys Town Hall Advisory Committee formed

The future of the St Marys Town Hall has been partly placed in the hands of the towns people. The Break O'Day Council has agreed to accept advice from the group known as the St Marys Town Hall Advisory Committee.

Committee chairman Rod Corfe said the council will have the 'final' say on all points to do with running the hall, however, the advisory committee will be a strong voice for the community.

He said for too many years the hall has been seen as some 'crystal palace' that can't be used, unless you pay a huge price. And that is wrong!

Our community well remembers dances and parties in the hall, now it can't be used for dance classes as the floor may be scratched!

The group wishes to invite any member of the St Marys community who would like to join the committee to come to our next meeting at 6.30pm on Monday 19th June in the e.ScApe Café, or if you have any ideas or issues with the hall contact Rod at e.ScApe.

The committee would also like to let you know Break O'Day Council General Manager Brian Inches said the "DREADED" acoustic problem of the hall will be fixed in the next few months, and as soon as council can contract a builder disabled toilets will be installed.

Good news and MORE to come!!!

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

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I cannot do everything, but I can still do something.

Just because I cannot do everything, does not give me the right to do nothing.

Remember when you talk, you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something.

Let us pray not for lighter burdens, but for stronger backs.

Start each day with a fresh beginning, as if this whole world was made anew.

We are known by our actual deeds, and not by what we boast we can do.

A person who lives for himself, never knows the real joys of life.

Never be afraid to do what is right, even if all the others are doing what is wrong.

The best way to get even, is to forget...

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts wishes to advise pricing for the monthly Makers and Growers Market has changed. Stalls are now \$10 per table/site. and \$5.00 for Grassy Bottom Regional Arts Members. For membership details contact Rachael on 63 72 2255.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

would like to invite
stall holders to the

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Rachael on 63 72 2255.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

June	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 12th	Debbie Barnes	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 13th	Pat O'Donnell	June Hall
Wed 14th	B & B McAllister	Alana Johns
Thurs 15th	Yvonne Salter	Lynda Bean
Fri 16th	Geoff Herrmann	Shirleen Woods
Mon 19th	Trish Pike	Karen Lohrey
Tues 20th	Pam Lynch	Tom Brady
Wed 21st	Ruth McGiveron	Barb Saunders
Thurs 22nd	Gail Gamble	Maureen Hall
Fri 23rd	Claire Bean	Christine Woods (S)

Church Services

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Sr. Helen Hickey,

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

1st Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Week LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno LITURGY 9.00am

4th Week: LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 5.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Week: MASS

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

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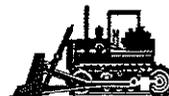
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St Marys Golf Club AGM	Friday 16/6/06	7.30pm	Sports Centre	St Marys Golf Club
Winter Solstice	Saturday 17/6/06	4pm – 8pm	St Marys Recrea- tion Ground	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 1/7/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
St Marys Idol	Friday 7/7/06	Tba	St Marys School	St Marys School
Rock N Roll Night with LIVE band	Saturday 22/7/06	7pm – 11pm	St Marys Town Hall	SMACD
Tree Planting Day	Sunday 30/7/06	10am - onwards	Wombat Walk	Wombat Walk Weeders
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 5/8/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
“the Knitting Room” Exhibition	3 – 30 th August	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gal- lery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 2/9/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
“Quilt the Blues” Exhibition	5 th – 28 th Sep- tember	11am – 4pm	Gone Rustic Gal- lery	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 7/10/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 4/11/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Maypole Festival	Saturday 4/11/06	10am - onwards	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Makers & Growers Market	Saturday 2/12/06	9am - noon	St Marys Town Hall	Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
Lions Christmas Parade	Sunday 24/12/06	Tba	Main St St Marys	St Marys Lions Club
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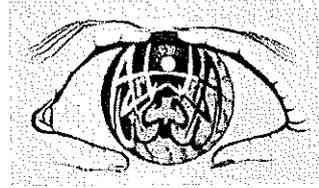
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July to December, 2006

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information for its 2006

Calendar of Events July to December, 2006.

If you are holding an event between July and December this year, and would like to advertise your event free of charge on the calendar, please contact Chris Hughes on 6376 7900 or email chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au and provide the following information:

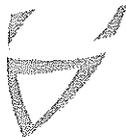
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Date of Event

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Information must be received by
Wednesday the 28th June, 2006.



Tasmania Together 2020

FOCUSSING TASMANIA'S 20 YEAR PLAN

The State's 20 year plan, *Tasmania Together*, is to be substantially changed following extensive community consultations.

Tasmania Together Board Chair, Bob Campbell, said *Tasmania Together* had come under close scrutiny from thousands of Tasmanians as part of the 5 Year Review of the plan.

"More than 10,000 people got on board the *Tasmania Together* bus as it visited 90 places in 80 days," said Mr Campbell.

"Thousands more responded to our questionnaire, visited our website, phoned us, attended the 35 forums held statewide, or sent in a formal submission.

"The five-year reviews – which will happen for the life of the 20-year plan – ensure that *Tasmania Together* remains a living, breathing document that will remain true to the wishes of the Tasmanian community.

"Plans need to change over time to ensure they are relevant."

Mr Campbell made the comments while launching "What We Heard", a report that summarises the community consultations held late last year.

Mr Campbell said the *Tasmania Together* plan would receive a significant re-write.

"Tasmania has changed in the last five years. People have spoken of a greater economic prosperity, a greater pride and confidence – more jobs, better house prices and a healthier environment," said Mr Campbell.

"But Tasmanians are also concerned about health services, the cost of living and a perceived growing gap between rich and poor."

Mr Campbell said new benchmarks would be developed in the areas of:

- community connection and families
- people with disabilities and their participation in the community
- ageing and associated issues of independent living, work and health
- recreation/leisure events and facilities
- housing costs and availability
- health waiting times, mental health and obesity
- road safety
- agriculture and primary industry
- business innovation and infrastructure.

"Tasmanians have also told us that some areas, already part of *Tasmania Together*, need to be extended. Areas like the importance of lifestyle and sense of community, literacy and training programs and our physical and mental health."

Mr Campbell thanked individuals and organisations who took their time to contribute their views during the review.

"The Board has listened to the community and is working hard to reflect those recommended changes.

"Tasmania's 20-year plan will be reinvigorated to take it to the next five year milestone, which is effectively the half way mark for the plan."

For comment please contact: Mr Bob Campbell, Chairman, *Tasmania Together* Progress Board on 0408 336 340 or 6233 5958.

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LIVE BAND

St. Marys rock & roll Night

Time : 7pm

Date : 22nd July

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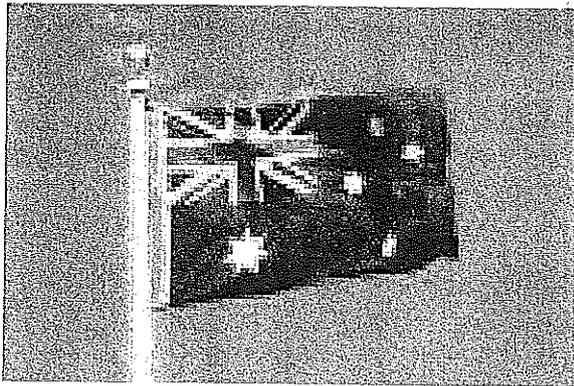
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Competition Closes 1st October 2006

Rules :

Must be submitted on an A4 sheet of paper

Cannot copy an existing flag

Fee : \$3 per entry no limit to the number of entries

All entries become the property of SMACD

Judges decision is final— no correspondence will be entered into.

All entries will be displayed in the St.Marys Town Hall

Winner chosen by popular vote .50cents per vote

Entries can be left at the Escape Café AND St.Marys Post Office in an A4 size envelope with artists details.

St Marys Netball news

Mixed results for the St Marys girls over the last fortnight but all teams are still well placed on their respective ladders and it looks like all teams will figure prominently in the finals.

Sunday 28 May

Division 1

The girls went down to arch rivals Surfside 47-27.

Division 2

A strong 57-5 victory against Georges Bay.

Division 3

The girls didn't stop trying but Surfside were just too strong running out winners 52-23.

Saturday 3 June

Division 1

Even though they had no reserves it was a tight and disciplined 46-15 victory against Georges Bay.

Division 2

Also restricted to only seven players the girls fought hard to go down to Surfside by 2 points with a powerhouse last quarter. There was a glimmer of recognition amongst the girls of just how good they are – plenty more to come. It was great to see Christa there, pity she couldn't yell to get the girls home!

Division 3

A solid 36-5 victory against Georges Bay and still the girls are showing signs of improvement – a great little team is taking shape here.



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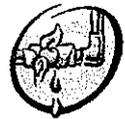
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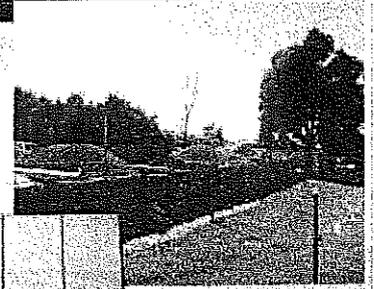
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Sports Centre news. by Kackhander

Well done to the pennant team, hammering out a close 5/4 win against a determined Scamander side on Sunday May 28. It was a tough, tight game, but the win, coupled with an unfortunate 9.0 forfeit from Freycinet leaves the team with still a realistic chance of retaining the flag for another year.

With both Malahide and St Helens needing to play each other on June 18, the pennant will still be undecided until at least then. All we can do is keep winning. It's that simple. Well done to Dale Ridgers, Chris Davern, John Miles, Jack Viney and Rod McGiveron, getting wins at Scamander, to keep us in the hunt.

On to club golf, and congratulations to the righties for just pipping the lefties (yes you were lucky) in the Righties v Lefties Challenge two weekends ago. This was mainly due to Scott Round's phenomenal score, which was 49 stableford points, which I believe is an equal course record in this scoring system. Well done, Scott. What a shame the handicapper took a slashhook to your handicap. Scissors weren't enough. Well done to Macca as well with 41 points, leading the lefties charge.

Last weekend it was the Harold and Tom Newman Memorial Trophy, again well supported. It was a bitterly cold day, making scoring difficult but the overall trophy went to Col Payne, with 65 on countback from John McDonald. John played exceptionally well to take out the gross event with a solid 77. Congratulations to you both.

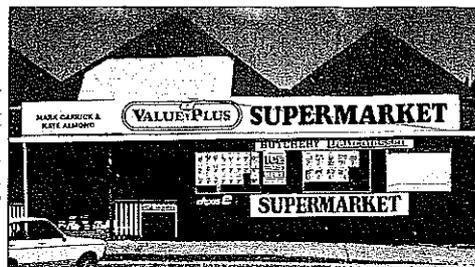
The big one is this weekend. A very special thankyou to the McDonald clan, (No kilts please. Couldn't bear the hairy legs!) for a huge day of fun, which has become an institution over the past 8 or 9 years. This day gives many, many golfers living all around Tasmania, or just as many non-golfers, the chance to get together for a marvellous event. The McDonald's do this for the club and the event is now a highlight for us all. Thanks Macca, John, Leanne, Valda, Raz, Brad and all the rest of the family involved. We'll see you there this weekend. Maybe last year's record of 104 players will be beaten.

Thank you to all those who have helped out with the hedge and fence work lately. To Jack and the crew, it's going to be great when it's finished. Also a special mention to Bobbie and Russell Harwood for all their efforts in assisting with equipment and time on the Roger's Regret bunker on Misery. The name will be officially recognised soon, as will other parts of the course. Thanks again to all our volunteers and supporters at the moment, and a special mention to Alana Donald. If you want new golf clubs, see Alana!

Don't forget the AGM is up on June 16, at 7.30pm. It would be good to see a great turnout for that. It's pretty important.

Well done also to our all conquering 8 ball team, continuing on their winning way.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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