

# The Valley & East Coast Voice

## Happy Holidays

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### Community Centre Day Care Christmas Party

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 the St Marys Day Centre celebrated our end of year break up for 2008 at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

With a crowd of 52 invited Day Centre Clients, Volunteer Community Transport Drivers and other guests attending on the day, we were huddled together like a tin of sardines but may I say on behalf of us all it was a fantastic day!

A traditional Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by us all and much laughter could be heard throughout the hallways of the Centre bringing a smile to the many faces that passed through the doors on the day. Especially at the sight of my 'Christmas Angel', Mrs Shirley Munday (pictured) and her husband Gary Munday who made an extra special effort to dress up on the day.

It has been another very successful, enjoyable year held at the Day Centre with much conversation, jokes, friendship, craft work, guest speakers and outings- although the outings are negotiable, as this year I think I broke even my record for bad weather on our planned outing days, with it raining on every single outing planned for the group this year. Next year you guys can pick the dates!

The St Marys Day Centre Group meet every Wednesday at the St Marys Community Health Centre from 9:00am-2:30pm to enjoy a variety of activities and visiting services. They are an extremely friendly group and welcome new people with open arms- why not come along some time in 2009 and see for yourself or give Hayley a call for further details on 6372 2111.

The group has the most wonderful group of volunteers to help assist me and keep me on track and I can't thank them enough for their ongoing support and commitment to the group so a BIG THANK YOU to: Liz and Dave Mallett, Irene Smith, Mark Reynolds, Courtney Burn, Jan Madden and Amanda McPhee whom have all helped out with volunteer duties at the Day Centre this year. You guys are priceless, and I could not do what we do without you!

So on behalf of myself, thank you again to everyone who has contributed towards making the St Marys Day Centre what it is. It's a truly enjoyable day and I thoroughly enjoy the company of you all. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2009.

Hayley Gilbert

Diversional Therapist

(Results of Day Centre raffle inside)



Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday February 10, 2009.  
New email address: [judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com](mailto:judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com)

## Community news

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

**The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc.** meets the last Saturday of the month at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts** are holding General meetings on the first Friday of each month at 4pm in the supper room of the Community Hall. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

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

**St Marys Ladies Midweek Tennis** 9.30am each wed. Need new players - of any standard - beginners welcome - childminding included - lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Ring Annette- 6372 2224.

**St Marys Playgroup** meets each Friday 10ish at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members. Contact Jane 6372 5060.

**WOMBAT WALK LANDSCAPING GROUP** meet every Wednesday 9am to 12 Noon (weather permitting) at St Marys Musical Playground area to plant and maintain the rivulet park and flower bank - anyone interested in joining us - please come along and meet our group. Contact - Robina 6372 2022.

**Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society** meets once a month on the last Sunday.  
Ph: Jan 6376 1661 or Leanne Ph: 6372 5291.

**The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association** meets at 7 pm at the Fire Station Scamander every third Wednesday of the month. New members are most welcome.

**St. Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society** meets on the third Sunday of every month, except December, at St. Marys Online Access Centre at 2.30 pm. Meetings are informal and fun and new members are needed. Please contact Barry Aulich on 6372 5752 or Jim Haas on 6372 2127.

**The Falmouth Community centre** would like to advise members and the community that the new contact for bookings of club facilities is Ben Morgan. Ben can be contacted on 03 6372 5604.

**Suncoast Singers** meet every Friday at 10am in the Catholic Hall - Cecilia Street St Helens. New singers always welcome.....If you can yawn - you can sing. Phone Mary-Anne Wadsworth 6376 2969.

**St. Helens Al-Anon Family Group**  
Meeting: St. Pauls Anglican Church Hall - every Sunday 2pm  
Contacts: Ann or John 03 6376 3270 or Rose 03 6376 3335.

**Swap n Go gas cylinders** available from Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys. Phone 6372 2724 (BH), 0417 027 424 (Rita) or 0417 648 845 (Ian).

### NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING** - there's still time - just! We have some great choices in cards and gift items, starting from \$1.50. Buy a unique, locally made card or gift for a loved one, and support local business!

**FOR YOUR DIARY - GET READY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY** at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009, with a *scrapbooking and card party* with Louisa Rhodes. Learn about the products, see samples of materials and finished items, and have a play yourself. Cost: FREE (includes a cuppa).

**CLASSES FOR 2009** - want to learn or develop skills in creating with fibre and textile, make quilts, or suggest ideas? Let Rita know so she can organise a class to suit you!

**QUILTING BEE** - an opportunity to get together once a month and *make quilts for those less fortunate*, locally and further afield. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday starting again on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at *Rustic Ragamuffins* stitching group, from 7-9 pm. Cost: \$5, also please bring fabrics (if donating) and sewing supplies.

**CLOSING / OPENING DATES FOR 2008/2009** - last open day for the year is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Re-opening date in the new year is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January.

*If you are would like more details about any of the above items, please contact us on 6372 2724 (BH), 0417027424 (Rita) or 0417648845 (Ian), or drop in to Gone Rustic, The Old Garage, 37 Main Street, St. Marys (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.).*



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# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**Oaten hay.** \$9 a bale. Orders taken.  
**Ph: 0407 944 158.**  
**Single Coogans Tassie Oak bed.** \$70. **Electric panel heater.** 'Noirot Electronic'. Paid \$500 for it. Can be wall mounted. Almost new and in good condition. \$200.  
**Rattan shelf.** \$50.  
**Bamboo arm chair.** \$10.  
**Ph: 6372 2749.**  
**Young ducks for sale.** \$10.  
**Ph: Kevin 0488 384 344.**  
**Dbl bed mattress.** Health rest posture profile 'wool edition'. Cost \$699—sell \$400. As new.  
**Modern design steel slat base dbl bed.** Cost \$399—sell \$250. As new.  
**Single bed ensemble with white decorative steel bed head.** \$80.  
**S/H 800 x 600 aluminium privacy window.** Wind out, fly screen. Smooth cream in colour. \$50.  
**Mckenzie collapsible craypot.** New cond. Bargain. \$50. Ph: Karen Polden 6372 2438 / 0439 333 398.  
**Sony Trinitron 54cm TV.** Black, with remote. \$40.  
**Galvanised boat/box trailer rims.** As new, with tyres. 14inch Ford pattern. \$160. Ph: 6372 2813.  
**Stinger Pee Wee 50 (Yamaha) 06 model.** As new condition. \$650.  
**Honda XR 350 83 model.** Good condition. \$1800. ono. Ph: 0438 637 220.  
**Dr Feelgood foot spa.** Brand new. \$30. **Sega Mega Drive 11.** x 2 consoles, 1 game x 2 controllers. (1 brand new still in box) Lot: \$30.  
**Jackets, jumper & coats.** Size 10 - 14 All surf brands. VGC. Between \$15 - \$35. Need 2 sell. Ph: Tameika: 0458 390 341.



**Coach House Restaurant**

*Will be closing at 7pm  
 Wednesday 24th December.*

*Re-opening Saturday 27th December.*

*Ross, Tracy and staff  
 wish all our loyal customers  
 a safe and happy Christmas.*

**FURNISHED FLAT TO RENT**

**\$100 A WEEK**

**Phone: 6372 2460**

## FOR SALE

**Gas BBQ.** \$35. **Antique wardrobes x 2** price neg. **Tallboy chest of drawers.** \$35. **Lovely cast iron table + 2 chairs.** \$120. (outdoor) **Guitar hard case.** \$45. **Black wood table.** \$35. Ph: Em. 0407 048 881.  
**Drum Kit** - Boston 11 piece Good for kids/beginner. \$175. **Tradesman Toolbox** - Large (1800 x 600 x 450 mm) \$200.  
**Doors** - Old Baltic Pine (1925 x 810. & 1950 x 760) \$25 ea.  
**Timber Planer** \$100. (old & heavy, 6ft bed, no motor)  
**Door** - Internal (c/w handle, 1960 x 760) \$20.  
**Pedestal Hand Basin** - old, Cream \$50.  
**Ridge Capping** (Zinc, new, 6 x 6m lengths) \$140.  
**Cottage Window** (opening type, 850 x 1220) \$25.  
**Ph: Michael 6372 2222.**  
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**Rover Mulcher.** \$60. **Weathered paling fence.** \$5 a panel. **2 large heavy duty steel lockable boxes @** \$65 and \$75. Ph: 6372 2337.  
**Old fridge**—needs seals but works \$50. ono. **1 very old fashioned wardrobe** \$80. ono. **2 wardrobes**—set \$60. ono **1 wardrobe with shelves**—suitable for a shed. \$20. ono.  
**Ph 0439 101 230.**

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**Pfaff sewing machine.** 5 stitches. Needs slight repairs. \$125. ono.  
**Ring Adeline: 6372 5041.**  
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**120 ltr upright Westinghouse freezer.** Excellent condition. \$200.  
**Phone Pete: 6372 2398.**  
**Ladies size 12 RJay Motorbike jacket** with detachable thermo lining. Charcoal grey. Very good condition. Price: \$170. Contact: 6372 2162.  
**Timber box trailer.** Suit farm or re-reg. Ph: 0407 348 339.  
**Hot water cylinder** - for fuel stove, with electric element, as new, cost \$1300, sell \$750. Call Leissa on 6372 2686 or 0408 208 658.

## WANTED

Someone with industrial sewing machine to put leather sleeves on woollen bomber jacket.  
 Ph: 6372 2878.

## Wanted to Buy

1000L tank in steel cage  
 Ph: Gibson 0450 396 928.

## Wanted

Old Lego for specially challenged student. 0412 803 027

## LOST

Set of glasses between Irishtown Road turnoff and St Marys town centre on Thursday 20th November. Small reward offered.  
 Ph: 6372 2333

**A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas**  
**"Brindle"**

As this is the last "Voice" for 2008 I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and safe Christmas and a happy 2009. Also to Editor Judy, I thank you for allowing me to share my little bits of heritage with the readers each fortnight.

For my final bit for the year I would like to give you another extract from the wonderful memories of Gilbert Schier, which have been donated to the St Patricks Head and Esk Valley Historical Society by John Schier and the Schier family. Here he is talking about buying his first motor car from Brindle Bradbury, another long time local identity who is no longer with us.

".....Brindle Bradbury, he had this old Rover, single seater car - used to come in from Cornwall every Saturday and Friday night for shopping - she had four real good tyres on her, but the engine was only just goin' and oil was runnin' out of the diff. When he parked he'd rush round the back and put a billy under the diff to catch the oil that run out. The billy had a spout out the back so you could tip the oil back in. He'd fill her up and home he'd go. One morning he came in to the garage - one Saturday morning it was - looking for Henry Aulich. "He was supposed to buy me car," he said. But Henry never turned up, so Brindle offered her to me for ten quid.

I thought to meself: "I don't think the car's much good, but it's got good tyres and I'd get ten pounds worth of tyres off it and the tubes would probably be alright."

I said, "I'll give you ten pound for it but I haven't got ten pound on me. Where's the car?"

"Up in the old man's yard."

I said, "Is it going?"

"Oh yes, she'll go."

He came back up just as I was lockin' up. "You still gonna buy the car off me?"

"Yeah."

"I want the money in ten minutes, I gotta put it on a horse!"

He used to gamble something shockin', he'd gamble on anything. Any rate, I said, "Alright then." I finished up and got on the bike. He said, "You've only got five minutes."

Cause we was living down in Groom Street then. I raced home on the bike and got my wallet out. I thought I had the ten pound, 'cause I never had much more than ten pound in it. Anyway we met up at old Jim Smith's corner. When I counted out, I only had nine pound so I said, "I only got nine!"

"That'll do," he said, "The car's up in the old man's yard, go and get it yourself," and off he went.

There's quite a story about that. He took the nine pound and put it on a horse. In fact he put his fortnight's pay on it 'cause it was pay day the day before. He also borrowed a couple of quid off somebody else. And as far as I know, the horse is still going! It couldn't win in a fit. If the others had all fell over, he still wouldn't have won, I don't think.

She was a turn out. He put all this money on, then he went up to his father's place to listen to the race on the wireless. He had a big cabinet one, about two foot six high, any rate, when the horse run amuck, Brindle went up to the front of the speaker, it was as big as a dinner plate and he kicked the speaker out of her in front of old Jim. Old Jim was sitting in the corner, he looked at what he'd done to his wireless and he leant for the kettle, he was gonna tip the kettle over him.

But by this time Brindle had gone and he never went home for three months. I don't know where he slept that night, but Lou Maney was going to Cornwall the next day, so he got in the back of his ute and he went out with him to his grandmother's.

The old car I brought had a canvas hood on her and she had a bit of a hole in it. We drove her out to Mathinna one night.

There was a girl friend and her mother and meself. We went out there to a ball. Geez it rained. Coming home we had to stuff handkerchiefs in the hole, and when the handkerchief got wet we had to pull it out and stuff in another one. The girl friend had to shove her hand out the side curtain, and wring the handkerchief out and we'd shove it in again.

She wasn't a bad old car though, once Peter Dawson and me pulled the head off her and cleaned her up, I did 2,000 miles in her....."



*Local identity, the late Gilbert Schier.*



*Christmas greetings to all from Jim.*



*Gilbert brought his first motor car off another long time local identity, Brindle Bradbury.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The recently highlighted dangers arising from the inadequacy of the Weldborough Pass to cope with heavy vehicles while maintaining the safety of other users, highlights how the decisions of a handful of politicians can ruin people's lives- in this case other users of the Pass and the contractors forced by their employers to travel that route.

As a local councillor, if a consultant's report provided in support of a Development Application stated that road fatalities would rise as a result of the project, I would exercise my Duty of Care and vote against the project. No development can be approved that will result in the death of even one person as a direct and foreseeable consequence of the development, when that person is not involved in the development in any capacity.

And yet this is what the Government and Opposition members of the State Parliament of Tasmania did in giving the go ahead for a pulp mill - they ignored the report by ITS Global, "Review of the Social and Economic Benefits of the Gunns Limited Pulp Mill Project", as it related to transport impacts, and by so doing failed in their Duty of Care to all road users in Tasmania.

The Review acknowledges that the impact of the mill on transport was a high concern in public consultation, (pg 15) concludes that road fatalities and road trauma may rise at the regional and local level, (pg 37) and states that any increase in log traffic is likely to be involved in a corresponding increase in the number of accidents involving log trucks and the number of associated fatalities, although it is "not precisely clear" how many more accidents and fatalities would occur (pg 38).

Gunns' response (pg39) was that it is up to the Government to provide the infrastructure to prevent the increased deaths, and that "the recent initiative of the forestry sector to develop a Code of Practice to address the stability problems associated with log trucks will help to ameliorate these impacts". The consultants concluded that while there will be an increase in road deaths and trauma, these will not undermine the net economic and social benefits of the project! (pg 39)

"Ameliorate" is spinspeak for "not quite as many people will die", while "road trauma" is consultantspeak for "maiming" and "crippling", and the destruction of families by the death of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends, Dead, Just Like That! Sorry kids, Mum's dead, but she was just a minor negative impact, it was in a good cause, she died for the Pulp. And the elected representatives of the people, they thought that was OK.

There would seem to be the basis for a Class Action arising from any accident involving log trucks supplying the proposed mill. Furthermore, our elected representatives should be required to attend each and every funeral arising from the accidents that they have individually condoned in the name of the net economic and social benefit!

Additionally, employers should be prosecuted by Workplace Standards for breaching the Workplace Health and Safety Act for failing to maintain a safe workplace and working environment for their drivers and contractors by directing them to travel on roads which they know cannot be travelled without crossing the centre lines and breaking the road rules because of the physical dimensions of the road and the vehicle. It should not be left for the drivers to carry the can for the practices of their employer.

David Clement,  
Councillor, Break O' Day Council.

### To "Get a bl.....y life"

As a resident of St Marys I feel compelled to comment on your letter in the previous edition of the Valley Voice.

I found your remarks to be a personal attack on a fellow resident who, like you is entitled to voice an opinion without being verbally abused and attacked.

I can understand why you have hidden behind anonymity by not putting your name to it, but then again I can also understand you not wanting other members of our small community knowing who you are.

I for one am NOT one of your "100%" who support your view or the way you expressed it.

On the other hand, I applaud Kim Chappell for her dignified response. (Name supplied) (Via email)

I wish to put my six penneth worth in with a reply to Councillor Reon Johns re his question to Council raised on behalf of a resident:

11/08.10.2 Social Functions

I would have thought Reon has been a "Councillor" long enough to be able to satisfactorily reply to such a question without having to raise this at a Council meeting. (what a waste of time)

The Council staff members who attended the TLC Melbourne Cup Luncheon (because that was the target in question) paid for their own meals and were invited by the TLC to represent B.O.D.Council. The hours "over & above" their regular paid working hours is beyond belief - as Reon knows full well.

Just look at Bush Fire December, hours upon hours of unpaid overtime freely put in by Council staff for their community.

On top of that, how many times has Council staff been seen weekends, late nights, helping out in emergencies & functions when ever needed.

Residents of Break O'Day Municipality should be honoured & grateful to have a General Manager & Council Staff who are willing to put in so much of their own life & time to assisting & filling the gaps when needed.

And let us not forget, the General Manager appoints employees, controls & directs them, not Councillors.

Well done BOD Council Staff—keep up the good work.  
Proud to be a Resident of BOD Community.  
(Name supplied)

*Happy  
Holidays!*

**7 DAYS UNTIL  
SANTA ARRIVES,  
CHILDREN.**





## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It has become apparent to me after reading your pages over the last 12 months, that there are a few people who live in our local area that are not happy about the way we live life here.

To those few people I have a very simple solution. If you are not happy where you live, pack your bags and move on.

Leigh Spilsbury.

St Marys.

PS: Merry Christmas to one and all.



Dear Editor,

May I say through these pages that although I did not see all of the St Marys High School Leavers last week, I feel obliged to comment on how beautiful everyone looked.

The parent and teachers should feel proud of such a wonderful group of young adults, and this includes the boys who all looked wonderful. It was a pleasure to watch them pass on their flowers to the girls and to see all of them so excited and looking forward to the evening. Well done all of you.

Maisie Finney,

St Marys.

The Day Centre Christmas Raffle was drawn on Wednesday and the winners are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize- Pamper Hamper	Jessie Dare
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize- Binoculars	Courtney Burn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize- First Aid Kit & Pamper Pack	Maisie Finney
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize- Dr Seuss Book & Dominos Set	Pam Gillies
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize- Succulent Plant	Hettie Williams

Thank you to everyone who supported us by buying tickets.

Funds raised will go towards ongoing activities in Day Centre in 2009.

### THANK YOU

To all our valued customers.  
Merry Christmas and a safe and  
Happy New Year.  
Jacob and Jackson Spilsbury.



### THANK YOU

Thank you to Jeff Faulkner and family for the use of The Green for Spring Fair this year. Your ongoing contribution to this event is invaluable.

Congratulations to all members of the public who attended "A girl and her Squid" for making the event a great success, especially those who travelled from far and wide!

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts would like to say Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Thank you to all who have supported us in 2008.



## Return Thanks

Brent, Nicky and Jordan would like to thank family and friends for their expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of our beautiful baby son and little brother Colby.

We would also like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, visits and phone calls at such a difficult time.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks.



## In Loving Memory of Dawn Irene Lodge

Now that we have reached a conclusion to our tragic loss, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, our many friends, and the wider community, for their empathy, kindness, overwhelming support, visits, condolences and friendships, following the sudden death of Dawn in January.

To everyone, your care and love has been a great comfort to us during this sad time.

We THANK YOU for being there for us.

It was heartwarming to know Dawn was loved and held in high esteem in the community.

Please accept this as our personal heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

God bless you all.

Glen, James and Heather.



## Strawberry Jelly

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TO ALL XXX

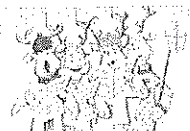
# Christmas Carols



*St Marys Hospital Auxiliary & Lions Club*

Presents

## The Traditional Christmas Carols

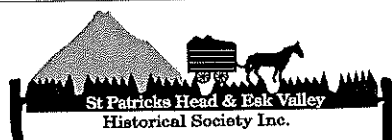


to be held in the Community Hall  
on Sunday December 21, at 8pm.



A change has been made to the presentation and format in that singing of Carols will be the prime issue with no individual items presented as in the past.

A band, led by Mr Don Ives will lead the event.  
We invite all members of the community to join in the night.



[www.fingalvalleyhistory.com](http://www.fingalvalleyhistory.com)

*Walch's Tasmanian Almanac of 1885* reports that Samuel Page's mail coach runs daily from The Corners (Conara) to Georges Bay (St Helens), taking in the towns of Avoca, Fingal, St Marys and Falmouth.

As well, Hunn's mail conveyance runs from Avoca to Swansea on Wednesdays and Saturdays, leaving at 8.00 am.

There are hotels in all the towns on the Main Road, as well as Ben Lomond, Mangana and Mathinna.

Tenders have been accepted for 47 miles of railway line from The Corners to St Marys.

Coal of excellent quality has been found at Coal Creek, about two and a half miles from Fingal. Two tunnels of 50 feet and 70 feet have been driven into coal seams at Mt Nicholas and the coal tested on the railways.

The coal at the end of the drives was found to be nearly equal to the coal brought in from Newcastle in New South Wales.

*For more information on the Society, or the history of the Fingal Valley, visit our Website:*

[www.fingalvalleyhistory.com](http://www.fingalvalleyhistory.com)

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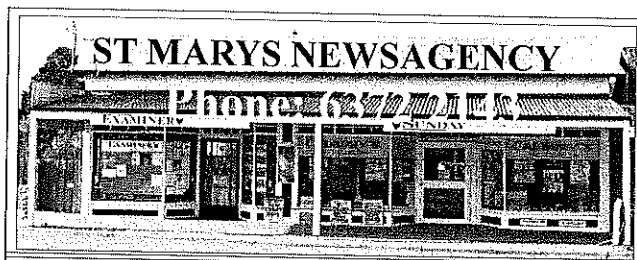
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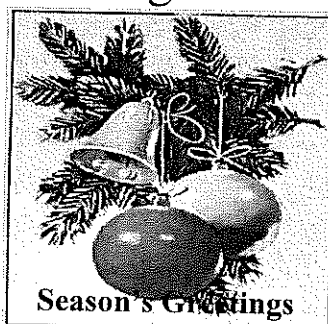
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Season's Greetings

### GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS FOR TIANA BEAN

Tracy and Ross Bean watched on as Tiana was  
presented with her Bachelor of Social Work  
Degree at the graduation Ceremony held on  
Saturday 13th December at the Albert Hall  
Launceston.

Tiana's proud parents were joined by her  
brothers Kirk and Kyle, Kirk's partner Kristy,  
Tiana's partner Paul, grandparents Jos Lynch  
and Eric and Claire Bean. Tiana's Auntie Jacqui  
also travelled to Launceston and joined in the  
dinner party at the Prickly Cactus, held in hon-  
our of Tiana's achievement.

Tiana has commenced employment at Anglicare  
on a permanent full time basis and is pondering  
commencing her Masters.

It's a big thrill to see one of our locals reach,  
and receive an academic award.  
"Congratulations Narn".

Congratulations also go to Photjana Escobar who  
also received her Certificates of Achievements on  
Wednesday. Well done.



## The Say Cagerattler

I think it's about time I really rattled the cage and I'll probably tick off a few readers out there with my final subject of this year. So be it.

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO REAL CHRISTMAS ?

A few weeks back now I recall opening up my newspaper and was confronted with two large catalogues exclusively dealing with Christmas stuff. The next day another, and virtually ever since it's the same day after day, and all of them revolving around Christmas presents but that was all.

Suddenly something triggered in my head without warning. I began to wonder how many people in this community and many thousands of others get wrapped up with all of this and quite frankly lose the real meaning of Christmas, that being the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.

How did we get to this level of commercialism and forget this very, very important detail.

For so many of us we should be ashamed when we lose the plot, if we purport to being true Christians that is. I know I am at the moment.

I'd strongly suggest that before many of us over indulge in crazy buying, gutsing ourselves on food and writing ourselves off on grog that we do one or both of the following. (1) Attend a Mass or Church service somewhere to pay respect for the occasion, or (2) Try to send a donation to a worthwhile aid institution that helps others.

I hear some say that Christmas is about family. Maybe it is to a degree, but again the point is still lost unless the big picture is considered, and this means that we appreciate what happened a little over two thousand years ago and signify it as Christians.

This Christmas don't just think about your own family, what presents you are going to deal with, how drunk you are going to get or how much food you are going to stuff in. Think about the real meaning of the season and can you offer some sort of genuine good will to others.

Otherwise what is the point of it all.

Now that I've got that off my mind can I pass on a special thanks to J.S. our incredible editor of our paper for her wonderful efforts again throughout the year. How she continues to fortnight after fortnight come up with the goods and always cope with all sorts of things (not least me) is amazing. Don't know what we'd do without you J.S. I'm sure we all agree on that and she has a pretty special proof reader too very close at hand. Thanks also from Cagerattler to many fellow contributors to the Valley Voice, regular or not, which really makes this paper an iconic feature of the area.

Have a safe, happy and truly reflective holiday period and hopefully see you next year.

What do you think?

"Tetsuya is associated with high quality, and his extensive use of fresh natural ingredients from Tasmania speaks wonders for our produce."

Mr Bartlett said he expects the new brand identity to be well received and deliver bottom-line value to businesses across all industries.

"This is a project which all Tasmanians should embrace as an opportunity to further promote and celebrate the many positive attributes associated with our island state."

## St. Marys Pacing Club



### NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING JANUARY 1ST 2009

The club will be holding its annual race meeting on this day. This will be the 123rd year there has been a race meeting held at St Marys.

We hope as many as possible turn up to help keep this annual event going, and remain one of the most popular events in the district.

There will be eight races, lots of food and refreshments and entertainment for the children.

Prizes and betting vouchers also to be won.

We previously asked if any persons were interested in a wheelbarrow race. No replies, so if you are interested, time is running out.

Come along and help us have a great day.

### New Brand 'Tasmania' to strengthen global image

Premier David Bartlett has launched a new Tasmanian brand identity in Launceston. The blue and green logo will be used to identify products, services and events as being Tasmanian.

"This new 'place of origin' brand reflects a new, outward looking Tasmania, one I am determined to build on as a place full of fresh ideas, innovative thinking and quality products. It will further strengthen our position in external markets, helping us to manage our economy through the present global uncertainty."

The new brand identity, developed by Brand Tasmania, is protected by copyright, but will be available to any business that becomes a member of Brand Tasmania.

The organisation, which was established by former Premier Jim Bacon, already has more than 250 member businesses.

"There is no better time to launch an aggressive branding campaign than now. Let's make sure that our export markets overseas know which products come from Tasmania, so that they can keep buying quality when they are making tough purchasing decisions in the coming months."

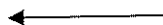
Mr Bartlett said the State's brand already had significant global traction and research showed that the word 'Tasmania' conveyed positive messages to many people.

"Italians use our wool to produce their costliest suits.

"European judges have recently given our Sauvignon Blanc a world's best award. And popular travel guide publisher, Lonely Planet, has deemed the Bay of Fires the best destination on Earth.

"Seafood, cheese, fine furniture, beer, ships and marine evacuation systems are among the products constantly adding to this positive story."

The Premier acknowledged the presence of Sydney celebrity chef Tetsuya Wakuda at the launch as Tasmania's Brand Ambassador.





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## SANTA'S TOYS

Santa's got a back hoe, hoe,  
Something I guess you didn't know.  
It's big, and yellow and kind of slow,  
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He also has a big "John Deere",  
With three-point linkage at the rear.  
It's got lots of torque in the lower gears,  
He works his farm part of the year.

And Santa owns a custom trike,  
It's got lots of chrome, and big bright lights.  
He looks really tough on his bike,  
In his "Santa Patch" he's quite a sight!

He also has a big chainsaw,  
In the forest, you can hear it roar.  
He doesn't clear-fell anymore,  
A point, He likes to underscore.

And yes, he's got a big red sleigh,  
It's quite impressive, I must say.  
It's all loaded up for Christmas Day,  
If you're good, you will hear him say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*J. Peryman*



# Lions Club of St Marys Inc. Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party & Parade will be held on Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> 2008.

This is a party for the whole Community.



**3.00 pm Children's Party** with free prizes for 6 different age groups,( to be held on Faulkners Green).

**3.00pm to 6.45pm Free Jumping Castle** for the children

**3.30pm Santa arrives** with sweets & balloons.



**4.00pm to 5.00pm and 5.30 to 6.30 "Gypsy Rose" Live Music.**

**5.00pm Christmas Parade** starts IN Newman Street, decorated bikes to join the parade at the Library, down Main Street, past the Post Office around the square, finishing at the Hotel corner where the parade will disperse.  
Please register your intention to have a float at the P.O.

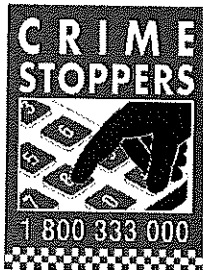
**6.30pm Lions Christmas Stocking drawn.**



Help make Christmas Eve in St Marys another great event. Get your family and friends together, build a float for the Parade, join in & have fun.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the Christmas Parade Floats and prizes for decorated bikes.

**BBQ available on Faulkners Green from 4.00 pm**



## St Marys Police report Michael Spaulding, Constable

After a wild weekend of weather we would like to remind everyone of their responsibilities when driving through the Christmas period. Drivers are reminded that you must *drive to the conditions not to the speed limits*. A number of minor accidents were attended over the last couple of weeks, all as a result of drivers not driving to the road conditions at the time, luckily no one has suffered any long term injuries.

As we enter the festive season Police Operations in relation to road safety and public order will commence and continue during this period. Members of the public will only come to police attention if consumption of alcohol exceeds a reasonable level, causing them to conduct themselves in an unacceptable manner. Please **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**, if you believe you may have had too much to drink, then you probably have, arrange for a designated driver if you are planning on having *too* good a time. If intending leaving your premises during the holiday period, please try to have a neighbour check the premises on a regular basis, collecting mail and any other items that may indicate your absence.

We are also investigating a number of break-ins that occurred in Fingal and Avoca on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> November. A chainsaw and other items were stolen. Any information in relation to these or any other burglaries would be appreciated.

On a lighter note we would like to welcome to the St Marys station a new Officer In Charge. Sergeant Derek SINGLINE has taken up the position and brings with him over 30 years policing experience. Derek has spent a lot of his career on the North West Coast with stints in Uniform, Traffic, Licensing and Gaming, Drug Squad and CIB. Derek has been a Sergeant for 12 years and is looking forward to working back in a country policing role, having worked for eight years in the Deloraine Division and, also getting to know the locals. As he will be *living* in the town of St Marys, please introduce yourself to him and his wife Julianne and make them feel welcome.

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Charlie who leaves us this Friday.

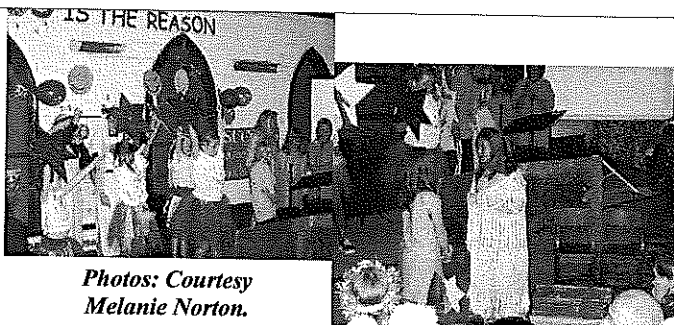
We would also like to inform the community that the office hours at the St Marys Station will be changing. As of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December the office will only be open Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 2.30pm and closed on public holidays.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE & JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**

### JAM's 8th Christmas Production!



The play :The Star who couldn't twinkle".  
It was fantastic to see the church full of people, in spite of the incredible rain event we were having in St Marys. A great afternoon was had, with music from the Launceston Salvation Army Band, the JAMmers presenting their play and afternoon tea to finish the celebration of another busy year at JAM.



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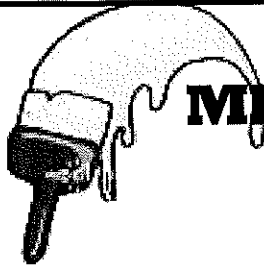
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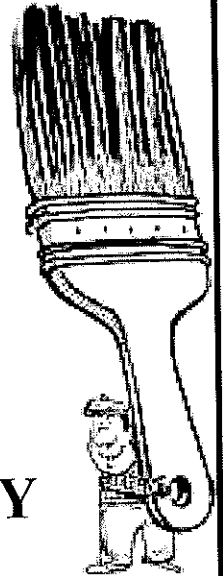
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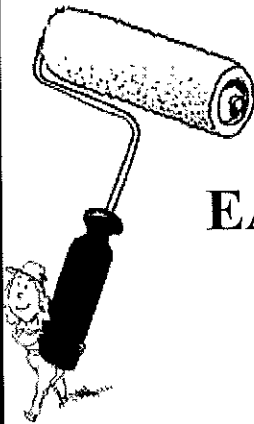
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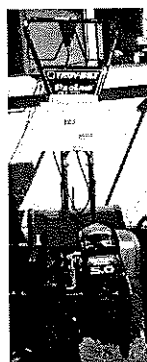
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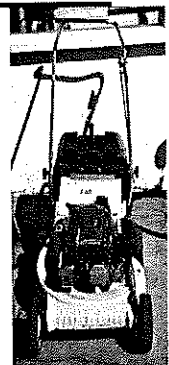
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### BREAK O'DAY STITCHERS EASTER EXHIBITION

Calling all **textile artists** now is the time to start planning on what you would like to enter in our Easter Exhibition. We had so many lovely cross stitch, ribbon embroidery, etc., designs as well as all the different quilts last year, it was quite hard to choose who to put as the number one in Viewers Choice.

In this year's exhibition we are adding three new categories to our usual sections.

They are:-

- a) Two person quilt
- b) Art Quilt
- c) Bags



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### LAST ISSUE FOR 2008

We at the Valley Voice would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the Valley Voice again this year.

This community paper would not be so successful without all the valued support from contributors, advertisers, photographers, distributors, consumers, delivery boys and girls and all our volunteers.

It involves a lot of unpaid work by a multitude of people to produce this paper every fortnight. Thank you to all of you. The first issue for 2008 will be out for sale on February 12, 2009.

May we wish everyone the  
**"Compliments of the Season",**  
and please take care when travelling  
throughout this holiday period.



## Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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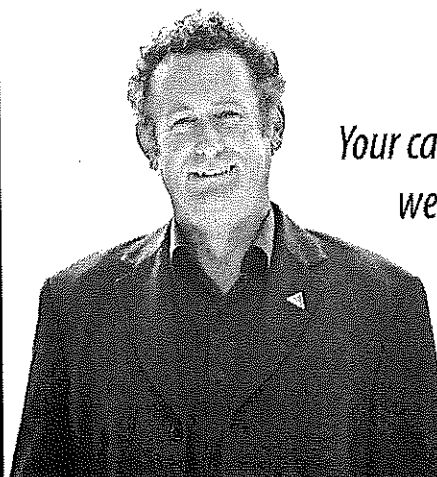
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**A Message of Hope for this Christmas from the Anglican Parish of Break O'Day**  
**How to explain Christmas to your kids.**

It is that most precious and wonderful of times, the afternoon after Christmas dinner. The turkey and the plum pud are settling nicely. The kids are outside playing furiously with their new treasures, and there are several hours left before the batteries run out. You contemplate the delicious prospect before you - almost as delicious as that pud - of staying exactly where you are, reclining on the back verandah lounge, for at least the next 2 hours.

Aahhh, bliss. But disaster strikes! "Dad?" It is your six year old. The smart one. The one who always asks the difficult questions. She has that tone of voice.

"Mmmm?". You reply, trying to indicate the fact that you are very nearly asleep, and hoping that it is not the batteries, or a demarcation dispute over the dolls' house.

"Dad, what is Christmas for?" Oh no, not that. With the delicious prospect of a snooze evaporating before your eyes, you try the traditional evasive manoeuvre. "Why don't you ask your mother?"

"She said to ask you."

You try to think of something quick, and general, that will make this go away.

"Well Christmas is a time for giving and sharing, and for spending time with our families." That should do it.

"But how come we only do it once a year. I mean, since its so fun, why don't we have a Christmas every month?"

This suggestion sends you into such a deep shock, in your panic you make a fatal mistake.

"Well, sweetheart, we have Christmas only once, at this time of year, because its when Jesus was supposed to have been born."

You can't believe you made such an elementary blunder. You bought religion into the discussion! You know from past bitter experience that this opens a whole new vista of questions to the inquiring mind of a six year old. Any hope of a snooze has now disappeared.

"So it's kind of Jesus' birthday party?"

"I suppose you could say that."

"Who was Jesus?" This was getting worse by the minute.

"Well he was a great teacher who was born over 2000 years ago. 2008 to be precise."

"So he must be dead by now."

"Yes, well, he did die...."

"Is that why we give each other presents rather than him, because he's dead, and he can't use them."

"Well...."

"But daddy, if he's dead, how come we're still having birthdays for him? You told me that your daddy is dead. But we don't still have birthdays for him do we, daddy?"

You remember the teacher commenting on the report card that your daughter has "an irresistible logic". You feel the grip of this logic tightening around your throat.

"Yes, that's true. But Jesus was a special case. A lot of people think that he's God's son. That's why people have been celebrating his birth for so long."

There was a slight pause, but only slight.

"But daddy, God's up in heaven, so shouldn't his son have been born in heaven, not down here?"

You don't want to give up, but things are getting out of hand. You try to dredge up some snippets from Sunday School, all those years ago. What did Mrs McGonnaghy use to say?"

"Ahmm, well.....yes, the thing is, God sent his baby down here to earth to be born as a human baby."

There was a slightly longer pause. For a moment you think you might be winning, but only for a moment.

"So, was he still God when he grew up?"

"Ahhhh...."

"But if he was still God when he grew up, then how come he died? Because God wouldn't die, would he Daddy? If someone tried to kill him, he'd just say, hey I'm God, do you want me to blast you with my trident, or whatever he had. So how did they manage to kill him, Daddy? Did they take away his trident or something?"

You are about to say that he died on a cross, but realise just in time that this will open up questions about hanging and methods of execution in general, blood, spears and all manner of tricky subjects.

You realise it's time to admit defeat. You haven't the faintest idea whether Jesus even was God, let alone why he died, or why he really was born, for that matter. The problem is the questions will only get harder next year.

"Sweetheart, you've got too many questions for your poor old dad. When I was a boy there was an old lady called Mrs McGonnaghy at Sunday School who used to answer my questions. Maybe we should see if there's someone like her who could answer yours too."

"Okay Dad, but I think you should come too, cause if Mrs McGonnaghy told you the answers, how come you can't tell me?"

And with a smile on her lips, she trots off back to the dolls house.  
Oh, well, an hour's snooze is better than nothing.

(This story was first published in the Byron Shire Echo in 1996)





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All entries by 4 January please.

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Happy Christmas everyone.



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Please be advised that we will be closed on 25 and 26 December and also on Thursday 1 January and Friday 2 January - there will of course be no mail delivery on these days.

Season's greetings to all our valued customers, we sincerely thank you for your support and patronage during the year.

Our heartfelt appreciation to our postie Craig Freiboth, 12 months without missing a day, despite the odd bout of sickness or injury and in all weather conditions is quite an achievement. Craig provided an outstanding level of service to the people of St Marys.

Thanks also to our super assistant Elise Wright and Ruth McGiveron and Minnie Goss for their valuable contribution that allowed us to take some precious time off.

We look forward to 2009 being a great year for St Marys.

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## Big Shed Studios Summer Arts Program



### Monday 12th Jan 9-4pm CREATIVE WRITING with Lucie Ellis

Secondary students/ adults \$40

This workshop offers structured activities designed to produce seeds for writing, some guidelines for good writing, and group work shopping. Activities are designed for individual creativity and are open to both poetry and prose. Come and enjoy a day of creating with fellow writers in a relaxed and productive environment! Materials provided.

### Tuesday 13th Jan 9-4pm DRAWING with Anthony White

Secondary students/ adults \$40

Structured drawing activities aimed at teaching observation and technique through various mediums and materials. Basic Materials provided, additional materials available for purchase if required.

### Wednesday 14th Jan 9-4pm CLAY SCULPTURE with John McColl

Secondary students/ adults \$60

This workshop will give participants the opportunity, initially, to explore ideas and techniques related specifically to ceramic sculpture. Participants will then be able to create their own sculptural work which can later be fired as a lasting memento of this experience. Basic Materials provided, additional clay available for purchase if required.

### Thursday 15th Jan 9-4pm JUNK TO FUNK with Justin Emmerton

Secondary students/ adults \$55

This workshop is aimed at developing skills in sculptural design such as balance, shape, form and space. Learn skills and techniques in the construction and fusion of mixed media to create your own funky sculpture. Basic materials provided, feel free to bring your own if you already have a vision.

### Friday 16th Jan 9-12pm 2D ART CLUB FOR KIDS with Belinda Schaeffer and Natasha Lowe

Ages 5-11 \$25

A workshop aimed at teaching drawing and painting skills in a relaxed fun environment.

### Friday 16th Jan 1-4pm WACKY INSTRUMENT MAKING with Lila Meleisea and Belinda Schaeffer

Everyone welcome \$25

A workshop aimed at all ages and abilities. Use recycled materials to create your own crazy instrument. Basic Materials provided/ feel free to bring your own.

### Saturday 17th Jan 9-12pm 3D ART CLUB FOR KIDS with Natasha Lowe and Belinda Schaeffer

Ages 5-11 \$25

A workshop aimed at creating 3D forms through construction and assemblage. Basic Materials provided.

### Saturday 17th Jan 1-4pm DRUM CIRCLE with Lila Meleisea

Everyone welcome \$25

A workshop aimed at all ages and abilities. Learn new rhythms in a relaxed environment. Bring your own instrument if you have one.

### Sunday 18th Jan 9-4pm VOCALS with Terese Tanner

Secondary students/ adults \$40

These workshops are geared at all levels and are about having fun, setting those vocal chords loose, learning new skills and expressing yourself through song.

No singing experience or musician skills necessary.

9:00am - 12:00pm VOCAL SKILLS - Learn basic singing skills including breath control, exercises, placement, voice projection, warm up and performance techniques. Bring a bottle of water and a smile.

1:00pm - 4:00pm SONG WRITING - Be inspired and gently guided into the art of song writing. Experience story writing and self expression through song. No instrument skill necessary, but bring your instrument if you use one. Bring something to write on and with.

### Monday 19th Jan 9-4pm OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS with Donna Gough

Secondary students/ adults \$55

A workshop aimed at developing skills in oils. Donna will share her knowledge and passion for art through tips and techniques using the oil painting medium. Basic material provided, feel free to bring an image for your own creation.

### Tuesday 20th Jan 9-4pm LIFE DRAWING with Anthony White

Secondary students/ adults \$60

Anthony (a life drawing teacher at UTas), teaches observation, structure and technique to guide you through the art of life drawing. Basic Materials provided. Additional materials available for purchase if required.

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We certainly did not need a garbage collection service.

We had no such things as disposable nappies, no plastic bags, shampoo bottles etc. No bread wrappers, our bread, cakes and biscuits were all home made. No cereal boxes, we had rolled oats for porridge. The rolled oats came in a 7lb calico bag, the bag being reusable.

Tea bags had not been thought of. No egg cartons, we had farm eggs. No baby food jars or tins. No jam tins or bottles. All our jam was home made. If we did have a tin or a can of some description, it was quickly given a handle and made into a useful little bucket.

Sugar came in 70lb bags. These bags were so useful, but we do not see them today. All table scraps were given to the chickens and dogs and the cats feed themselves in the barn, by keeping the vermin under control. So therefore no cat and dog food cans. All paper products were used for lighting the open fire and wood burning stove.

Any calico bags were keep for making tea towels and for boiling the christmas pudding, or spotted dick and other suet puddings. These are just a few of my recollections, and as you can see, there was no need for a garbage collection service.

Maisie Finney.

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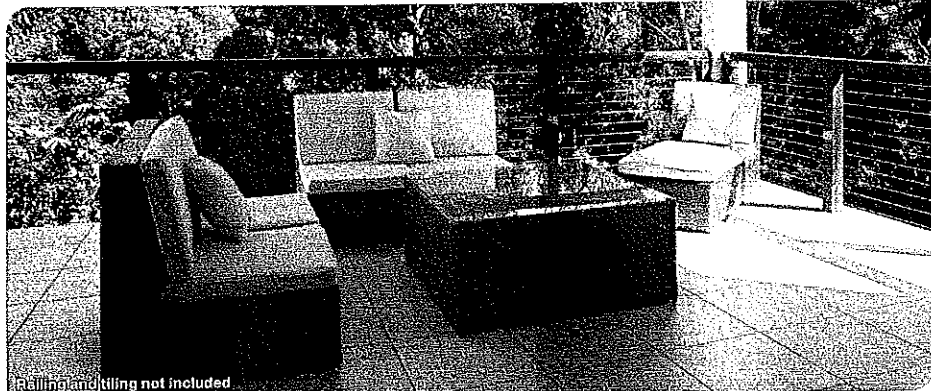
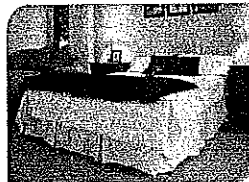
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## Scamander Monday

All week long the smell of fire had rolled  
 among the mountains by the summer sea,  
 while the red horse rode unbridled  
 to seek who would its plaything be.

The eastern mountains ended in a coast  
 where fragments of unwitting people dwelled,  
 and there, before the day its light had lost,  
 turned into flame the smoke they'd smelled.

From the hills the fire down came,  
 it snuffed the air, the coast to greet,  
 then blistered the land with a withering heat,  
 and joined the hunting winds in a devils game.

Along the ordered road the fire blast sped,  
 a tempest path of smoke and flame,  
 while on either hand helpless people fled  
 or stayed ,unwilling players in a random game.

A game of chance with life or death  
 their very selves at risk, their very breath,  
 their hearts stone cold with a formless fear  
 amidst the heat so fierce and sere.

The air it burned and walls of crackling flame  
 from out the smoke pall came,  
 and red mouthed shadows passed them by,  
 as shimmering heat their lungs sucked dry.

A lull, a passing rush of laggard flame,  
 a crash of falling tin ,and then a silence  
 amid the noise of a retreating battle, whence  
 the tempest noise now elsewhere came.

Trembling hands gripped tight in shock,  
 ash gritted eyes with tears astream,  
 minds numbed in the nightmare dream  
 of their world so quickly lost.

That morn had dawned on a day not planned,  
 the day brought forth a wasted land,  
 and within the ending of the week,  
 the red horse turned , turned south,  
 to Four Mile Creek.

*D Clement*

*It seemed appropriate to print this poem this issue as we  
 have just passed the day of destruction of 2006.*

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BICHENO	8.00am Mass	Christmas Day
SWANSEA	10.00am Mass	Christmas Day
CAMPBELLTOWN	8.00pm Mass	Christmas Eve

ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS SERVICES		
21ST DECEMBER	ST HELENS 10.30AM	NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
21ST DECEMBER	PYENGANA 7.30PM	CHRISTMAS SERVICE
24TH DECEMBER	ST HELENS 11.15PM	CHRISTMAS EVE
25TH DECEMBER	ST MARYS 9AM ST HELENS 9AM	CHRISTMAS DAY



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I wish you all a joyous Christmas and wonderful New Year.

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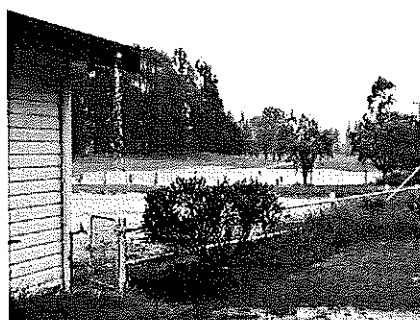
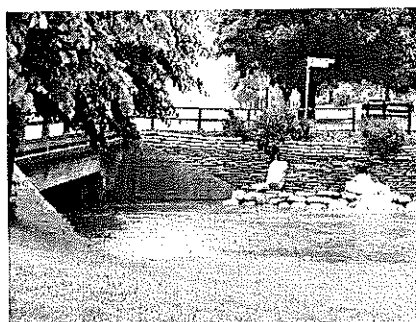
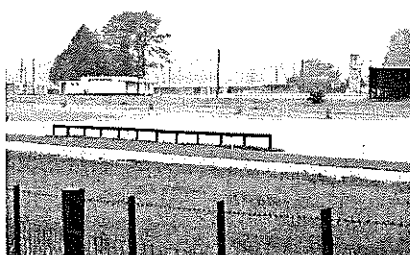
### Rainy days

St Marys experienced one of the states highest rainfalls last week and some areas recorded 175mls over approximately 48 hours.

Farmers and gardeners I am sure enjoyed this fortunate rain. Let's hope the orchardists don't lose their crops.

Bob Oates has been out and about and recorded the photos, right, last Saturday.

Taken in the town centre, at the sports centre and on Harefield road, they show the state of the situation.



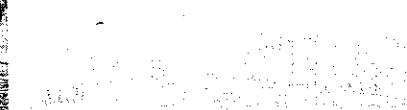
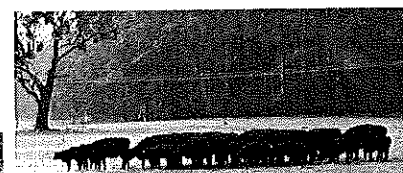
### Desire of the Forbidden Sue Fish

She awakens in the night from a fitful sleep.. her heart pounding...sweat glistening on her body...in the stillness she can hear her husband of twenty years breathing softly by her side.

She turns to look at the sleeping form of the man she loves....does he know...has he guessed her burning lust..., her passion... for another?

She moans softly and rises trying to control her ragged breathing...knowing he is there.. waiting for her.. his perfect body glistening in the night...waiting ...It has been so long...so long since she was satisfied...slowly she approaches the door....no, no, no, she says in her head... trying to control the yearnings.

A week he has been there in the other room taunting her.. Knowing, seeing the lust in her eyes...the sweat slowly runs down between her breasts as she fights for control...it is wrong ...so wicked...but that seems to fuel the passion more....trembling with desire she enters the room...she can see the shape of him in the moonlight laying there waiting for her...hard and smooth his body calls for her...she reaches out her trembling hand wanting, wanting so much...to satisfy the desire....no, no, no, her mind screams...and with a sob she turns away...she cannot do it....breathing deeply she controls the lust and turns...he shall mock her no more....so she puts the chocolate back in the fridge and goes to bed...



## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec / Jan		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	22nd	Trish Pike	Lynda Bean
Tuesday	23rd	Pam lynch	
Wednesday	24th	D & V Rice	
Thursday	25th	Christmas Day	
Friday	26th	Geoff Herrmann	Shirleen Woods
Monday	29th	Audrey Wright	Sharon Hall
Tuesday	30th	Patricia Barr	
Wednesday	31st	Dianne Troode	
Thursday	1st	Geoff Herrmann	
Friday	2nd	Pat O'Donnell	Joan Lowe

## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Marys

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#### 1st Sunday: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
Bicheno 9.00am  
Swansea LWC 9.30am  
Fingal 11.30am  
Campbell Town 5.00pm

#### 2nd Sunday: LITURGY

St Helens Vigil LWC 6.00pm  
St Marys LWC 9.00am  
Bicheno LWC 9.00am  
Swansea LWC 9.30am  
Fingal LWC 9.30am  
Campbell Town LWC 5.00pm

#### 3rd Sunday: MASS

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Campbell Town 5.00pm  
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#### 4th Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil LWC 6.00pm  
St Marys LWC 9.00am  
Bicheno LWC 9.00am  
Swansea LWC 9.30am  
Fingal LWC 9.30am  
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#### 5th Week MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm  
Bicheno 9.00am  
St Marys 11.00am  
Swansea LWC 9.30am  
Campbell Town 5.00pm

### Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

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St Helens 9.00 am  
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For enrolments please contact the school on 6372 3900

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Wednesday 4th February	9:30am - 2:30pm

Uniforms that had been ordered in October/November this year will, hopefully, be available for collection at booksales. Limited items will also be available for purchase on the day.

## Learn to Swim Program

**The Learn to Swim  
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Any inquiries please contact Sandra Cook - 6372 2002

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Dates for St Marys:

- Monday 5th January
- Tuesday 6th January
- Monday 19th January
- Tuesday 20th January

Dates for St Helens:

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GRADE 4 Anthony Wolf  
GRADE 5 Jesse McCol  
GRADE 6 Lance Walsh

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES

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Jayden Bosworth  
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### SECONDARY AWARDS

#### GRADE 7 ACADEMIC AWARD

Grace Ennis

#### GRADE 8 ACADEMIC AWARD

Karly Graham

#### GRADE 9 ACADEMIC AWARD

Joel Bennett

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Emily Miles

#### GRADE 9 SPORTS PERSON AWARD

Sophie Bourke

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Elise Wright

## GRADE 10 AWARDS 2008

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DESIGN GRAPHICS Zac Bean  
MUSIC Emily Brown  
ENGLISH Christa McCol  
SOCIETY AND HISTORY Christa McCol  
MATHEMATICS Zac Bean  
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FLEXIBLE PROGRAMMES Cameron Gillies

### SPECIAL AWARDS

JEAN SCHIER MEMORIAL AWARD  
FOR SPORTSMANSHIP  
CITIZENSHIP - "PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL"  
R.W. LEGGE CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
DICK ADAMS AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE  
LIONS CLUB AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP  
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL  
ST MARYS CHILDCARE VISUAL ART AWARD  
CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD  
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD  
CORPORATE EXPRESS TEACHERS' CHOICE AWARD  
CORPORATE EXPRESS DRAMA AWARD  
BREAK O DAY COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
MUSIC AWARD  
DAVID LLEWELLYN AWARD  
FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT  
NEWSTEAD COLLEGE AWARD (ACADAMY)  
(POLYTECHNIC)  
LAUNCESTON COLLEGE AWARD  
UNIVERSITY AWARD  
RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT  
DUX OF THE SCHOOL  
Jacqui Midson  
Rebecca King  
Danielle Williams  
John Webb  
James Douglas  
Fern Menogue  
Samantha Brown  
Jacqui Midson  
Allie Spitsbury  
Luke Neighbour  
Jenna Quin  
Rebecca King  
Joshua Williams  
Marcus Bretag  
Nathan O'Shea  
Emma Francis  
Stephanie Frobose  
Christa McCol  
Lochie Rice  
CHRISTA MCCOLL

### DUX OF THE SCHOOL 2008



Christa McCol

ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Condon- 18th December- 12th February 2009

Dr E. Reeckman- 18th December &  
Women's Health Clinic- 19th December

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DOCTOR AND RECEPTION HOURS

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 1st & Monday 26th January 2009  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please call GP Assist for assistance or  
the Ambulance on 000 for Emergencies  
during this time.

## AFTER HOURS SERVICE CONTACT NUMBERS

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



St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday :50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30pm

1:30pm-5:00pm

## 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 practice regularly- especially heading into the Christmas  
Period as waiting period can apply.

Scripts can not be requested by patients over the phone and are  
unable to be done over the weekends ensure you have enough  
medications in advance.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111  
BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.  
PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting period can apply.

## IMMUNISATION CLINICS IN 2009

The St Marys Community Health Centre will be  
holding 4 Immunisation Clinic Days during  
January and February 2009. Please see details  
below and phone 6372 2111 for appointments.

Please get in early as places are limited.

Days:

**Tuesday 13th & 27th January 2009  
and**

**Tuesday 10th & 24th February 2009**

Times:

Appointments times start from 1:30pm until the  
close of surgery at 5:00pm. Each appointment  
is booked at half hour intervals.

For appointments phone 6372 2111  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



## WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 17th Dec Day Centre- last session for 2008. Day  
Centre will resume again on Wednesday  
4th February 2009
- 19th Dec Diabetic Clinic for appointments see  
your GP for a referral.
- 25th Dec Christmas Day- Public Holiday
- 26th Dec Boxing Day- Public Holiday
- 30th Dec Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381
- 6th Jan Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381
- 14th Jan Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381. Please note change on day.
- 13th Jan Immunisation Clinic 1:30pm onwards. By  
appointment only please phone 6372 2111  
to make a booking
- 21st Jan Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381. Please note change on day.
- 28th Jan Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381. Please note change on day.
- 27th Jan Immunisation Clinic 1:30pm onwards. By  
appointment only please phone 6372 2111  
to make a booking
- 4th Feb Podiatry, Perry Daly Lightfoot Podiatry  
Service. For appointments please  
phone 6331 9568
- 4th Feb Day Centre- First session 2009. For details on  
the group please contact Hayley on 6372 2111.
- 4th Feb Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381. Please note change on day.
- 10th Feb Immunisation Clinic 1:30pm onwards. By  
appointment only please phone 6372 2111  
to make a booking
- 11th Feb Child Health Session with Sue Gofton  
Every Tuesday by appointment.  
on: 0428136381. Please note change on day.
- 24th Feb Immunisation Clinic 1:30pm onwards. By  
appointment only please phone 6372 2111  
to make a booking

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

From all the staff at the St Marys Community Health  
Centre we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a  
safe and happy New Year.

Thank you for another wonderful year of  
support and patience from you all in the  
community it is very much appreciated  
and we look forward to seeing you all in  
2009.





ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



# PHYSIOTHERAPY

**INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS AS WELL  
AS CLASSES OFFERED!**

Treatment for Back Pain      *After Surgery Rehabilitation*  
Sports Injuries & Rehabilitation      *Joint or Muscular Pain*  
Injury Education & Prevention      *Acute Injury Managment*

## **CLASSES INCLUDE :-**

*Strength Training*

*Core Stability & Back Rehabilitation*

*Falls Prevention & Balance Training*



A REFERRAL FROM A HEALTH PROFFESIONAL  
( DOCTOR, COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE ETC.)  
IS PREFERRED.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE TO SEE THE PHYSIOTHERAPIST!**

A GOLD COIN DONATION (FOR THE HEALTH CENTRE) IS  
ASKED FOR EACH EXERCISE CLASS ATTENDED!

CONTACT MARGARET OR DAVID, ON

**6372 2111**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9am - 5pm**

# Fingal Primary School News



## Grade Six Leavers Dinner

Fingal Primary School Grade 6 students had their Leavers Dinner at the Fingal Hotel on Monday 15th December. It was pleasing to see how lovely they all looked. They had a nice meal and they all made a very nice speech. Their parents should be proud of them.



Tayla and Lindy  
Barnes



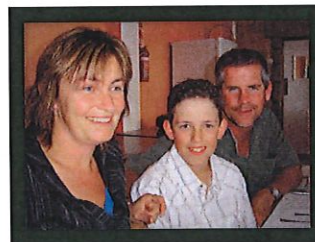
Mr & Mrs Mc Gill  
with Madelaine



Mr & Mrs Lowe with  
Joshua



Sharon Webb and Jye



Mr & Mrs Bean with Caleb



Stacey Saddington and  
Amber



Mr & Mrs Bishop  
with Ben



Mr & Mrs Reid with Claire



Liz Hartley and  
Louise



Mr & Mrs Woods with  
Brady



Mr & Mrs Westbrook with  
Curtis

## Calendar of Events - December

<b>15th</b> Grade 6 Leavers Dinner	<b>16th</b> Church Service 2.00 p.m. Catholic Church	<b>17th</b>	<b>18th</b> Last day for Students Final Assembly 2.15 p.m.	<b>19th</b> Last Day for Staff
<b>22nd</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b> Christmas Day	<b>26th</b> Boxing Day



## St Marys Sports Centre news Kackhander

Once again the weather has conspired to put a kybosh on activities at the club over the past week or so but at least the golf course has really benefited which is long needed. It's been a while since Trevor Viney has had to go "swimming" to undo the bung on LAKE NINTH but that's what he did last Sunday to help the drainage. This used to be a regular occurrence once so to see so much water there again after Friday night's and Saturday's deluge was really reminiscent of those times.

In the bowls the previous week we suffered losses to St Helens in both Men's and Women's comps, but despite less than favourable results the very depleted team proved that if ever we can put a full strength team on the paddock, we will take some stopping again in the finals. We now have a few weeks break over Christmas/New Year before hostilities resume mid January.

Very important---Time is running out to organise teams for the Clive Berwick Memorial Triples on December 28<sup>th</sup> so don't muck around will you. Thanks immensely to Pauline, Drew and family for your generous sponsorship again.

During the coming weeks there are heaps of chances to get various club championship games played too and remember there are excellent lights that can be used too.

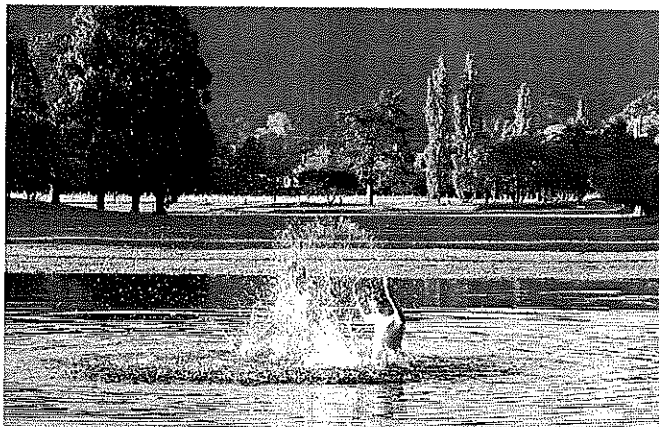
To golf and a rapidly greening golf course is beckoning you to play over the holidays and our intrepid volunteers would love to see you partake in an enjoyable round or two.

Club President Bob Hersey and the Committee wish to extend their thanks to the members, volunteers, visitors and supporters of the club and wish all a safe and happy time in the next few weeks.

The club also wishes to thank all at the Valley Voice. Our deepest thanks for granting us this invaluable space to pass on the news. It's really appreciated indeed.

Until next time, good hitting and rolling.

### BOYS WILL BE BOYS!!



"Ninth Lake" could not be resisted by two boys, who shall remain nameless, along with the photographer.

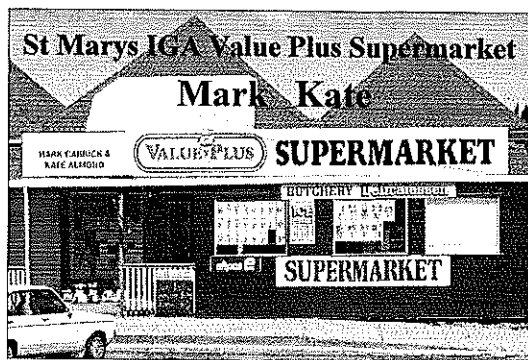
### VALLEY COASTERS XMAS LINE DANCING RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1ST: MRS WARREN SPEERS, FINGAL.  
2ND: BRIAN IZARD, ST MARYS.  
3RD: MARCIA LOHREY, FINGAL.

THANKS TO ALL AND HAVE A MERRY XMAS.



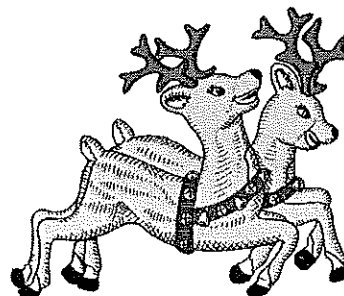
SUE FISHER AND DANCERS.



38 Main Street St Marys  
Phone/Fax 6372 2240 - Butcher Ph: 6372 2274  
Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm  
Sat 8am 12 noon

*It's your last chance to order  
Christmas hams, chickens,  
turkeys, seafood,  
pork, lamb, etc., etc.*

Blue Ribbon nugget ham	\$12.99kg
Butcher's C.O.B. ham	\$10.99kg
Raw ham	\$ 9.99kg
Ingham ovenroasted turkey ½ breast	\$19.95 kg
Ingham Turkey breast supreme	\$19.95kg
Fresh turkeys from	\$8.50—\$9.75kg



*We would like to thank  
all of our customers for their  
support in 2008.  
Wishing you all a  
Happy and Safe Christmas  
and New Year.*

*Happy  
Holidays!*

