

# ANZAC DAY

The traditional Dawn and 11.00am ANZAC Day services will be conducted at the St Marys Cenotaph on ANZAC Day, April 25, 2009.

A gunfire breakfast will follow the dawn service. It will be free to RSL members and their partners, on presentation of their current membership. A small charge of \$5.00. for non members This will help cover the cost of the gunfire breakfast.

All ex-servicemen and women, residents, children, are welcome to pay their respects and lay a wreath at the 11.00am service.

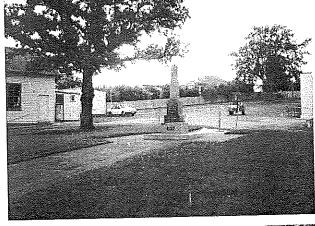
For further details or if you wish to lay a wreath please contact Reon or Wendy on 6372 2094 or mob 0429 722 091.

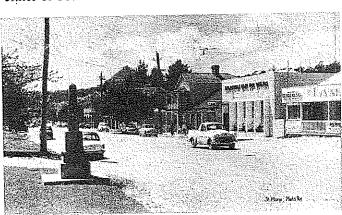
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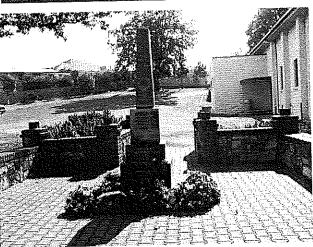
The new surrounds of the Cenotaph are almost completed and the workmen are to be congratulated on the finished project. Even if you have mixed feelings about the loss of the former surrounds, it is starting to look nice and neat, and I am sure will be spic and span by ANZAC Day.

I have been asked on several occasions if I had a photo of the first location of the Cenotaph when it was situated on the nature strip in front of the then RSL building (which is now e.ScApe Café). I decided this issue was the appropriate one in which to place it, along with the previous and most recent.

Let us all remember our returned soldiers and their fallen mates on ANZAC Day this year, by attending either or both services scheduled.







Photos: Top right, taken this week. Bottom right: Taken last year after ANZAC Day.

Bottom left: Post Card version from maybe the 1950s?

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday April 23, 2009.

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# **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 5pm 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 Thursday at 10.30am 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 Terese: Ph: 6372 5745

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 Scamander Sports Complex 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, John 6376 3270 or Rose 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**

Wanted – innovative locally-made arts and crafts with a contemporary edge; can be based on traditional skills but should demonstrate originality and marketability and incorporate fibre and/or textiles and some stitching. Please ring to make an appointment, or drop in some samples of work.

Free quilt block patterns – available to anyone who drops in to Gone Rustic ... just ask!

Rustic Ragamuffins – every Wednesday, 7-9. Bring your current stitching project and enjoy chat, friendship and laughs! \$5 per night – includes tea, coffee and home-made cake.

**Quilting Bee** – every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, as part of Rustic Ragamuffins. An opportunity to help to make quilts for those in need. *Next one 29<sup>th</sup> April*. Please bring your sewing supplies.

YOUR NEW WIDE SPAN KIT SHED OR HOME—currently a 10 % discount is on offer, for a limited time only. For your free quote or catalogue, visit Gone Rustic today!

Gone Rustic Studio & Gallery, 37 Main Street, St. Marys 7215 Phone – 03 6372 2724 or 0417027424 (Rita) or 0417648845 (Ian) Web – www.myspace.com/gonerustic Online Shop – www.gonerustic.etsy.com

### THUMBS DOWN

TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO STILL DROP CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE FOOTPATH OR IN THE GUTTER. THEY ARE UNSIGHTLY, AND DO YOU REALISE YOUR KIDS ARE PICKING THEM UP TO SMOKE???

PLEASE PUT THEM OUT <u>PROPERLY</u> AND THEN INTO THE RUBBISH BINS PROVIDED.

# ST MARYS OP-SHOP

TRADING HOURS:

10AM — 3.30PM MON TO FRI. PH:6372 2733.

Wishing all our supporters and customers a safe and happy Easter.

Re-opening Tuesday.

# WINNER OF LINE DANCING RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE: JANET BOSWORTH, MATHINNA. 2ND PRIZE: TRACY BEAN, ST MARYS.

Looking for your dream home/shed/garage/stables, etc. at very affordable prices? Want a free catalogue and no-obligation quote? Then call in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys. To phone, call 03 6372 2724 (BH), 0417 027 424 (Rita) or 0417648 845 (Ian).

# Classifieds

# For sale

1995 Volvo 440 GL. 7 months rego. \$2,800.

Ph: 6375 1540.

All secondhand. About 30 lengths of timber. \$100. 7 sheets Laserlite roofing. \$20. 21 sheets colourbond roofing (2mts 800 & 2mts 400.) \$60. Ph: 6372 2266.

Electric guitar and 25 watt "Rocktec amp". Just been serviced. Suit beginner. \$120. Ph: 0438 324 276 or 6372 2258.

Portacot. As new, with carry bag. \$60. Flymo 4 stroke motor mower. 5.5 Honda motor, very good condition. \$100. Brand new Omega electric heater, fan turbo controlled. \$60. Ph: 0447 284 630.

**1989 Ford Laser hatchback.** 175,000 kms, reg. Dec '09. Ex. con. \$2,750. ono. **Ph: 04077 725 722.** 

Carpet hall runner (5mtrs long) navy blue with cream floral cameo design. VGC. \$125. Set 4 dining chairs, dark stained pine with dark teal vinyl backs & seats. G con. \$100. Kitchen/dining hutch, dark stained pine with 3 glass cupboards at top & 3 drawers & 3 cupboards at bottom. Good con. \$150.Ph: 6372 2981.

TTR250 Yamaha roadtrail '99 model. Electric start, 12mths Rego, new brakes & rear sprocket, good tyres, tank & seat cover, staintune exhaust. \$3500.

Ph: Laura 0438 849 462 or 6372 2181.

Grey Water Tank (NEW) For underground installation. 440 litre capacity \$720.00 new Sell \$500.00 firm. Ph: 6372 2884.

**Double Pram**. Blue and yellow- used twice. Baby cover and storm cover.\$50.00 firm **Ph:** 6374 1058.

Ford Futura car, 1994 Automatic. 12 months rego—lot of work done on it. Good Order. \$3,500. ono.

Ph: 6372 2380.

Large microwave. \$30.

Hot water cylinder (needs element) \$50. Ph: 6372 2608.

TV 51cm Panasonic in excellent condition \$200 ono. Ph: 63725486 or mobile 0448 871 950.

Chef Electric Stove. As new. (White, 54cm W) \$550. Ph: 6372 5273.

house lot of second-hand timber-frame windows, various sizes and prices. Ph 6372 2686.

Certified organic potatoes \$2.50 kg plus other vegies, jam and honey - direct from grower - call Jack 6372 2034

Yamaha WR 250 motor bike. Reg. Under 800kms. .\$8,500.Ph: 0407 431 191

Tractor slashing available.

Ph: 0407 944 158.

Fire wood. 1, 2,& 3 tonne loads.

Ph: 0407 944 158.

"Moo-Poo". Finely screened. Any amounts. See Norm. Ph: 6372 2380.

FOR SALE BY OWNER.

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes.

Excellent condition. £200 or best offer.

No longer needed, Got married last month.

Wife knows everything.

Need bit of land/shack/farm house to rent.

Self sufficient, only need water,
we have bus and solar power.
Willing to do odd jobs, gardening,
plant trees and weeding and to maintain the
area. Good references available.
Call Simon on 0427 979 835.

# FOR RENT

IN ST MARYS

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GREAT CENTRAL LOCATION,
WALKING DISTANCE TO ALL AMMENITIES.
VERY PRIVATE, WITH LOVELY GARDENS.
AVAILABLE FOR LONG OR SHORT TERM LEASE
FROM APRIL 20TH.

IDEAL FOR SMALL FAMILY.

\$140 PER WEEK. PH: 6372 2820 OR MOB: 0427 099 921.

# COMBINED GARAGE SALE

EASTER SATURDAY
8.30AM START
ESK HIGHWAY
(NEAR ST MARYS RAILWAY STATION)

ENQ: 6372 2258.

# **GARAGE SALE**

AS NEW FURNITURE
BRIC-A- BRAC
23317 TASMAN HIGHWAY
SCAMANDER
SATURDAY 11 APRIL
8AM—5PM
PH: 6372 5464.

GIANT BOOK SALE AT LURES
15 SILVER STREET SCAMANDER
EASTER SATURDAY
ALL BOOKS HALF PRICE
ALSO GARAGE SALE
INCLUDING SHOP STOCK ITEMS

# A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

"The Cost of a Recession"

In today's economic climate, one can never be sure what industry or business will fall over next. The Fingal Valley cannot immune itself to the crisis, as most of our major employers are controlled by multinational companies with a strong reliance on world markets. History has shown many such companies appear to see dollars in front of their eyes, rather than the impact any closure of industries would bring to the communities in which they operate.

We saw a typical example of this back in 1981 when Forestwood Holdings, a multination company based in Sydney, purchased the Aberfoyle Tin and Wolfram mine at Rossarden for a reported one million dollars. At the time, it was the Fingal Valley.

Forestwood created an immediate sense of optimism by spending large amounts of money on upgrading plant and equipment. Employees' houses were improved and plans for a sewerage system, to replace the existing "night cart", was submitted to the Fingal Council.

The sewerage system was never started, however. On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1982, one year after the Forestwood takeover, it was announced in the Examiner newspaper that the Rossarden tin mine had dismissed 130 employees. This amounted to three-quarters of its workforce, bringing the underground operation, which had been operating for 50 years, to a close. Forty staff were maintained to rework the tailings, but this, too, was short lived.

In just 12 months the town of Rossarden had gone from riches to rags. Almost instantly families had to move away to find work and by October 1982 the town's population had dropped to around 90.

On the 25 October 1982, the remaining residents were given a stark reminder of the finality to what was once their livelihood, when plant and mining equipment went up for auction. Then, on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>, over 2,000 people gathered at the tennis court where 40 homes and 14 residential blocks were sold.

House prices varied from \$100 to \$700 and sitting tenants were offered their homes for \$1, but few stayed, with families choosing to move to where they could find work. Many of the houses purchased were dismantled or moved to other areas.

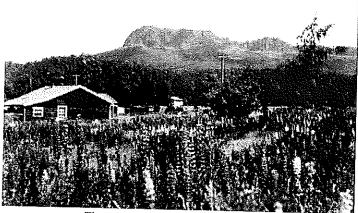
One can only wonder why a mine, which made another headline in the Examiner back in 1968 by announcing the discovery of a new lode, with reserves of 340,000 tons of ore and an expected life span of over 30 years, could end so unickly, and it would appear heartlessly, just 14 years later.

Rossarden is today, like Mathinna and Mangana, only a fraction of its former glory, but the town has survived, mainly due to a strong vibrant community spirit. It is a unique town, set in the eastern shadows of Ben Lomond, where deer and other forms of wildlife can roam free and without fear amongst the remaining dwellings. In season, the array of colours displayed in the lupins that have taken over much of the vacant land, is a sight to behold. In summer the temperature can rise to equal any in Tasmania and in winter, even though your milk may freeze before it reaches your cup, the raw, natural, beauty of the snow covered mountain towering above the town will stay in your memory for ever.

The 1980-82 recession, which caused a dramatic fall in the price of tin, was obviously the major factor in the investors' decision to close the Aberfoyle mine. The fact remains however, that decision made tin mining at Rossarden just a part of our history and the chance of a revival in today's climate is most unlikely.

Let us hope then, that in the 2009 recession, the price of coal and timber remains steady, because the Fingal Valley could well afford another Rossarden debacle.

# Thanks to the website www.rossardenonline.org.au for information on this story.



The raw, rugged, beauty of Stacks Bluff on Ben Lomond makes a magnificent backdrop to a bed of lupins at Rossarden.





Buyers gather in readiness for the big Rossarden auction in 1882.

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

When I have had to leave our wonderful valley and spend time in Launceston, one of the joys of coming back home, is to look ahead and focus on the landscape.

I love to see it all - in fact one of the many car games we played with our boys, was to see who could spot things first... a mobile version of "I/Eye Spy".

There was usually a prize!

Well the prize for me, is always to spot the Mount Nicholas Range, Paddy's Head, Mt Elephant and of course our beloved South Sister.

And I've been wondering of late if everybody else feels the same way about her.

And don't forget she has a relation close by.

Just a few minutes drive, and you'll find North Sister different in temperament, like in any family, but still a sight to behold.

If you haven't met the sisters, or even if you have, and you're just out of touch, why not take time out to have a family reunion!

You might be pleasantly surprised.

Melanie Norton.

The Editor

Valley Voice

O'Donnell's letter to the Editor. I do apologise and below is the paragraph with the correct wording. Ed. The Law and Procedure at Meetings, by Percy Ernest Joske, QC., M.A.,LL.M., page 29 of the aforementioned

Apology In the last issue a typographical error,

totally on my part, was made in the editing of Patricia

publication, and I quote: authority to preside over a meeting does not give dictatorial power, and on page 32, "The Chairperson has no power to direct what is to be done, to deny discussion on what is to be done, to refuse motions thereon or to disregard or overrule the opinion of members", this is the Law, and at the meeting of the 12th, the Law was most certainly broken and the Chairperson was 'out of order', there is a great deal more, and where the Chairperson makes an improper call to order, this is also an abuse of authority, (page 34). I rest my case.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Patricia O'Donnell.

Pesticides have become a major health problem for the community. Please find below a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Mayor and Councillors of the Break O'Day Council on this issue. I believe that readers of the Voice need to be aware of this situation.

The Mayor & Councillors, Break O'Day Council

# Public Health and Pesticides

This letter updates you on the outcome of a public meeting on community health and pesticides. This meeting was held at the Tailrace Convention Centre, Launceston on Thursday 26th March 2009 and was attended by approximately 500 people.

Professor Tyrone Hayes, the internationally recognised expert on the health effects of pesticides, informed the meeting of the latest research that links pesticides to reproductive hormone imbalance and to several types of malignancy such as breast and prostrate cancer. Professor Hayes gave an account of how hormonal imbalances created by pesticides also lead to less testosterone in men, with lower sperm counts and a general effect of demasculinasation.

This is a horror story for Tasmanians who have the highest rates of cancer in Australia (excluding skin cancer). In addition, rates of prostrate cancer in Tasmania have increased rapidly over the past 20 years.

Increasing rates of acute illness in this state have coincided with the increased usage of pesticides sprayed on plantations and farmland in Tasmania.

European countries have banned pesticide spraying until it can be proven that pesticides do not adversely affect public health. This is the precautionary principle at work. No chemical company has yet been able to prove that these chemicals are safe.

The Break O'Day Council has a moral as well as a legal responsibility for the public health of the municipality: (S, 20, 1, a, of the Local Government Act) and therefore should, as a first step, move to ban the aerial spraying of pesticides in the municipality.

Do not let non-action stain your conscience. For more information contact: http://www.atrazinelovers.com

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andrew Lohrey,

33 Legge St, Falmouth. 7215.

Wishing all our readers a very happy and safe Easter.

Editor of the Valley Voice,

Well it looks like my score has increased (see last Valley Voice) at least on the Cenotaph Services side of

Contrary to a RSL notice in the Examiner last week, there will be a DAWN (6am) and an 11 o'clock service held at St Marys Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.

Whether you choose to attend these services or the unveiling of the plaques in St Helens at 11 o'clock, or none of these, please spend a moment on ANZAC Day (25th April) to remember those that fought and died to give you that CHOICE.

David Watkins.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It would appear that some confusion has occurred from my letter to your paper of 12<sup>th</sup>.March. Although my remarks dealt almost exclusively with local government, in your last edition, Jeanette Peryman in answering, dealt almost exclusively with State and Federal matters, none of which was mentioned by me. She also talked about aborigines and votes for women. I have no idea why, as it was totally irrelevant and had nothing to do with the subject being discussed. However, it was gratifying to see that the Break O'Day Council prudently decided to say nothing.

Let me clarify things and share some history with you. In the time of King John and Magna Carta 1215, things were very different from what they are today. The King was the Ultimate Authority but local affairs were dealt with by the "elder men" (Aldermen) of the separate villages. In those days it stands to reason that communications of any sort were almost non-existent, so a kind of local government grew out of the need to make decisions about the local area in consultation with the locals, and Magna Carta gave the people their legal rights in written form.

Two very important pieces of law were set down in the "Great Charter" being Habeas Corpus, which translates to "I own my body" and Fee Simple which means "I own my land" It is true, as stated by Jeanette Peryman, that police and other essential services can enter your property in cases of criminal lawbreaking or emergency matters. This is a relaxation of your property rights agreed upon by landholders for their mutual safety and protection. Nobody would want to keep the fire brigade out whilst their house was on fire.

As land was given by the Crown, totally without any conditions imposed, the ownership was as the title reads Fee Simple Absolute. As this land passed down through the ages or was sold, there were no conditions added, and how could there be? These aforementioned statutes were the People's Law, and because they were taken from teachings of the Bible, were considered to be sacred and called Canon Law.

In 1688, when William and Mary of Orange, who were commoners, were offered the throne, it was subject to them agreeing to uphold the rights of the people in the Coronation Oath which every monarch since then has had to swear and sign, right up to the present day and beyond. As long as we have a King or Queen as our Head of State these Rights will continue. Something worth remembering!

At the time of European Settlement, Fee simple and Habeas Corpus, together with several other Statutes of Westminster were the laws of Australia and still are. So how can laws that give you total rights to your land, that have been in force for 800 years be overturned by State or Federal Governments and especially with illegal so called laws conjured up by our local administration? The truth is they can't unless you let it happen! This matter was proven in the following trial. In 1991 it is recorded in the case of Plenty and Dillon, that Plenty, (a policeman) went onto the land owned by Dillon to issue him with a summons and refused to leave when told to do so.

Dillon charged Plenty with trespass and the case was rejected by a local court. Dillon then took the matter to the High Court and the charge was upheld using old English case law. The police had to pay compensation of \$162,000 and costs believed to have been around \$600,000, thus proving conclusively, once and for all, that our ancient and inherited laws override all other laws.

If our Council has any further argument with this, then all that they have to do is come onto my land uninvited and refuse to leave and see what the result will be.

It could be interesting!!! I rest my case. Charles Trollope, St Marys.

# The Say Cagerattler

Over recent weeks there has been a certain amount of conjecture by some in our town that ANZAC Day's usual 11am service might not take place, to follow on from the Dawn Service. During the last week the Examiner's regular local supplement carried an article about the upcoming ANZAC Day and this included the various ceremonies in the East Coast towns. I must admit that I was dismayed to read that according to this listing the StHelens-StMarys Sub Branch had only an 11am service listed for St Helens.

Others noticed this as well as I have discovered in recent days, fuelling further conjecture despite posters suggesting otherwise. I put it down to a mis-print or oversight when compilation occurred.

After talking to numerous people I decided to ring a good friend who faithfully held important positions within the old St Marys R.S.L. and also at State Executive level. She holds the R.S.L very importantly in her heart. She gave me great insight into the institution (R.S.L) that continues to play a major role in the wellbeing of our ex-service men and women, as well of course in helping to look after the commemoration events each ANZAC and Remembrance Day on April 25th and November 11<sup>th</sup> respectively.

At the conclusion of our talk she asked me to contact the local branch Secretary to find out for sure what was taking place on ANZAC day. This I did during last weekend.

The gentleman informed me on the phone that indeed both Services were to take place on the day in St Marys and the guest speaker was to be a high ranking officer from the RAAF, Group Captain if memory serves me correctly a few days on. This is really good news for this year at least.

Sadly though, during conversations on this topic, we discovered that dwindling numbers of our diggers and major contributors are a catalyst for struggling branches. Inevitably the thought was raised about the possibility of some of us re-establishing a very local Sub Branch in the future to aid the commemorations on these special times of National significance.

My friend believed that there now existed a component of membership, Associate or Affiliate, that may permit a person joining the R.S.L provided they had a direct relative that was involved in an area of conflict. She wasn't certain of the number required to form a branch but felt it was twelve minimum or whether a branch could be formed entirely from Associate/Affiliate members and suggested only contacting the State Headquarters could answer such things.

Given the recent unrest in regard to the Cenotaph changes and other issues perhaps we should at least consider having again an exclusively St Marys sub branch to help oversee the various aspects of this very important part of our heritage. As we all know ANZAC Day is far from a spent force and continuing large attendances at St Marys Services cannot be discounted or discouraged in any way so any doubts must not occur to risk that.

It is a marvelous thing to see our kids through the local school being so keen to be a part of the day along with their parents and this truly epitomises the spirit of the occasion. WE MUST NEVER LOSE IT. I'd really love to hear your responses on this topic.

So what do you think?



# MOTHER'S DAY

The Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre will be holding another fun filled day to celebrate Mother's Day. This is a day for EVERYONE so bring along your family and friends and enjoy a great day......

# WEDNESDAY, 6™ MAY

IN THE

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HALL

The cost of \$5.00 per head will include a light lunch, some exciting fun filled entertainment and a trade table. Some exquisite hand made jewellery from Robin C Designs will also be on display for purchase. This jewellery is made from freshwater pearls, natural stones and glass and ranges in price from \$20 - \$100. There will be a raffle, good food and lots of laughs. So if you attended our "Swan Lake" Mother's Day, this is another day not to be missed.

Further details will be available in next issue of Valley Voice.

# Waste collection charges David Clement

As a Councillor I receive from time to time a sufficient number of enquiries about Council waste charges for **domestic** waste, to suggest that there is some confusion about why there is a charge for depositing household waste at the tip when all rateable properties already pay a waste charge. I hope that the following explanation clarifies the way the system works. If it just confuses you more, please ring me any evening and we can talk it through.

A Waste Management Service Charge of \$110 is currently raised on all rateable properties. This is a standard charge to cover the cost of the management and basic operation of the waste system and the provision and maintenance of waste infrastructure throughout the municipality. This charge is paid equally by all property owners irrespective of how much or what type of waste is generated by the property. The waste management service charge does not cover the cost of collection and treatment of the domestic waste actually generated by a household – this is subject to a separate user pays charge. The uniform service charge is a flagfall charge, not a mileage charge.

The waste actually generated by residents and businesses is subject to user pay charges for its collection and treatment-there are different charges for different types of waste-domestic and green waste, builders waste and rubble, tyres, commercial business waste, tree lopping material, clean fill material, etc..

Domestic waste generated by the normal day to day running of a household is either collected from the front gate of a household through the wheelie bin service, or it is collected from the local waste transfer station (WTS) (the "tip") where it has been deposited by the householder. In either case a user pay charge is made for the collection and treatment of that waste. The charge is either a mobile garbage bin collection charge of \$65 per year for 33 collections from the front gate (about \$2 per collection), or \$2 per car boot or station wagon load deposited at the WTS. These charges are made to recover the contractor costs of collecting the domestic waste you generate, either from your front gate or from the skips at the WTS, and its subsequent transport, compaction and cartage to the land fill site.

If you are in a bin collection zone, your property automatically has its domestic waste collected 33 times a year and your rate notice includes the collection charge of \$65, in addition to the universal standard waste management charge of \$110. A bin has a volume of 240litres. If your household generates more than 240ltrs of waste per fortnight ,either regularly or from time to time, and you take the extra waste to the WTS you will pay an extra \$2 per load to cover the cost of collecting and treating the extra waste. If you do not have a wheelie bin, and so deposit your waste 33 times a year at the WTS, you will pay the same over the year as for wheelie bin collection; you will pay less if you don't go to the WTS as often because you don't generate as much waste, or more if you are a high waste generating household. These charges cover the cost of collecting and treating the domestic waste that comes out of the day to day running of your household, whether it is collected at your front gate or from the WTS.

It is not justifiable to claim that going to the tip takes up your time and costs you money in petrol etc. Where you live is a lifestyle choice. Try getting a discount on your newspaper, bread and milk, library fine or whatever because you live on top of the hill or back of whoop whoop.

The system provides for an equal contribution by all to meet the fixed costs of organising the system and providing the facilities, and a comparable charge for all for collecting the domestic waste you actually create, whether you deposit it at the front gate in a bin to be collected or deposit it in a skip at the WTS to be collected.

The total cost of the overall waste management system for a household in a bin collection area is \$175 per year (\$110+\$65), or \$3.36 per week- the cost of a bag of marshmallows. I believe that most residents would accept that as a minimal cost for the public health benefits alone.

I have not addressed here the issue of recycling, or some other issues such as tip hours, the option of different sized bins, etc., which could be the subject of further discussion. This outline has been intended to focus on the single issue of why do I have to pay to go to the tip when I already pay a waste service charge in my rates? I hope this explains the reasons- if not please contact me so that I can understand your point of view. (6372 2647)



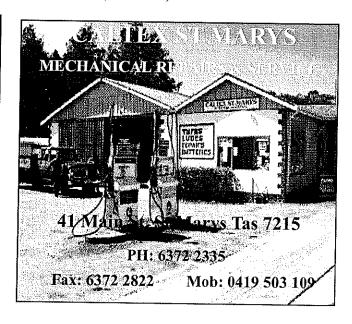
# TENDER for Cleaning Services in the Township of St Marys

Tenders are being called for the cleaning of Council buildings and amenities in St Marys. Tenders should be submitted on a rate per fortnight basis. Contract documentation is available from Council's website <a href="https://www.bodc.tas.gov.au">www.bodc.tas.gov.au</a> under the tender section or by contacting Council's Executive Assistant, Angela Matthews on 6376 7900.

Tenders close **Tuesday 28 April at 3.00pm** at Council Offices, PO Box 21, ST HELENS TAS 7216.

The Principal is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tony Walker General Manager



# NRM North

# Coastal Lagoon Condition Assessment



Natural Resource Management in Northern Tasmania

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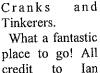
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# Ladies from WOW say Wow!

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The collected items are a sight to behold

The former Top Shop is certainly still a TOP place to go! Make sure you do!

After all the browsing and wonder at the exhibits, the ladies, plus a very small person in a pram, all moved next door into the Happy Belly Deli for a great cuppa made by Claire

Another great afternoon for the WOW!

# OUT OF THE WOODWORK Wendy Brennan, Secretary

The Guild would like to wish all our members and the community a safe and happy Easter. We hope that the calorie intake does not hit the stratosphere with all the chocolate.

Welcome home our clever Marcus and his wife Angelica who have been in India.

At our next meeting which will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April so as not to coincide with ANZAC day, members will be discussing the feasibility of the Guild becoming a branch of the Tasmanian Regional Arts. All interested parties are welcome.

Please get behind the **St Mary's Hospital Auxiliary** who are holding an Easter Raffle, and buy a ticket. The Guild can not speak highly enough of this crew whose proceeds go towards our hospital which is a benefit to all.

Pictured right is a clock made of different Tasmanian woods by the Woodcraft Guild and is for sale at Strawberry Jelly for \$25.95.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month at the Old Railway Goods Shed at 2.00 pm.



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# St Marys School students project.

On July 28th, Alison Hugo, NRN representative, will take students to a property at Dublin Town which was severely affected by the 2006 bush fires.

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Council and NRM North (Natural Resource Management) these plants they are taking have been grown from seeds. They were collected from the Rubenach family property at Gray.

A group of students from St Marys District High School, successfully propagated nearly 500 native plants.

Their objective was for them to be distributed to people who had severe foliage damage around their properties, so to help towards the 'soul healing process'.

Anyone who was affected by the 2006 bush fires, and would like some of these plants can contact Alison Hugo on 0488 677 727.

Specials include: \*Flag Iris, \*Tea Tree, \* Blackwood, \*Dolly Bush.

Pictured from left: Jayden Morey, Cody Bosworth, Richard Neighbour, Alison Hugo, Amber Saddington.

# TAKE NOTE-

**Fe Gillies in the kitchen**Filipino food on Thursday April 16 at

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St Marys Police report

In my absence, the last issue of the Police Report was submitted a fortnight earlier than I intended so I do apologise for reinforcing some points I wish to make for the Easter message.

It has been obvious with the end of daylight savings and the recent cold weather that winter is just around the corner. Legislation requires drivers to turn on their lights (headlights not just park lights) approaching dusk and also in inclement weather. So often I see drivers (more often than not in dark coloured vehicles) failing to carry out this simple task which apart from obeying the law, is a safe/considerate action to take. I can advise readers this aspect of road safety/policing will be enforced by all police personnel and in particular officers from the St Helens Division. Save yourself a traffic infringement of 2 demerit points and \$110 fine through a simple flick of a switch.

During the Easter holiday period expect to see an increased police presence and numerous traffic operations. In particular police will continue to target the main causal factors in fatal and serious injury accidents, namely inattentive driving, drink driving, speeding and failing to wear seat belts. Inattentive driving includes such things as using mobile phones, failing to

indicate and disobeying road signs and road markings.

Easter in the Break O'Day Municipality not only brings an increase of traffic to our roads but also the increase usage of our waters. If you plan on using your vessel over the period please ensure you do so responsibly and with consideration for others. You should also ensure that you are carrying the required minimum safety equipment. Random checks of vessels, including safety equipment carried will be conducted at ramps and at sea. Tasmania police can also random breath test vessel owner and operators with a 0.05 limit applying on the water just like the road. Additionally, one person on your motor boat must possess a speed boat licence and the boat is required to be registered. Please find below a list of safety equipment for your motor boat.

- All passengers in a vessel under 6m must wear an approved life jacket whilst the boat is under way
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- A fire extinguisher
- A bailing bucket
- Anchor and chain
- Flare kit (not required for smooth waters) consisting of a minimum of 2 x orange smoke flares and 2 x red flares (sheltered waters). You will also need 2 x parachute flares if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea.
- A marine radio if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea

An EPIRB if you are going more than 3 nautical miles to sea

Please ensure to use our roads and waterways responsibly and in consideration of others.

Michael SPAULDING Constable 1779

There have also been a number of approaches to me and Constable Michael Spaulding by local Councillors and other interested parties regarding a recreation facility for the youth at St Marys. A number of ideas have been suggested and as a result I have been requested to inform you of the following information-

St Marys police with the assistance of St Marys District High School, Break O'Day Council, Councillor Reon JOHNS, together with other interested parties, would like to investigate a Youth Community Project for the St Marys Community.

We are asking any person/s, businesses or organisations interested in being part of the project to put forward any suggestions of what type of project could be beneficial to the St Marys Community.

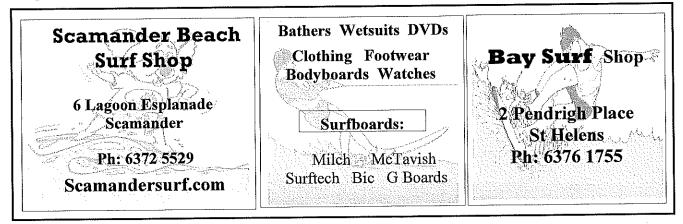
The types of project that we are suggesting are along the lines of a bike track, skate part / play area for the local youths. Suggestions of where to locate the area, access, affordability and planning are all welcome.

Suggestions will be taken in writing and can be left at the school front office or St Marys Police Station.

A meeting is proposed for all interested parties at the St Marys High School at 3pm on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2009.

In conclusion I, together with the personnel from the St. Helens Police Division wish you all an enjoyable and safe Easter Break.

Sergeant Derek SINGLINE O.I.C. St Marys.



# Victorian Bushfire Appeal - Tasmanian service clubs top the nation

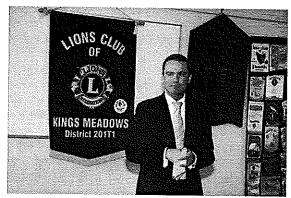
Premier David Bartlett last week congratulated Tasmanian Lions, Rotary and Apex clubs for driving the State Government towards a total contribution of \$1 million dollars for the victims of the Victorian bushfires.

"This is one occasion when I can say that I am truly pleased that, someone has extracted every possible dollar from the State."

In February the Premier announced the Government would commit up to \$1 million dollars in funds to assist victims of the Victorian bushfires. \$250,000 upfront to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal with a further donation of up to \$750,000 available to match funds raised by Lions, Rotary and Apex clubs, up until the 30th of March.

"It is with great pride I can advise that Tasmanians have once again shown that the smallest state has the biggest heart.

"Through the efforts of your clubs and the people that you have partnered with, you have raised around \$890,000 to support the victims of the Victorian bushfires.



Premier David Bartlett, at Kings Meadows Lions Club

"While total figures aren't yet available, I am told that already the amount raised by Lions is higher than any other State or Territory.

"Rotary Tasmania has raised more than any other Rotary district in Australia while local Apex clubs have also made a mammoth effort," Mr Bartlett said.

"I believe service clubs are the heart of local communities which is why I wanted to involve Lions, Rotary and Apex in the State Government's funding commitment.

"In times of human tragedy like the Victorian bushfires, service clubs are there long after the news headlines offering support and helping communities rebuild.

"The involvement of Lions, Rotary and Apex has maximised the amount of money that will flow from Tasmania to those affected by these terrible fires," Mr Bartlett said.

"Funds have been raised right across the state through events like concerts, auctions, BBQs, raffles and fund raising in schools."

Service organisations are still collating advice from all their clubs, however preliminary figures are:

Rotary

- \$520,000

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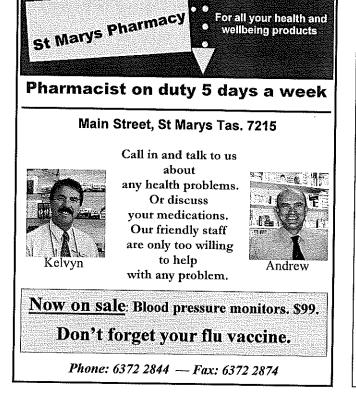
- \$316,000

Apex - \$ 50,000

Final figures are expected by the end of the month.

"It is this sort of effort that makes me proud to be a Tasmanian.

"To all involved - from the service clubs who have put on events and collected the funds to the individuals who have donated – a big thank you," Mr Bartlett said.





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# Cataracts lead new surgery drive

Health Minister Lara Giddings announced last week a \$2 million program to remove cataracts from the eyes of an additional 1,002 Tasmanian patients by the end of August, clearing long-wait cases from the list.

Ms Giddings said the cataract surgery surge would spearhead a drive to clear long-wait cases from elective surgery waiting lists, complementing the elective surgery improvement

program already in place.

"This is Tasmania's Health Plan in action, and as Fred Hollows said, the gift of sight is the gift of life," Ms Giddings said. "The \$2 million cataract surgery program will enable the completion of an additional 437 cataract procedures through the Royal Hobart Hospital, 325 through the Launceston General and 240 in the North West.

"The RHH will deliver the additional procedures by increasing the volume of surgery contracted through private hospitals as well as within the hospital.

"The North West Area Health Service is increasing the number of cataract sessions at the Mersey Community Hospital to provide an extra 20 cases a week for 12 weeks."

Ms Giddings said the additional 1,002 procedures would remove all long-wait cases from the cataract surgery waiting list and significantly reduce the extent of the list overall.

"The aim is to not only reduce the cataract waiting list, but to keep it down.

"With our ageing population it would not be possible to eliminate the waiting list completely, but the ability to see with clarity is vital to the capacity to enjoy life and to reduce the risk of falls and the need for further surgery.

"We want to see the list as low as possible and the wait for surgery as short as possible."

Ms Giddings said the State Government was committed to keep working with the State's hospitals to make inroads into the numbers of Tasmanians waiting longer than clinically recommended for their operation.

"The treatment of emergency and urgent cases will continue to be the number one priority for all of our hospitals.

"What's needed is continued improvement in the capacity to provide less urgent elective surgery within appropriate time frames. Last year our hospitals increased the total number of elective surgery admissions by 15% to almost 16,000. That included more than 2,000 additional cases funded from the Tasmanian Elective Surgery Improvement Plan and the Commonwealth Elective Surgery Initiative across a wide range of surgical procedures.

"However, while the additional surgery was targeted at long-wait cases, at the end of February there were still 2,501 Tasmanians on elective surgery waiting lists who had been waiting for surgery longer than a year.

"That is outside the clinically-recommended time frame and the Department has been working with the hospitals on a strategy to, by the end of this year, offer an operation to as many as possible of these long-wait patients who are ready for care

"That does not mean everyone who has waited longer than 12 months will be offered an operation because there will always be some patients who are clinically assessed as not ready for surgery - because for instance they may require further management of a pre-existing condition.

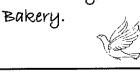
"As with the cataract surgery initiative, the long-wait program will not be a one-off.

"It is our goal to ensure that no Tasmanian patient assessed as ready for care has to wait longer than 365 days for an operation."

# THANK YOU

My family and I would like to express our gratitude and thanks for all the heartfelt messages sent by the community of St Marys regarding the loss of my mother.

> Thank you again. Evelyn McGee and Family, St Marys Bakery.



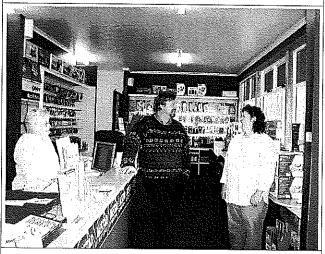




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### Ideas Festival Board Members Wanted

Premier David Bartlett has called for expressions of interest for membership of the Ideas Festival Board from the business and broader community.

"The Tasmanian Ideas Festival will be held in mid-2010. It will be a sister-festival for Ten Days on the Island, with both to be held biennially in alternate years," he said.

"The Festival of Ideas will involve workshops, debates, forums, and other innovative ways of getting local Tasmanians immersed in a world of ideas, passionate debate and informed crystal-ball gazing.

"I want adventurous minds of the 21st Century to come to Tasmania but I also want to engage the great minds we have right here in this State.

"The Festival will operate on the same successful model as Ten Days on the Island, with an independent board, to be chaired by Professor Jonathon West from the Australian Innovation Research Centre," the Premier said.

The Board for the Ideas Festival will comprise a Chair and several voluntary members to oversee the successful development and delivery of the Festival.

Advertisements seeking Expressions of Interest for board members appeared in Tasmania's three newspapers and the Weekend Australian, on Saturday 14 March 2009.

Successful applicants will take up their role in late April 2009.

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# Community forum on aerial spraying held in Launceston

Here follows a brief note on the community forum held on 26/3/09 in Launceston on the adverse impacts of aerial spraying of pesticides in water catchments in Tasmania (most of Tasmania either is or was a water catchment!).

Approximately 350 folk came and heard first of all from Neil Graham (Western Rivers Preservation Trust) who painted the picture of living in rural Tasmania and being involuntarily subjected to overspray form plantation pest management operations.

Professor Tyrone Hayes (a Professor of Integrative Biology at Uni of California, Berkley) who visited Tasmania in 2007 and was entreated to return, has extensively studied the effects of triazine chemicals on amphibians, and he updated us on the current research — including endocrine disrupting and multi-generational effects - which was compelling and disturbing, with clear implications for adverse health impacts on animals including humans.

Jo Immig launched (with great success) the NTN booklet 'The Threat of Pesticide Spray Drift' which will allow the compilation of a national database of adverse events and should enable the NTN to 'persuade' the Federal and State Governments to fulfil their duty of care and at least take some action to adequately protect health from the effects of pesticides moving away from where they are supposed to be and ensure non-contaminated air, soil, water, food, animals and ourselves!

Anthony Amis (FOE) gave a great talk on his work on the appalling state of waterway contaminations (stats incomplete due to lack of adequate monitoring – and that is being kind) in various States over the past 10 years or so.

And Pete Godfrey, resident of Golden Valley, and responsible citizen gave a spirited overview of his 'struggles' with the authorities – Federal and State – in attempting to prevent overspray and gross contamination of waterways and his immediate surroundings!

Questions came thick and fast- a resolution was passed that demanded an end to the aerial spraying of pesticides in Tasmania, supported by a petition - a good meeting and thanks to all the speakers, the MC Bob McMahon who did a sterling job, and all those folk who were part of the extended team!

On Friday 27/3 at the clinical school Hobart, Tyrone was joined by Dr Matt Landos, a fish veterinarian and a honorary lecturer and associate researcher in aquatic animal health at the University of Sydney, faculty of veterinary science, who has been studying deformed and fitting fish larvae in the Noosa River and in fish hatcheries beside macadamia plantations. He has proposed that these effects on the fish are due to the effects of exposure from pesticides (at below detectable levels) in waterways. The implications to environmental and human health are enormous. They both presented at the grand rounds at the clinical school.

All in all a great couple of days and thanks again to NTN and 'the team' and especially to Tyrone Hayes and Matt Landos.

(Dr Alison Bleaney)

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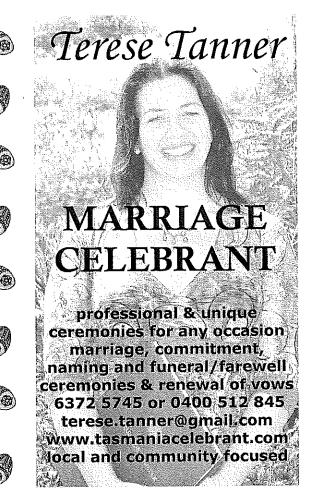
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# Review of Danish seine fishery management

The Tasmanian Government has warned people considering investing in the Danish seine fishery that management arrangements for that fishery may change.

The Danish seine fishery is a small component of the commercial scalefish fishery that operates predominantly along the south-east and north-east coasts, targeting flathead and whiting.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, David Llewellyn, said that licence holders considering further investment in the fishery are advised that there will be a review of the management arrangements for the Danish seine fishery.

"All management arrangements for the Danish seine fishery will be reviewed. Licence holders are advised that changes to the current access arrangements may be implemented as a result," Mr Llewellyn said.

"If changes are made, historical 'catch and effort' information may be used to allocate levels of ongoing access rights among eligible licence holders."

Catch and effort information recorded and submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Water in the Scalefish Fishing Record Book after 1 March 2009 may not be considered in the event that such an allocation results from this review.

Furthermore, any investments made in fishing equipment after 1 March 2009 may not be considered if prior investment is used to determine future access.

"This review is not being driven by stock sustainability concerns," Mr Llewellyn said.

"It is about delivering on sustainability objectives more efficiently and providing greater certainty for licence holders. The review will investigate alternative ways to manage catch and effort, including finer scale spatial management. It also will review the transferability restrictions of licences."

Mr Llewellyn emphasised that the warning did not pre-empt any future management measures and that all options for the management of the fishery will be considered.

The review will be undertaken as a separate process from the current Scalefish Review. Licence holders, peak bodies and other key stakeholders are being advised of the review process.



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# New Labor candidate for Lyons

Premier David Bartlett welcomed the formal announcement last week by senior public servant Nick Wright that he will seek Labor pre-selection for Lyons at the next state election.

Mr Bartlett said Mr Wright, 33, was exactly the type of intelligent, committed Tasmanian he was delighted to have intending to run for Labor on March 20, 2010.

"Nick is representative of the new energy around the Labor Government and I'm excited to have people of his calibre putting their hands up to stand as a part of my team a year out from polling day," Mr Bartlett said.

"Nick is an impressive and articulate Tasmanian who has a great deal to offer the community.

"He is well-respected within the Tasmanian state service for his skill, particularly his expertise in energy and irrigation issues.

"Having worked closely with Minister David Llewellyn for the last three years to deliver major reforms in these areas, I think Nick is an outstanding potential candidate for Lyons and I wish him well."

Mr Bartlett said Mr Wright had a strong work ethic, strong family values and an outstanding academic and professional record.

"He also has a strong commitment to helping people and to standing up for working families, which holds him in good stead," the Premier said.

"He supports innovation and development in our traditional resource-based industries and is a no-nonsense person with an ability to cut through complex issues to focus on what is most important – people and their livelihoods.

"Nick is a brilliant potential candidate for Labor and I'm very pleased that he wants to be part of the dynamic team I will lead towards March 20, 2010."



Nick Wright with Sarah Wright and children at the Hamilton show...

# Premier welcomes Rebecca White as potential Labor candidate

LYONS woman Rebecca White has made history, announcing on YouTube she will seek pre-selection to stand as a Labor candidate for Lyons at the next state election.

The 26-year-old champion equestrian is believed to be the first Tasmanian to use the internet to announce their political intentions.

Ms White followed up her announcement by taking a break from volunteering at last weekend's Sorell bicentennial celebrations to hold a joint press conference with premier David Bartlett.

"I want to stand for Lyons because I want regional Tasmania to thrive," Ms White told journalists. "I have the energy and vigour to drive growth for regional Tasmania so that our communities remain secure and strong well into the future."

Premier David Bartlett said Ms White would be a strong addition to his 2010 team. The pair strolled Sorell's main street last Saturday, meeting some of those who had turned out to enjoy the festivities.

"Rebecca White is practical and hard-working and knows from personal experience the issues that confront regional Tasmania," Mr Bartlett said.

"That is why I am delighted she is standing for pre-selection in Lyons as a Labor candidate."

Ms White grew up on a farm in Nugent and went to school in Sorell. She had demonstrated her personal confidence in the region's future by building her own home in the Lyons electorate.

"Now more than ever families throughout Lyons need job security, better transport and access to services," she said. "Small businesses and farmers need our support so they can continue to be the lifeblood of regional Tasmania.

"Providing water security and infrastructure is vital if we are to fully realise the vast potential of Lyons' rich and fertile soils."

Ms White, a former vice-president of Tasmania's Australian Young Labor, visited Washington DC and the White House last year after being singled out as a young Australian leader of the future.

Currently on the staff of federal Labor MP Duncan Kerr SC she has worked since she was 15 in a variety of jobs, from supermarket checkouts to marketing sales.

She has a degree in commerce and communication and is an active sportswoman and community member.

"Our towns and communities are the heart and soul of Tasmania," Ms White said. "Our state needs strong, stable government – especially now.

"David Bartlett is providing a fresh approach for Tasmania and I look forward to offering the same for Lyons, so our towns and communities can prosper well into the future."



Rebecca White and premier David Bartlett greet locals at last weekend's Sorell bicentennial celebrations.

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# Road Safety Levy builds safer Tasmanian roads

The Minister for Infrastructure, Graeme Sturges, announced recently that the Road Safety Levy was allowing the State Government to build safer infrastructure and save lives on our roads.

The road safety levy was introduced on 1 December 2007 to provide extra funding for road safety initiatives under the Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy.

"The levy is applied directly to road safety initiatives that have been identified through research and expert advice as most likely to reduce the level of serious casualty crashes." Mr Sturges also said key initiatives funded by the levy included:

Installation of 21.5 km of Flexible Safety Barrier on Tasmania's major highways and arterial roads (at an average cost of \$120,000 per kilometre).

Dollar-for-dollar funding for councils to undertake traffic calming treatments in shared urban spaces.

The roll out of Electronic Speed Limit Signs at schools. A total of 700 signs are due to be installed at around 240 schools across the State by 2011 (a \$6 million investment).

Installation of motorcycle safety infrastructure, including 'stack cushions' and 'rub rail'.

Demonstration and trial of safer default rural travel speeds in Kingborough and Tasman Municipalities.

Reforms to the Novice Driver Licensing System focused on creating safer young road users. This year will see the extension of the minimum learner period from 6 to 12 months, an increased focus on the importance of supervised driving hours and a second practical assessment.

New mandatory safety standards for the Government vehicle fleet which, in turn, enables the Tasmanian community to purchase second hand fleet vehicles that benefit from additional safety features.

A public education campaign on choosing safer vehicles.

A trial of innovative technologies: a wet weather warning system at Constitution Hill; vehicle activated signs at Mount Pleasant interchange; and alcohol interlocks.

"The road safety levy gives us extra funding we need to make our roads as safe as possible for all Tasmanians," he

Mr Sturges said that a lot had been achieved in the first year of the Levy and that there would continue to be a delivery of major projects.

"Unfortunately, 2009 has already seen a tragic loss of lives on Tasmanian roads.

"The State Government, through the levy, will continue to do all it can to build safer roads, but every road user has a role to play in road safety.

"Too many people are still not taking their responsibility to be safe on the road seriously enough, and it is costing lives.

"Every life lost leaves behind shattered families, friends and communities.

"As I have done many times before, I call on all Tasmanians to do their part and drive safely for their own sake and that of other road users," Mr Sturges said.

# **DickAdams** MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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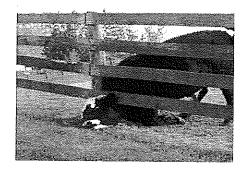
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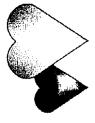
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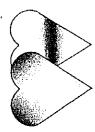


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Enquiries: vicki@sauvage-feng-shui.com

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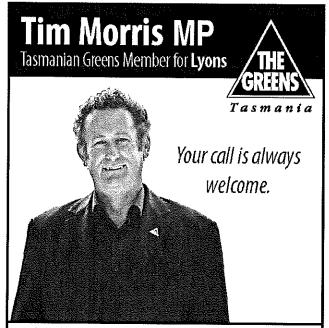
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# MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

April		St Marys	Fingal	
Monday	13th	Fe Gillies	Robyn Miller	
Tuesday	14th	Pam Gillies		
Wednesday	15th	R & B McAllister		
Thursday	16th	Yvonne Salter		
Friday	17th	Claire Bean		
Monday	20th	Debbie Barnes	Debbie Speers (N)	
Tuesday	21st	Pam Lynch		
Wednesday	22nd	D & V Rice		
Thursday	23rd			
Friday	24th	Wendy Aulich		

# Church Services

# Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252 Mob: 0409 172 741

### 1st Sunday: MASS

St Helens	Vigil	6.00pm
Bicheno	***	9.00am
Swansea L'	WC	9.30am
Fingal		11.30am
Campbell T	own	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 TownLWC	5.00pm

### 3rd Sunday: MASS

4th Sunday LI	ΓURGY
Bicheno LWC	9.00am
Campbell Town	5.00pm
Swansea	11.30am
St Marys	9.00am
St Helens Vigil	6.00pm

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Fingal LWC 9.30am Campbell Town LWC 5.00pm

### 5th Week MASS

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StHelens Vigil	6.00pm
Bicheno	9.00am
St Marys	11.00am
Swansea LWC	9.30am
Campbell Town	5.00pm
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See notice previous edition for Easter Services.

# Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca: 11am 2nd/4th Sundays Fingal: 3 pm 1st/3rd Sundays Mathinna: 3pm 2nd/4th Sundays Ross: 11am 1st/3rd Sundays Campbell Town: 9am every Sun, (3rd Sunday - Family Service)

# Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144 Every Sunday

St Helens 8 am and 10.30 am Kanga Sunday School

> 10.30 am - 12 noon every Sunday for children

5 - 12 yrsSt Marys every Sunday 10 am Pyengana: Kids Church. 2pm - 4th Sunday every month.

# Salvation Army TUESDAY JAM

3-5pm every Tuesday. except school holidays. Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 6372 2099 Sunday Joy 6.30pm for 7pm:each Sunday

# **Break O'Day Uniting Church**

The Manse St Helens Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens 9.00 am Fingal 11.15 am

# Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander Sabbath School 10 am Divine Service 11 am

# MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED IN ST MARYS AREA.

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There is a variety of stalls and the fees charged to stall holders is donated to various charities.

For stall booking or any other inquiries, please phone Sylvia on 6376 8390. Or Saturday mornings only: 0447 589 803.

# March / April 2009



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		8th Apr.  Student Leader Camp  Parent/Teacher interviews	9th Apr. ② Parent/Teacher interviews	10th Apr. GOOD FRIDAY
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20th Apr. © Dental Service	21st Apr. © Dental Service © SCHOOL	22nd Apr.	23rd Apr.  ② Arts on Tour - St Helens Performance	24th Apr.  ③ Arts on Tour - St Marys Performance ③ Interhigh Golf
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# School Association News

St Marys District High School Association Inc. 13 Gray Road, St Marys, Tasmania, 7215.

St Marys District High School AGM was held on the 25th March, with parents, staff and community members attending. I would like to thanks members of last years committee for all there hard work, in particular the retiring officer bearers; Michelle Gray (Chairperson), Terese Tanner (Vice Chairperson), Sharlene Ridler-Mason (Secretary) and Mary Mumford (Treasurer). A new committee has been elected for 2009 with the following members:

### Office Bearers:

Tanya Greenwood (Chairperson & community garden subcommittee)

Sandra Cook (Vice Chairperson with special responsibilities for the Fingal - St Marys federation of Schools & pool subcommittee)

Linda Faulkner (Secretary)

Alison Napier (Treasurer)

Brian Shepheard (Public Officer)

### Parent representatives:

### Staff representatives:

Community Member:

Terese Tanner

Greg Glasser

Tracy McDonald (school op shop sub

committee) Michelle Gray Sharlene Ridler-Mason

Rachel Hodge

Barry LeFevre

Murray Bennett (canteen subcommittee)

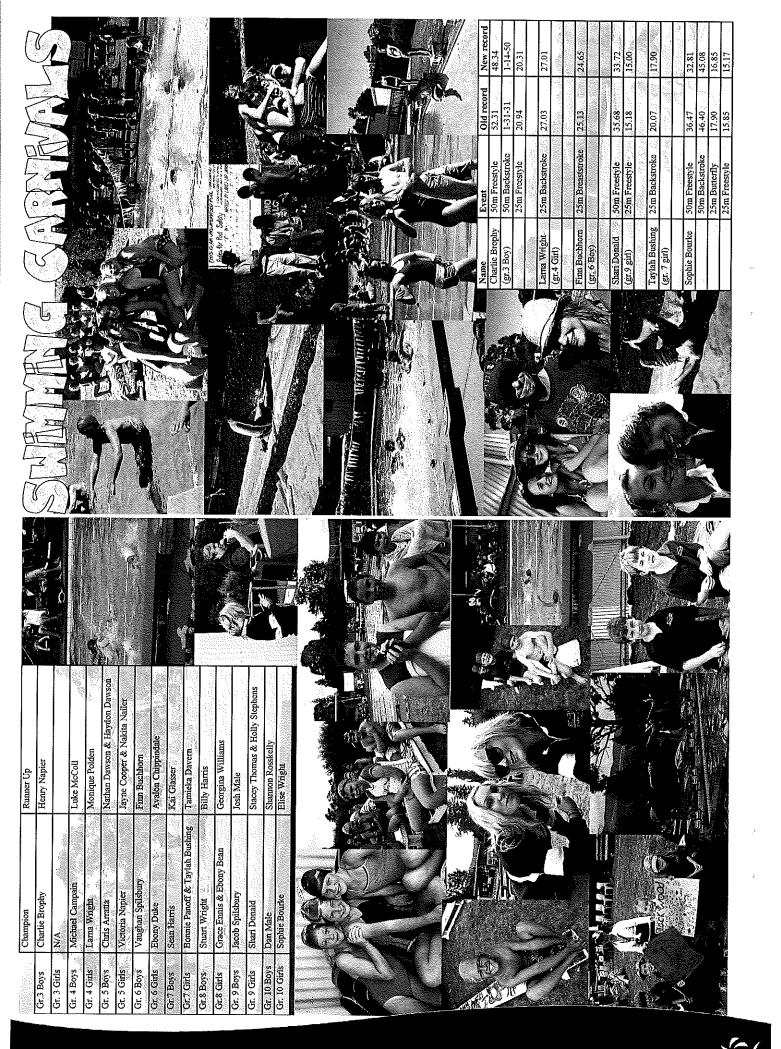
Cheryl Cox

Thanks to all those who have agreed to join the committee for 2009. It will be a busy year with issues relating to the federation of schools to be discussed, ongoing administration of the canteen, op shop improvements to be undertaken, use of the pool to be arranged, work for the dole projects in the community garden, and many other school projects to be supported.

This group are your representatives and voice in the administration of our school, so if you have ideas or suggestions to make then please discuss it with them or come along to our next ordinary meeting on May 6th, 7pm in the staff room. All interested parents/guardians are welcome.

Tanya Greenwood Chairperson







# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Condon-9th April - 23rd April 2009

# 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.

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.

# CHANGES TO DOCTOR AND RECEPTION HOURS DUE TO EASTER 2009 PUBLIC HOLIDAY'S:

Good Friday 10th April
Easter Monday 13th April

Easter Monday 13th April Easter Tuesday 14th April

No Doctor's surgery on these days. Please phone GP Assist for assistance on 1300 780 011 or the Ambulance for Emergency cases on 000.

# **CHANGES TO RECEPTION HOURS**

Please be aware that on:

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2009 RECEPTION WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 12:15pm-1:15pm

Due to a Staff Meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience.

# **PODIATRY SERVICES 2009**

Bookings for Podiatry Services can be made by phoning:

<u>Lightfoot Podiatry Services Launceston</u>

Phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

Next Podiatry Session-Wednesday 29th April

# CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE

If you are aged between 18 and 26 (or 12-18 if not at school) and want to have the vaccine for protection against cervical cancer then time is running out!

This vaccine requires 3 doses over 6 months government funding for this age group runs out in December 2009. if you want the vaccine it needs to be started by June 2009. Once funding stops the cost for the vaccine will be greater than \$400.00. For your FREE vaccine see your doctor soon.

# WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

9th April Anglicare Financial Counsellor- Paul Mallett . For appointments please phone 1800

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10th April Good Friday-Public Holiday

13th April Easter Monday-Public Holiday

14th April Easter Tuesday-Public Holiday

15th April <u>Day Centre</u> For details on the group please

contact Hayley on 6372 2111

15th April <u>Psychologist</u>- Dohotay Teboul. For appointment please see your GP for a referral.

21st April Tom Bain- Rae & Partners Lawyers. For appointment please phone 6337 5555.

Available Tuesday fortnights at the St Marys

Community Health Centre

21st April Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.

Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone

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0428 130 381

22nd April Day Centre- For details on the group please

contact Hayley on 6372 2111

23rd April Ante Natal Classes— Classes will be held Thursday evening over 4 weeks at the St Marys

Community Health Centre- Day Room. Bookings essential. Please phone the St Helens Neighbourhood House on 6376 1134. for

bookings and further details.

24th April <u>Diabetes Educator</u>- For appointments please

see you GP for a referral.

## DIABETIC CLINIC

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Regular consults available at the St Marys Community Health Centre. If you require an appointment please see your GP for a referral and GP North will contact you with an appointment time. Next session at St Marys is: Friday 24th April 2009

### LOST PROPERTY

A child's coin purse has been found at the Centre. If you or your child has lost this item please see our reception staff for its return.

# FLU VACCINES

Flu vaccines are currently available from the St Marys Community Health Centre. If you are aged 65+ your flu vaccine is FREE

Please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111 and make an appointment.

If you are under 65 years of age please make an appointment to see your GP and get a prescription for your flu vaccine. A doctors appointment is required to have your flu vaccine given.

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW NURSING UNIT MANAGER AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE-JULIE WALKER

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Julie Walker and I am the new Nurse Unit Manager at St Marys Community Health Centre.

My role is overseeing nursing practice in the inpatient, Accident & Emergency and nursing treatment areas of the facility, and improving customer service.

To help the centre provide high quality services I am asking that if you, as users of our service, have any concerns, complaints, suggestions or compliments in regards to care you have received, could you please inform me. All information provided will be taken seriously. The identification of issues, both positive and negative, will help us to enhance our nursing care.

Positive experiences of care provide us with the feedback that these areas work well and we can encourage such areas of practice to continue. Negative experiences are also of benefit. While I do not promise I can fix past issues, I can look at issues and develop strategies to help prevent these from happening again. I want to be able to develop a plan to help ensure you feel there is ever improving quality of care, after all, this is your service!

I am contactable by phone, email, letter or on site, and value whatever you have to say. Please take time to help improve our services so we can work towards meeting your needs.

Contact details:

Julie Walker

Ph. 63722111

Email: julie.walker@dhhs.tas.gov.au

# DAY CENTRE EASTER CHOCOLATE STOCK



The St Marys Day Centre has been very busy again this year making Easter Chocolates in readiness for Easter. These products are available for sale in the reception area of the St Marys Community Health Centre.

\$5.00

Lunchbox Size- half chocolate shell, smarties and individual

chocolates

\$4.00

Cellophanes Pack- Half shell, smarties and individual

chocolates

\$3.00

Noodle Box- smarties and various individual chocolates

\* All products have been made following the Food Safe Handling Guidelines Your support of the St Marys Day Centre is greatly appreciated

# LOVE ME OR LEAVE ME BOOK SUPPLY

A selection of books are available in the book case in the reception area of the Community Health Centre. All books in this book case are available for the enjoyment of the community. You may read them while you are waiting or take the book home.

If taking a book home a small donation towards ongoing book supplies would be appreciated. A gold coin donation can be left with our reception staff.

We hope you enjoy your reading time and book donations are always accepted.

# COMMUNITY TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Are you available to volunteer a few hours a week, a fortnight or a month to this valuable organisation? If you are the Community Transport Bus Needs your help!

Volunteer drivers are always needed
For further details please contact our local coordinator:
David Mallett on 6372 2773 or 0409 802 536

HAPPY EASTER to all of the community from the staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre. We hope the bunny is kind to you all!

# Fingal Primary School News



# Flexible Programs

Our school is once again offering our children Flexible Programs for 2009 every Wednesday afternoon. This term we are offering Wooden Puppet Making with Angela and Wayne Bishop, Indonesian with Miss Bennett, Golf with Miss Smith and Glenn Woods, Early Childhood Activities with Mrs Rankin and Mrs Miller, Basketball with Adam Williams, Pet Care with Catriona Nicholls, School Garden Beautification with Janine Burt, Gardening with Mrs Lowe and Cooking with Karena Brown and Shirley Lowe. A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to help us run these programs.



# Pet Care

Chelsea Lohrey, Catherine Bean with Zoe, Jayden Brown, Nathan Applebee, Connah Tuck, Tara Guy and Trevi after they gave the dogs a bath and brush.



Infant Program
Mrs Rankin and
Mackenzie Woods



Golf Grace Gee



Cooking
Karena and Jayden Brown
with some yummy health
sandwiches they made.



<u>Basketball</u> Joel Cox and Mark Death



Indonesian Jorgia Woods



Wooden Puppet Making
Thomas Gee and Claire Bishop



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20th Back to School	21st SEO Forum L'ton	22nd Liz Banks Visit	23rd Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m. Newsletter	24th
27th Moderation Day No School for Students	28th	29th	30th Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00 p.m. MS Readathon Visit 2.00p.m.	1st

Calendar of Events - April/May

# St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news Kackhander

Since the Bowls Grand finals things have been a bit quiet around the place so there's not a lot to report.

Just a reminder that the joint Golf and Bowls Dinner is coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup> and should be a top night again. It's important that if you are attending that you notify the club if possible for catering purposes so if you can do that it would be a big help.

Whilst on functions, please take note that Macca's really popular Swish and Fish Day is on Good Friday again and if you are so inclined you will enjoy a very social event with a traditional feed of fish to follow. A special thanks to Macca and crew for doing it each year.

During coming months the club hopes to try to reinvigorate golf and other activities so if you can aid or offer suggestions, please don't keep them to yourself. The Golf Sub Committee will be happy to have new people involved in the club at any time.

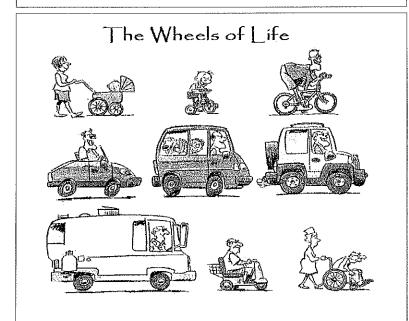
There was a bowls meeting last week but unfortunately not a really big attendance (including Kackhander) which I apologise for so before details are reported we will confirm what took place in the next issue.

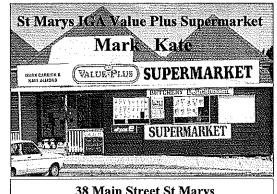
Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

# St Marys Soccer Club

2009 Season opening / agm Sunday 19 April 3:30pm St Marys School Oval. All ages ♀ & ♂

Warm up your foot skills and have a game, open the box of new Telstra Assistance Fund gear, help get the Club organized for 2009. Seniors on Sunday afternoons thereafter (4:30), but Wednesday after school soccer won't be on without new adults to run it.





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Sat 8am 12 noon

### This week's specials.

# From the butchery.

Inghams free range chicken	\$ 6.79kg
Rump steak	\$ 9.99kg
Regular mince	\$ 7.99kg
Scotch fillet steak	\$21.99kg
BBQ meat packs	\$ 8.99kg

### Jasin's for Lucier

IGA Easter buns 8pk	\$3.99
Cadbury Roses boxed chocolates 250g	\$7.99
Ferrero Rocher T16 gift boxed chocs 200	g\$3.49
Cadbury Favourites boxed chocs 300g	\$7.99
Cadbury Land of Hunting Eggs 600g	\$9.99
Cadbury Easter Dairy Eggs 310g	\$8.99

### Late week specials

Nescafe Blend 43 coffee 150g/gold 100g	\$6.99
Purex toilet rolls 12 pk	\$4.99
Coca cola canned soft drink 10pk	\$4.99
Smiths potato chips 175g	\$1.99

# Next week's specials.

### From the hutchery

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Inghams free range breast fillets	\$14.99kg
IGA corned silverside	\$ 6.99kg
Pandani pickled pork	\$10.99kg
BBQ round steak	\$ 7.99kg
Topside roast	\$ 7.99kg

### Instore specials

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Sanitorium weetbix 750g	\$3.65
Cottees cordial syrup 2lt	\$3.49
Spree dishwashing liquid 1lt	\$1.99
Arn. Timtam/Choc slice/Royals 150/205g	\$1.99
Kelloggs rice bubbles300g	\$2.99

### Late week specials

CSR white sugar 3kg	\$3.99
Juicy Isle long life juice 2lt	\$2.49
Alberto Balsam sham/cond. 444ml	\$1.99
Sorbent toilet tissue 4pk	\$2.79

Mark, Kate and their staff wish you all a happy and safe Easter break.

