# The Valley & East Coast Voice

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#### Wollemi tree planting morning. Susan Miles

On a cold and drizzly Thursday Rebecca Hibberd and Susan Miles took their Grade 1/2 class to the Wombat Walk. Some of the children's parents also joined us on the day. The class were invited to the planting of a Wollemi Pine tree by the Wombat Weeders group. Prior to this visit, the students had researched information about the Wollemi Pine on the internet.

They shared their new knowledge with the Wombat Weeders and showed them their pastel sketches. Liam Oh Marris and Trey Pennicott were selected to assist Mrs Tanya Rattray-Wagner dig the hole, plant the tree and water it. Jayde Pennicott and Lachlan Gee put a protective cage around the tree to help it grow. Our class will be going back to the Wombat Walk to check on the Wollemi Pine in term 3. We would also like to help the Wombat Weeders with some of their gardening.

The Grade 1/2 students from our St Marys District School were a very keen and interested group when they came to the Wombat Walk Park to be part of the tree planting morning.

Apsley MLC Tania Rattray-Wagner, with the help of the young students, planted a Wollemi Pine with an official silver spade.

Deputy Mayor Margaret Osborne, Mr Matt Osborne, teachers, several parents and the Wombat Walk workers all enjoyed the morning, and were impressed with the art work of pine trees that the children brought with them.

Special thanks to all who made the effort to be there, and hope everyone got back to cars and classroom before the heavy rain came down.

Wombat Walk Weeders.

#### Some interesting facts about the Wollemi Pine:

- It can also be called the Fossil or Dinosaur tree. (Georgia Hodge)
- The Wollemi Pine has been around for a very long time. It is wide and weird. (Kieren Gough)
- Its bark is spiky. (Matt French)
- The Wollemi Pine is a very old plant. It lived when the dinosaurs were around. (Saree Salter)



Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday September 9, 2008.

New email address: 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.

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary AGM for 2008 will be held at the Centre on Monday 1st Sept at 2pm. A General meeting will follow. Present and New members welcome. Kevin Faulkner Sec.

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 Tuesday of every month at 2 Story St, St Marys at 7pm. 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 WEEDERS 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 at St. Marys History & Gifts (the old railway station) 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.

#### **NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:**

**PLAYTIME!** FUSIN' FUN — use an iron to print on fabric — the effect is like screen printing, but much easier! Date: Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September (9-12). Bookings essential; please call in to see finished samples and collect your materials list. Cost: \$10 plus materials.

QUILTING BEE – an opportunity to get together once a month and *make quilts for those less fortunate*, locally and further afield. *Trade table of fabrics* at every session, so bring your spare cash (funds are for purchase of wadding). Next session: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept (and every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) at *Rustic Ragamuffins* stitching group, from 7-9 pm. Cost: \$5, plus spending money for fabric; also please bring fabrics (if donating) and sewing supplies.

GONE ORIENTAL – St. Helens quilter, Barbara Mellor, is currently exhibiting her exotic quilts (made from Japanese fabrics), antique kimonos and other items at Gone Rustic. Closing date: 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.

FABRIC PAINTING WORKSHOP with Cindy Watkins (Deep Peace Studio) –includes stencilling, marbling, inclusions, heliography, salt texturing, air exclusion. We need 6-8 people to run a 1-day workshop. Are you interested? What day would suit you? Cost: \$50 (dep. \$15; BYO fabric and cut lunch; tea and coffee provided). Let Rita know ASAP ....

If you are would like more details about any of the above items, please contact Rita Summers on 6372 2724 (Mon-Fri, 9-5) or AH on 0417027424, or drop in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys.

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Apologies for incorrect phone number last issue.

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# A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas "Sir Bernard Spilsbury"

Murders in London in the early part of the Twentieth Century were nothing new, but the Crippen case was arguably one of the most publicised and as far as forensic science is concerned, one of the most significant.

American born doctor, Hawley Harvey Crippen, after reporting his wife had disappeared, headed off to Canada with his young mistress who he disguised as a boy for the voyage. Detective Dew of the London Police, however, was unconvinced Crippen's wife had in fact disappeared and ordered an extensive search of the couple's former residence.

After several days a shallow grave was found under bricks in the basement. But the grave had been filled with lime and all that was left of the body was part of the hip and a small piece of skin. It was impossible for the detectives to tell who had been buried there, or whether the body was male or female.

It was a young forensic scientist by the name of Bernard Spilsbury who came to their aid. After careful microscopic examination of the piece of skin, Bernard was able to convince his peers that a scar found on the skin was the result of an operation performed on Mrs Crippen some years prior. As well, Bernard found traces of the poison hyoscine in the remains of the rotting body, a substance Crippen had purchased from a chemist only days before his wife was reported missing.

As a result of Bernard's discovery, Crippen was brought back to London and charged with the murder of his wife. After a trial at the Old Bailey, where Bernard was the key witness, Crippen was found guilty and subsequently hanged.

This case was not only the birth of forensic science as an aid to convicting criminals, but was the start of a brilliant career for Bernard Spilsbury. For almost four decades he helped convict hundreds of murderers, all of whom were in awe of the way he stood tall and confident in the witness box expressing his medical evidence in clear precise detail.

Bernard was also a prominent lecturer in pathology at a number of London universities. He was knighted in 1923 and made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. He worked at St Marys Hospital in Paddington and then at St Bartholomew. In his career he performed some 25,000 autopsies, one percent of which involved crime.

Outside of his career Sir Bernard had a rather sad life. He lost his son in the London Blitz of 1940 and another son soon after to tuberculosis. In 1947, after a long illness and the sudden death of a beloved sister, he gassed himself in his laboratory.

Since his death there have been a number of books written on the life and work of this pioneer in forensics.

Indeed, only this year the BBC staged a play on his life called: "The Incomparable Witness".

Author Colin Evans in his book "The Father of Forensics" believed he was the greatest medical detective the world has known and likened him to a real life Sherlock Holmes. Although Sir Bernard's life was very much involved with death, he put life into forensic medicine and sowed many seeds that have made the science so important in law enforcement today.



A young Bernard Spilsbury sent many a murderer to the gallows.



Sir Bernard Henry Spilsbury.

What relevance you ask is Sir Bernard Spilsbury to our little neck of the woods? He was cousin to the man who brought the Spilsbury name to St Marys.



John (Jack) Spilsbury and his wife Linda, Both passed away in the 1980s. They had 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls, 16 grandchildren, and now there are numerous great grand children and great great grand children.

John (Jack) Spilsbury who emigrated to Australia at the age of seventeen was, without a doubt, one of the finest men I have ever known. Not only was he paymaster for Cornwall Coal Co. for many years, but was a tireless worker for many community organisations, with Red Cross being his most dominant.

He was a man you could trust and go to for advice. As a Justice of the Peace he would witness your forms, as an accountant, audit your books and in the mean time listen to your troubles, with never a word of them to a soul.

Whilst Sir Bernard Spilsbury was an inspirational citizen of London, his cousin Jack, in his own way, was just as inspirational a citizen of St Marys, and set an example we should never forget.



#### Letters to the Editor

I will be relocating to the Break O'Day shortly. In the meantime, I keep current with issues by having the Valley Voice posted.

To say I was gob smacked when I read 'Doing the Rounds' would not adequately describe my feelings.

My son, who plans to follow, has kept an assiduous eye on job vacancies, and has been waiting for the General managers position to be advertised.

I might add, that he has a Masters in Architecture and a Bachelor of Business Administration, with several years experience.

Therefore, I ask the Mayor and councillors to reply via this newsletter, why this position has now been filled with no advertisement, denying my son and others the opportunity to at least apply.

Mayor and councillors, is your council above the law of equal employment opportunity? Or is this just nepotism?

I await an answer via the Valley Voice.

Mrs Rachel Tonkinson, 21 Lawrence St, Wodonga. 3690.

To the Editor,

Having had my own family experience the positive effects of the Rife Machine, for one illness or another, I wish the negative respondents to Charles's letters would, at the very least, try one of the many machines now in St Marys, for themselves, before they dismiss it.

Kit Walker.

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#### St Marys Pharmacy news.

On Thursday, August 20, The Mayor Of Break O'Day Council drew the in-store give-away of a craypot, which has been an on-going point of discussion for several weeks. Apparently many people wanted to win the craypot.

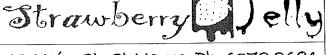
Peter O'Neal of Launceston kindly donated the craypot, and the Pharmacy wishes to thank him for his donation.

Well the lucky and very happy winner is Mary Viney, of St Marys, who when told of her win said that her children could put it to good use.

The new stock of sunglasses has now arrived. Feel free to come in and browse. Also, watch out for watches!! The new stock of watches is on its way, and should arrived soon.

We have many gift lines in stock, including toiletries and wallets etc., suitable for Father's day.

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Pharmacist Kelvyn Dexter with Mary Viney, winner of the craypot on which she happens to be seated.

#### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Cancer Council Tasmania received a letter from Charles Trollope on cancer research two weeks after it appeared in the *Valley & East Coast Voice*.

The Cancer Council Tasmania is proud to report that it has spent more than \$3 million on cancer research in Tasmania over the past 12 years.

We do not directly undertake research, nor do we commission research, in particular areas of cancer control, including cancer treatments. Instead we fund cancer-related research by independent Tasmanian researchers who apply for funding through a merit-based process each year.

Funding application processes are constantly reviewed and to date the decisions made have reflected the research climate in Tasmania, which has a relatively small, specific, but high-quality field of cancer researchers.

If a researcher applies for a grant to investigate any of the therapies Mr Trollope suggests, their application will be considered alongside all other applicants and awarded funds based on merit.

Earlier this year, Prof Ian Frazer, developer of the world's first cancer vaccine, former Australian of the Year and Cancer Council president, presented awards to talented Tasmanian cancer researchers worth over \$300,000.

It is research such as this that means most people now survive their brush with cancer and that treatments are less traumatic. The good news is that the odds of beating cancer improve every year thanks to cancer research that results in earlier detection and better treatment.

The Cancer Council Tasmania proudly details where its research dollars go on its website and in its Annual Review, and it advertises its grants in Tasmania's newspapers and on its website.

Yours sincerely, Stephen Foster.

Chairman Cancer Council Tasmania.

PLEASE NOTE: ARTICLES MAY NOW BE LEFT AT THE ST MARYS PHARMACY, POSTED OR EMAILED.



I wish to reply to the letter from Ruth McGiveron in the last issue of your newspaper. First of all, I would like Ruth McGiveron to please qualify her statement when she talks about "The Wonderful work done by the Cancer Council", as I cannot find anything to support her claim in this regard.

Secondly, she talks about people being cured by "conventional" methods. As these "therapies involve poisoning the body till the hair falls out, the immune system is destroyed and the patient made very sick in every way and rendered unable to use their bodies natural defenses and therefore totally dependent on medications for God knows how long to survive, one wonders where she is coming from.

My Sister, Pam, put her faith in "conventional" therapies for the treatment of cancer some time ago and suffered the consequences. After a period of some years I went to visit her only to find that she had been so badly affected as to be unrecognisable. Having remembered her as a tall healthy woman, what I now saw was someone of about two thirds her original height, bent over with a hunched back, collapsed chest and confined to a wheelchair and having great difficulty in breathing.

Poisoning people to "cure" them is barbaric and stupid. When will they learn? Her misery is now over as she died last month. The cancer did not kill her, she died from chemotherapy!!!

Here is another true case history worth mentioning and I take this from the book, "Cancer: A New Breakthrough," by Virginia Livingstone, detailing one of her patients that she saw who had come to her after having the full medical treatment for breast cancer. After discovering a small breast lump, she had a radical mastectomy. None of the lymph nodes removed from the armpit were involved: all of the cancer had been successfully removed. To make extra sure that there was no regrowth in the scars, she received radiation treatment, and also had her ovaries removed.

To her dismay, a year later several small nodules appeared in the old breast scar. Again she received radiation. More lumps appeared on the neck that called for still more radiation. In addition, she received male hormone therapy, resulting in acne and coarse facial hair. Still the nodules came back. Now she received chemotherapy with the usual side effects. Before her hair could regrow, pain in her bones was diagnosed as bone cancer.

More chemotherapy and hormone therapy was expected to help. However, several months later the bone lesions became worse and removal of her adrenal glands was recommended and performed. Hopefully, that would prolong her suffering for another year. After that, the removal of her pituitary gland might give her a further three to six months to live.

By now her faith in her medical advisors was sufficiently shaken, that she came to Dr Livingstone for help. She asked to be examined without her husband being present, as she wanted to spare him the agony of seeing her naked body, distorted, mutilated and shrunken with an immensely swollen abdomen and thin legs. Finally she whispered: "Doctor, shall I kill myself?"

I rest my case. Charles Trollope, St Marys.

#### Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

At the Break O'Day Council's August 08 meeting the Surf Club Development Application was passed 7 votes for and 2 votes against, Councillor Clement and Councillor Johns were the two against.

I was a nipper at Main Beach in the 60's on the Gold Coast, a junior at Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club in the 70's, when I competed at an Australian Titles at Maroochydore rowing a surf boat. These were some of the best times that I had growing up. I know first hand the opportunities and benefits that Surf Life Saving has to offer the little ones and teenagers. Having this background helps me know what a Surf Life Saving Club needs and where it should go, not to mention living and surfing around here for the last 18 years.

I refer to the letter by Councillor Clement in the Valley Voice (August 14th). The Surf Club has had only one problem for the last few years, and that is a mammoth Skate Park approved right in the best location in the Break O'Day area for a Surf Club facility in my opinion. A very large majority of the community also agreed that this is where the Surf Club should go, voiced in a petition presented to the Council in November 07, and the Skate Park move between the bridges. To put a Skate Park before a Surf Life Saving Club is unbelievable. I feel our councillors have failed in their duty with this whole issue and they should be heavily criticized for their lack of common sense and not listening to the community, and yes Councillor Clement you are one of those nine people.

Mind you if Christina Mackeen (Scamander Skate Park Interest Group Coordinator) had of acknowledged this was the best site for a Surf Club and moved the Skate Park project, it would have saved thousands of dollars, two years of neither facility and a mountain of paperwork.

I would like to know what experience or history Councillor Clement has had to do with Surf Life Saving other than research on the internet. Councillor Clement says he fully supports a Surf Life Saving Club, then you would have thought if this was the case he could have found the answers to his questions prior to the July Council meeting, to help and not to stall the Surf Club project.

The Surf Club has had to change to make the best of a bad situation that Councillor Clement was an integral part of creating. For someone referred to as a planning expert, not much if any thought or foresight has been used, just a bunch of conditions and rules as to why the Surf Club cannot go ahead.

The thumping great Skate Park which is a total "Overkill" for Scamander did not seem to attract any criticism from Councillor Clement, no issues, no conditions, no rules. Why is that?

Is this because of a possible alliance with the proponents of the Skate Park?

Councillor Johns was not making too much sense after lunch at Council's August meeting. Councillor Johns said to move the Skate Park to the south a couple of metres, it's a bit late to move that Skate Park anywhere now!

The new Surf Club design by "Onshore Designs" is a clever, modern cutting edge design, single story split level down the gentle slope to minimise the visual intrusion on everyone, and maximises the small space left between the Skate Park and storm water drain. This larger design will accommodate the Surf Club's needs for the next 50 years. Keeping the storm water drain where it is (which the Surf Club wants to make a natural creek feature, shown on the landscaping plan) will keep the land to the south free to provide over flow parking, during a few big carnivals each year. I feel this is a quality development for our foreshore given the circumstances and 7 of 9 Councillors and the professional trained Council management also agreed to give it the thumbs up.

Councillor Clement would rather see the two storey design placed there which is completely unsuitable for this site, based on rules and conditions you must abide to.

I think the Surf Club President is exactly right by saying Councillor Clement abuses the democratic process, but only when it suits Councillor Clement.

Just for a matter of public interest Councillor Clement - what is the annual cost of cleaning and maintaining the St. Helens Skate Park? Is a Skate Park an asset or a liability to the Council? With a Surf Life Saving Club anyone can join, there's fitness, camaraderie, life saving skills. It will boost the local economy each year. This is just a win win situation for the community. So everyone come along and support your local Surf Club.

Regards, Greg Chippindale.

#### 'Play and Learn' sessions for under-5s their parents and carers



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Sept. 3 Pyengana Hall

10.00-12.00 Friday, Aug. 29

Call Karen on 0400002116 for further details

#### WANTED NEW STALLHOLDERS

FOR ST MARYS MARKETS. HELD 1st and 3rd SATURDAY THROUGH WINTER MONTHS. TIME TO HAVE A WINTER CLEAROUT OF YOUR WORKSHOP, HOUSE, ETC. ANYTHING NO LONGER OF USE TO YOU MAY BE JUST WHAT SOMEONE ELSE IS LOOKING FOR. COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

PH 6372 2818 to book a stall. Markets held by Grassy Bottom Arts.



#### Letter to the Editor

At the BOD Council Meeting 11 August 08, the SSLSC Development Application 153-08 was recommended for approval, subject to conditions as listed on the recommendation of a Council Planning Officer. Seven of our elected Councillors accepted the report, its recommendation and conditions and followed the professional advice of Council's staff and voted in favour of the application, two did not. These Councillors, despite the recommendation for approval given by the professional staff of Council, chose to vote AGAINST the recommendation. This professional advice/recommendation of Council Officers is endorsed by the General Manager of BODC Council as published in each Agenda,

"Pursuant to the provision of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993, I hereby certify that the advice, information and recommendation contained within this Agenda have been given by a person who has the qualifications and/or necessary experience to give such advice, information and recommendations or such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing the general advice contained within this Agenda".

WHY would a Councillor choose to vote against this endorsed advice/recommendation you may ask? GOOD QUESTION. It is the role of the Planning Officer to asses all Applications, on their merit, to determine if they meet the requirements of the BODC Planning Scheme 1996. The Planning Officers of BODC are more than cognisant with the requirements of the Scheme; this is what they deal with each day. When a Planning Officer recommends an Application for Approval, this signifies that the Application on its merits, meets the criteria of the BODC Planning Scheme 1996, and therefore should not and cannot be refused.

Then one could quite rightly ask why two of our elected Councillors should choose to ignore the advice of Council's professional staff and vote against the Application before them. Could their reasons be personal? Surely not, that would be in breach of the Councillors Code of Conduct, then some other issue? What other issue could overshadow the recommendation of Council's professional staff causing the Councillors to vote against the Application?

If a majority of Councillors were to adopt the practice of voting against Applications which have been recommended for approval and the Application is subsequently refused by Council, despite the Application meeting the criteria of the BODC Planning Scheme 1996, then this triggers another course of action. The applicant is then within their rights to lodge an appeal with the Planning Appeals Tribunal.

The Tribunal would hear the appeal and make a decision. This hearing would require the presence of the Councils Professional Staff, Legal Representation for Council, the Applicant and the Applicants Legal Representation. Under examination, the Council representative would be asked why the application was refused. (N>B> Council's Professional Planning Staff could not represent Council as their professional recommendation to Council was ignored). The Council representative could only confirm that the Councillors chose to ignore the professional advice of council staff and recite the Councillors reasons for refusal of the Application. Judgement would undoubtedly be awarded to the Applicant.

Subsequently the Applicant would ask that the judgement include the costs of their Legal Representation; which is often granted. Where does this leave the Council? Left with the costs of their own and the Applicants Legal Representation, the cost of the Staff attending, and the time lost from the office to do so. Costs often amount to many thousands of dollars. All of this can be avoided if Councillors take the advice of the Professional Staff, who are best placed to assess Applications and follow the recommendation in the report made by the Council Officer in the Agenda. Councillors can, if appropriate, seek to have further conditions added to the recommended approval.

A quotation was made by one of the Councillors who voted against this Application. In making this decision, did they choose to ignore the advice of the Councils Professional Planning staff, believe that they knew better, or let their personal opinion impede their better judgement? I refer again to the quotation made in the last issue of the Valley Voice.

Under the BOD Councillor Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to

"make informed decisions, focusing on the issues, and to take all reasonable steps to ensure the information on which decisions are based is factually correct, to ensure that they are fully informed, having adequately researched the issues and policies, strategies and previous decisions of council", and "to act and be seen to act properly and in accordance of the requirement of the law".

This same Councillor states he has undertaken his own research, by various means, websites, memos to appropriate Council staff seeking advice on matters relating to issues arising from various proposals to develop for the Scamander foreshore. The most integral point has been overlooked, and that is that the Application met the criteria of the BODC Planning Scheme 1996, was recommended for approval on that basis and should have been voted for accordingly.

Is it then reasonable to ask if this Councillor was acting properly and in accordance with the requirements of the law, given that the Applicant had met all requirements of the law, (in this case being the BODC Planning Scheme of 1996). The Application had been recommended for approval by the Professional Planning Staff of the Council, the recommendation then being endorsed by the General Manager. With respect, how could this Councillor possibly believe that he was acting compliantly with another part of the Code of Conduct for Councillors: Section 28(4) of the Local Government Act of 1993 which states

"A Councillor is to represent accurately the policies and decisions of the Council in performing the functions of Councillor".

Does this Councillor, by voting in the negative, against the recommendation of Council's professional staff, fail to "represent accurately the policies and ultimately the decisions of the council", in the performance of the functions of Councillor? It may appear so.

This is not personal. There is no need whatsoever to lower oneself to the levels of "tit for tat" that have been made in recent times in Letters to the Editor". This is about Due Process and following the rules, not quoting one part of a Code to support an action, yet choosing to seem oblivious to another.

This is a wonderfully, diverse community. Coastal, rural and mountainous and we are all fortunate to be able to live in such an environment with so many wonderful opportunities for the future and as such we need to take stock and listen to the greater needs of the community and work cohesively. Skate Park, Surf Club, or any other community issue, why does it have to divide communities? There are opportunities for this community to grow, through sensible and well managed development that is why we have the BODC Planning Scheme 1996. It is a living, working document, subject to amendment should the need arise, due to changing community needs and conditions.

Ps: just one additional reference made by this Councillor who voted against this compliant DA, which was published recently "the process may not always appear sensible, fair or clear, in which case the process should be changed, as in amending the Planning
Scheme, but to ignore existing process can lead to corruption if defined as "the perversion of the integrity of process"......"
Isn't that just what happened, by voting against the recommendation?

Please Councillor, head your own advice – If the Application complies with the BODC Planning Scheme 1996 – is recommended as such by the Professional Planning Staff of Council – whose recommendations are endorsed by the General Manager – then do your job as an elected representative of the community and vote in the affirmative and support the Professional Staff of BODC by showing confidence in their decisions.

If you believe that the provisions under which the Application was legally approved are poorly drafted, then by all means at a later time, put forward an appropriate amendment to the BOD Planning Scheme to preclude any similar future applications. If the amendment gains appropriate community and Council support it can become law. However, until such time as the Legislation is changed, all Applications must be dealt with under the current Legislation. Like it or not, if an application complies — then it must be approved — with appropriate conditions.

Please leave your personal feelings at home and deal with all items placed before you in an impartial and professional manner

This will also ensure that you are not "technically" in breach of the "Code of Conduct" for Councillors for which you yourself voted.

I do not apologise for the length of my letter, it contains factual information, covering the full implications of the issue at hand which the Ratepayers of our Community need to know

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#### The Say Cagerattler.

As reported in the last issue of the Valley Voice and in other media outlets, the building of the new Emergency/ Fire and Ambulance Station has well and truly commenced. They aren't mucking around either and apparently will be ready by the end of the year.

This whole thing is a fantastic boon for the area. Absolute congratulations to all the intrepid people putting this marvelous project together in recent years and is a tribute to all past, present and future people involved with these totally essential services.

It gets better. Very recently on radio it was mentioned that St Marys may well have a permanent resident doctor around May 2009, if things go to plan. That's incredibly great news and will ease the minds of pretty much every single person here.

And there's still more. In that same radio talk it was also revealed that the doctor shortage in St Helens has been alleviated as well and will greatly assist there too.

Good stuff.

And then we have another bit of good news on a similar front when it comes to making the area safer. Hopefully sooner rather than later, the premises for the Scamander Surf Lifesaving Club will really be going strongly. What a bonus and benefit it will be and is a total credit to all involved here.

All this proves to me how much we think of this amazing community and it's health and safety. Not only that, but much of all this is done by dedicated volunteers who sacrifice their time and in some cases finances to provide these services.

There has been at times a bit of parochialism amongst us from Valley to Coast, but really we are a strong community of 5000 plus people who should be supporting each other to continue to enhance that same area, otherwise one day we might find things might not be attainable. As illustrated above all these enhancements to the municipality are not just for individual towns but for ALL OF US. They really are.

Let's make a point of sticking up for each other from now on.

What do you think?



A big thank you to everyone who has supported our last 3 events, the theme nights have proved extremely popular and given us all the motivation to get out on a chilly evening and enjoy life!

This month we are keeping it pretty simple- its all about Dad- the mums out there will be thinking: "When is it not?!"

But we often don't spoil our dads so this Father's Day on the 7th of September forget the new pair of socks, bring your dad down for lunch and he will receive a complimentary Beer and a gift from Ironhouse brewery!!! You may choose to dine al la carte or from our \$35, 2 course set menu.

Dad will be happy, Mum will be happy and the kids will be happy!! Restaurant guests can use the canoe lake, tennis courts and cinema for the day. Bookings are recommended on 6372 2228.

Also pencil in your diary Sunday the 19th of October when we host our Beer, Bangers and Blues family day. We will launch our summer beer Ironhouse Pilsener and enjoy some lunch whilst listening to Pete Cornelius and the Devilles.

For all those groups of friends, organisations and businesses now is the time to organise your Christmas get together.

Saturday nights prior to Christmas are filling up fast so give Alesha a call on 6372 2228 to discuss your needs.

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#### **OUT OF THE WOODWORK**

#### Wendy Brennan Secretary

Thank you to Sue Nelson who kindly donated books on wood turning to the Guild. We are forever learning about old and new techniques and all books are treasured.

The Guild held its Annual General Meeting on the 28th August 2008 Results are listed below:

> President/ Treasurer: Reon Johns Vice President: Peter Williams Secretary: Wendy Brennan Committee person: **Lorraine Scott**

The Guild would like to extend a warm welcome to new committee person Lorraine and we are sure she will be an asset to our team.

Please try and keep the 6th September free as this is when we celebrate Our official opening.

Please keep an eye out for a raffle which consists of a large wheel barrow filled with goodies. (The barrow is included)

The Guild will be sponsoring the Northern Veterans Cycle Club who will grace our town on the 5th October 2008 with their athleticism and hopefully for many years to come.

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

The Guild is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Any other times by appointment

Below is a photo of an outdoor table made by the Guild which is for sale for \$75.00.



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#### DOING THE ROUNDS

Cllr Reon Johns 0429 722 091

There appears to be some confusion about the salvage rights in the Council tips. I have been approached by many residents who are concerned that they might be doing something illegal when they have a bit of a pick through the rubbish at the local tips.

At the last Council meeting I raised this issue. The salvage rights belong to the Council and the Council has control over these rights. I will have this clarified at the next Council meeting.

I also moved a motion regarding the possibility of establishing recycling and "eco or tip shops" at the tips. This was one of my election polices and it seems to be well received by the community at large.

I asked a question regrading the pine trees in the Railway Park at St Marys and if there had been any risk assessment carried out. The reply, in brief, is "the matter will be investigated and most likely lead to a recommendation for the removal of the trees in the near future."

Council decided to reserve the option not to sell the parcel of land in Groom Street St Marys until options are considered under the "Affordable Housing Programme."

Council passed a recommendation to lease "Public Land" in Dune Street to the East Coast Life Saving Club. The East Coast Life Saving Club Development Application was also approved.

I visit Mathinna and Fingal on the last Thursday of each month. I will be in St Marys, at the Bakery, on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00am till 11:30am. Then on to Scamander, Mouth Café, from 12:30pm till 2:00pm.

I can be contacted on mobile 042922091 or Fax 63722098

Councillor Reon Johns.

I would like to invite any other Councillor to share this article with me and help keep the Break O'Day informed. Like to raise an issue? feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091.

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Abbie Ford, Social Worker

#### **Programme**

1.30 The nature of cancer, prevention and screening

2.00 Treatment: Surgery

#### Break (light refreshments)

2.45 Treatment: radiation therapy, chemotherapy

3.00 Social and practical issues

Questions and close

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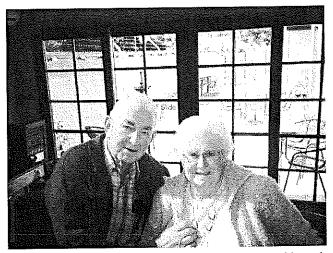
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#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL DADS HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.



Last Saturday, former residents of Cornwall Keith and Elma Spilsbury spent a lovely couple of hours over a delicious lunch at St Marys History and Gifts, with family and friends. Keith and Elma have both recently reached the grand age of 80. Their daughter and son-in-law Kaye and Gary Thorp, brought them to the east coast for a few days, to visit old haunts. It was lovely to see them looking so well.

#### Country Gold Football, Netball and Soccer

Annually grade 3-6 students from our local community (Fingal, Bicheno, Avoca, St Marys, St Helens, and Swansea) are selected to participate in Country Gold Carnivals for Soccer, Netball and Football. They compete for our association East North East Miners (proudly sponsored by Cornwall Coal). This year we competed against five other associations across all sports.

We achieved an outstanding result in Girls soccer. eventually winning the premiership after extra time in a penalty shootout. It was a fantastic final to watch and the girls played extremely well all tournament, deserving winners of the gold medals!

Thanks go to the people who made it all possible:

Football: Craig Freeman and Andrew Woodard Netball: Rachael Barber and Lauren Bennett

Soccer: Todd Dudley, Anthony Benzie, Cameron Lynch

& Laura Coleman.

Football: 1 draw, 2 losses [one by a single point]

1sts: 2 wins and 4<sup>th</sup> overall [Taylah Bushing named as Most Valuable Player] Netball:

2nds: I win and 5<sup>th</sup> overall [Amber Davern

named as Most Valuable Player]

Soccer: Boys 1sts: third overall

Boys 2nds: fifth overall

Girls 1sts: Country Gold winners

Girls 2nds: sixth overall

Pictured right are the representatives from St Marys District High School.

Photos and story: Laura Coleman.

#### "For All Creatures Great and Small" The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Pet Show

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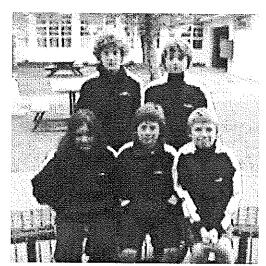
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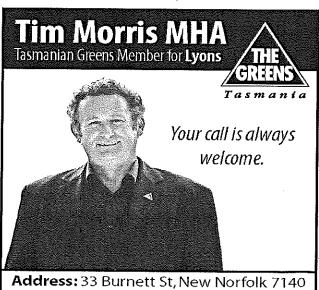




METBALL Reps:- Kerby Bradbury, Bounie Parcell, Taylah Bushong, Amber Davern, Danielle Holmes, Pollie Rawnsley, Ebony Dolle, Tamiska Davem, Avalon Chippindale, Aleisha McGiveron



CCER Reps:- James Mason, Vaughan Spilsbury, Caithyn McGee, Jesse McColl, Fun Buchhorn (FOOT BALL Reps:- Claustopher Ennis and Patrick Bourke were absent for photol



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#### St Marys Police report.

A home burglary is one of the most invasive and violating experiences you may ever face. It is a terrible feeling to know that someone else has been in your house and through your personal belongings.

Because of this, home security is a must. It may have been in the past

that you would have no problems leaving doors and windows unlocked, because in a small community there is a feeling of trust and mutual support, a feeling that it "wont happen to me".

I have to say that this sentiment is no longer the case. Technology has helped criminals now as much as the rest of us and because of advances in cars and roads, distances are shorter and easier to travel. This now provides a threat from outside of this community where crooks from other parts of the state will travel to small towns with the knowledge that security is perhaps a little relaxed.

We believe this to be the case in the last week where a house burglary has resulted in over \$2500 of property being stolen. We ask for your assistance in investigating this and if you see any of the following items for sale or if you are offered any of them, please report to the station and give a description of the seller and any other information you can provide.

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Again please assess your home security and ensure that you keep doors and window locked if you are going to be out of the house for any period of time. It only costs a few dollars to have locks or bolts installed and the investment will certainly offset the hassle of insurance claims or loss of property.

For more information check the Police website at www.police.tas.gov.au and click on the "Security and Safety" heading. If you are not comfortable speaking directly with Police, anonymous reports can be made by calling the Crimestoppers hotline 1800 333 000. Any information could help!

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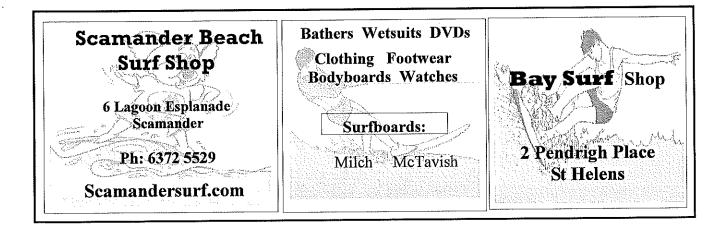
The Cornwall and Mount Nicholas mines each employ about 75 men under the charge of Mr D Brough at Cornwall and Mr S Birrell at Mt Nicholas. Cornwall is three miles from St Marys, and has a co-existence with its neighbour, Mount Nicholas – a distance of about two miles separate them. Leading from one to the other is a very rough foot track which runs along the side of the range over logs, bogs, rocks and creeks. Both mines started to get out coal at the same time in 1886, and made great efforts to obtain the first truck of coal. Both succeeded in getting a truck out on the same day, so honours were equal. There are miniature townships at both collieries. Most of the miners and their families reside at the colliery in neat little cottages. Some have been settled there for years and, as most are married men with families, the respective localities always wear a busy appearance, especially on a day when there is no work in the pits. At both places there are State Schools for the convenience of the miner's children, as it would be too far for them to journey to St Marys. Not all employees are miners, the companies employ blacksmiths, electricians, and ostlers also for tending the ponies. At Cornwall there are two stores doing business. A small, but excellent, brass band, the Cornwall Brass Band, has been formed by the miners. In addition to discoursing music to their own community they at times give their friends at St Marys a musical treat.

Nonetheless, harmony does not prevail at all times. Only last year there was high drama at Mount Nicholas mine. It was found that the scales on which the contract miner's output was weighed, was out by 737 tons compared with Government weights. The men offered to work on daily wages, but management declined the offer, and the mine was closed while new scales were installed. The screens were also found to be too big as they allowed too much small coal to fall though. Late in the year, there was a fire at the Colliery. Some two years ago, miners at both Cornwall and Mount Nicholas were on strike over pay, and men in company houses were given 14 days to quit their houses. Again last year miners were on strike for 4 months over the pay of men working the poorer sections.

A visitor to St Marys had the opportunity to visit the working of the Cornwall Mine; the following is the report of his experiences: "After an inspection of the engine house and the electric plant we boarded the motor engine that is employed drawing the skips to and from the mine. We were carried along at express speed for about three-quarters of a mile underground along the main tunnel. So far the mine was brilliantly illuminated by electricity. On leaving the motor and getting into one of the empty skips drawn by ponies we were compelled to sit very low on account of the inky darkness and the lowness of the rock overhead which, by the way, was made of solid coal. After travelling for about a quarter of a mile we left the skips and continued our way in a stooping position to the face where I noticed the men at work. The sight of a coal miner at work is very peculiar. He is down on his knees with a short pick, belting away at a solid wall of coal, the only light being a small pipe-like bowl fixed to his cap, which sheds a weird light.

Arriving at the face I had to follow my guide, dog fashion, a considerable distance, the roof being only three feet high. While sitting down having a rest I head a loud crack over my head. Naturally enough I made a move in record time, thinking the whole mine was coming down. My companions smilingly told me that the noise was caused by the mine settling down. We then passed dozens of miners at work in pairs — one hewing and the other filling the skips. These skips are then drawn out to the main tunnel by the ponies, where the skips are transferred to the motor engine and hauled to the top of the hill where they are sent down by a winding process to the screens. After screening, the coal is placed in trucks, ready for the market. A series of loaded trucks runs downhill by its own weight, pulling a similar number of empty ones uphill by means of a wire tope passing around a large winding wheel controlled by a powerful brake. After three hours in the mine we returned to daylight, wiser but blacker men."

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At the St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> August at the St Marys Railway Station History & Gifts, Barry Aulich was re-elected as President, Darlene Wright Vice-President, Lois Hayes Secretary, with Jim Haas Treasurer and Public Officer.

In order to entice more members to the group subscriptions for 2008/2009 were set at \$10 per person and \$15 per family.

Jim Haas reported that the website being built for the Society by IT students at TAFE was well under way and should be completed by early September. Jim said he and Bernice Jurgeit would continue to work with the students until the site was up and running.

Barry Aulich gave a report on a field day he and Jim Haas had to "Glencoe", to photograph and document the old cemetery. He said one grave had been found that was not recorded in any other documents.

Another field day is planned for Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September to visit convict graves at St Marys and cemeteries at Falmouth and Seymour. As well, the graves of two seamen at Four Mile Creek, who we believe were shot by mistake, for convicts, will be looked at and their story discussed.

The day will commence from the St Marys Railway History and Gifts at 10.00 am. All members and their friends are invited to bring a light lunch and come along; you might be surprised with what you may learn about our fascinating history.

For more information on the Society call into the St Marys Railway History & Gifts.

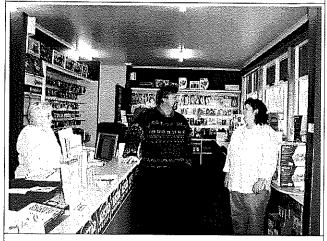
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**Visiting:** 

St Marys Community Health Centre Alternate Tuesdays: 9 am - 10 am

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# THE SALVATION ARMY ST MARYS

is proud to announce the screening of the new and animated film called

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The film will screen on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at the JAM headquarters in Story Street, commencing at 4pm —finishing 5.30pm.







Everybody is welcome - adults and children alike! Bring a friend!

In order to comply with copyright and licensing laws, the Salvation Army

will be accepting a donation of a gold coin at the door.

This is to ensure that we legally present this film as a public screening.

The cost for the Salvation Army to run the film will be \$3.20 per adult and \$2.20 per child attending.



# **Child Care Career Opportunities**

**Northern Children's Network Inc** is seeking passionate, professional people to join our team as Family Day Carers around the East Coast. As the largest Family Day Care provider in Tasmania, NCN provides extensive training, ongoing support and resources to all our registered carers.

On the East Coast there are opportunities for you to establish your own Home Based business in the growing area of child care. We recently have had a number of East Coast families enquiring about childcare vacancies.

#### Do You-

- ★ enjoy the company of children?
- ★ demonstrate a sound understanding of children's individual needs?
- ★ have the ability to provide a stimulating / challenging child based program?
- ★ have the ability able to work to Quality Practice Standards?
- \* have a Safety Screen clearance, or able to obtain one?
- \* have a current First Aid Certificate, or the ability to obtain one?

\$\$\$ There are great opportunities to have an excellent earning capacity that can combine flexible working hours & conditions, a negotiated hourly rate with a good annual income & tax benefits \$\$\$.

If you feel that you can meet these criteria please call **Sallie Hextall**, our Home Based Care Coordinator on **6341 1555** to register your interest.

#### NEWS FLASH: September Holidays at St Marys Child Care Centre

St Marys will be offering a vacation care program during the September School Holidays. There will be Arts/Crafts and Excursions available.

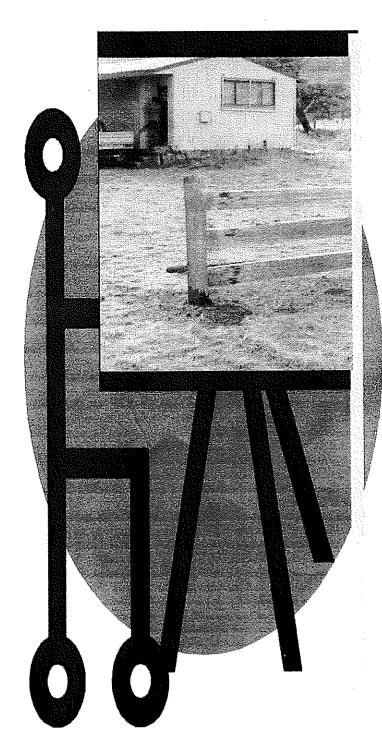
The Program can cater for children up to 12 years.

If you are interested please phone **Tanya** on **6372 2187** for more details and enrolment information.

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# BreakO'Day Woodcraft Guild Grand Opening



6 September 2008

Time: Start 8.30am

Location Old Railway Shed behind St Marys Railway Station

All day markets, BBQ, woodturning, barrel making, pet show, history display and singing

Contact person: Reon 63722094



# St. Marys Country Music Gospel Service 2008

at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Main Street, St. Marys

Sunday, 31st August, 2008 @ 11 a. m.

followed by a Bring & Share lunch

Get into that country swing and dress up in your jeans, hats, and boots, or any country gear that gets you in the mood!



Singalong to some great country gospel songs and enjoy listening to -

The Break O'Day Banjo Boys
Suncoast Singers
Grassy Bottom Singers
Valley Coasters (line dancers)
Don Ives
Charlie Koellner
Hetty Binns
lan and Rita Summers

Entry/offering by donation

PROCEEDS TO EAST COAST COUNSELLING SERVICE/ANGLICARE

**ALL WELCOME - BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!** 

Contacts: Ian and Rita Summers, 03 6372 2724 (BH) or 0417 027 424

#### MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER **Fingal** September St Marys Carole Woods Monday Geoff Herrmann Pam Gillies Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd R & B McAllister Patricia Barr Thursday 4th Pat O'Donnell Mim Woods 5th Friday Fe Gillies June Hall 8th Monday Ruth Aulich 9th Tuesday Liz Rice Wednesday 10th

#### **Church Services**

Kaye Nailer

12th Hannah Rubenach

#### Catholic Parish of St Marys

11th

Thursday

Friday

Sr. Lorraine Groves

Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252 Mob: 0409 172 741

#### 1st Week: MASS

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

#### 2nd Week LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6. 00pm St Marys 9.00am Bicheno 9.00am Fingal 9.30am

#### 3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town
Bicheno Liturgy 9.00am

#### Week 4 LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm St Marys 9.00am Bicheno 9.00am Fingal 9.30am

#### 5th Week MASS

StHelens Vigil 6.00pm Bicheno 9.00am St Marys 11.00am Ross 5.00pm

## Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Robyn Miller

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

St Helens Every Sunday 8 am and 10.30 am Kanga Sunday School

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

St Marys every Sunday 10 am

Pyengana 4th Sunday, 2pm.

#### Salvation Army Monday JAM

3-5pm every Monday.
except school holidays.
Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 6372 2099
Sunday Joy
will resume Sept 28.

#### 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

#### St Marys Online Access Centre Opening Hours:

Monday 10am -3pm Tuesday 10 am-4pm Wednesday 10am-4 pm

 $\begin{array}{ll} Thursday & 10 \ am - 3 \ pm \\ Friday & 10 \ am - 3 \ pm \\ Saturday & 11 \ am - 2 \ pm \end{array}$ 

Ph: 6372 2005

#### On Air Now! Vision FM 88.0 at both St. Marys and Fingal.

100% positive music & talk all day long; connecting faith to life.

Have breakfast with Robbo in the morning on the

National Vision Radio Network.

Phone 1800 007 770. web www.vision.org.au

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#### Contacts for Valley Voice

PH: Judy: 6372 2155 email: *judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com* Accounts: Mary: 6372 2328

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

Advertising: 2008

Classifieds: 25 words or less: free
Community notices: free.
Small ads. Garage sales, Greetings.
Thanks etc. \$12.
¼ page \$20. ½ page \$30.
Full page \$50.
1 year posted subscription \$28.

#### Spring of the Vineyard Church Pentecostal Christian Church

Church Services
Every Sunday at 10:30 am
At Scamander Fire Station
For all enquiries:
Pastor David Brewster
Ph: 6372 2796

ALL WELCOME



Come and join the community in .....

# NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECTS IN THE REGION

### **Binalong Bay Weeding**

Time: 9.00am—12 30

Meet: Binalong Foreshore Park

Saturday October 18 2008

Sunday December 07 2008

### Restore Skyline Tier

Time: 9.00am-12.30

Meet: Surfside Hotel Beaumaris

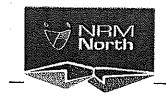
Sunday September 28 2008 Sunday November 30 2008

## Understorey Network Branch

Join the group to learn about growing native plants, join in field trips and educational days. Grow for local projects.

Please bring sun protection, clean sturdy shoes and water Enquiries: Alison Hugo, Community Support Officer: 0488 677 727









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#### September 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			28th August  Arts on Tour performance at school  Next Newsletter  RDA	29th August ♦ Theatre of the Deaf ♦ Sport Exchange with St Helens here for Gr 6-8
Ist September      Primary Socials     Life Skills Coaching -     gr 9-10	2nd September  ♦ Mini Olympics at Fungal Gr K-5  ♦ Whirlpool Cooking Comp. at Devonport	3rd September  ♦ Primary Assembly 1.30pm in Hall 2/3 Gee/Boon to lead  ♦ Full Choir Rehearsal	4th September  ♦ Dance Day @ St Helens. Gr P-6  ♦ ENE Cricket selections	5th September  Last Day Of  Term 2
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22nd September  Return for term 3	23rd September	24th September  ♦ Australian Business Week	25th September	26th September  ♦ Australian Business Week
29th September  Australian Business  Week	30th September  Australian Business Week	1st October	2nd October  Next School Newsletter	3rd October

# SCHOOL DENTAL

The Dental Service will not be available in St Marys during the September School Holidays.

Please contact Kelham Street Dental Unit on 6336 4100

Should you have any dental problems during this time.

Dates for St Marys:



- Monday 1st September
- Monday 22nd September
- Tuesday 23rd September
- Monday 29th September
- Tuesday 30th September



#### **AGED CARE CERT III**

Expressions of interest are being called for the Aged Care Certificate III course to be delivered at St Marys NEET Centre in 2009.

All enquiries to Mary Target on either: Phone - 6372 3900

Or

Email - mary.targett@education.tas.gov.au



# Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are requested for the following position:

Canteen Manager (Casual). St Marys District High School

22.5hrs per week (School days only) Hours subject to review

Position description and selection criteria available from School Office - 6372 3900

Written applications to:

Chairperson
St Marys District High School Association
13 Gray Road
St Marys TAS 7215

Enquiries: Brian Shepheard 6372 3900 or Murray Bennett 6372 2371 Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 12th September.

**Position:** Swimming Programme Coordinator, St Marys

**Objective:** To implement and manage appropriate swimming programmes for students

The School Association together with the swimming pool sub-committee is calling for expressions of interest in the above position. Currently 4 separate swimming programmes are on offer each summer: these being the Learn to Swim, Parent Awareness Programme, Fitness Squad and the Bronze Star Group. Each programme is targeted for a specific cohort of students and for individual needs.

This position is flexible and will suit a person whose child is a participant of the programme or for someone who enjoys seeing children gain a lifesaving skill. If you are interested in coordinating one or more of these worthwhile programmes a statement of duties can be obtained by contacting

Sandra Cook on 6372 3900 (BH), 6372 2002 (AH) or by email at sandra.cook@education.tas.gov.au.

Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.



#### ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



# CHANGES TO THE DOCTORS ROSTER

Please be aware of changes to the doctors roster over the next few weeks.

DOCTORS on ROSTER
Dr Ali- 28/8/08-09/9/08

#### AFTER HOURS SERVICE

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111 BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:
8:50am-12:30pm
12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH
NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30pm
1:30pm-5:00pm

#### **PATHOLOGY SERVICES**

Please be aware there are no Pathology Services between 12:00noon and 1:30pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre. We apologise for any inconvenience.

#### SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **prior** to your medication/s running out or **in advance** if you are attending this practise regularly. Patients can not request scripts over the phone.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting period can apply.

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Are you finding it difficult preparing a meal?
Have you just been in Hospital or you're just not well?
Are you finding it difficult to get to the shops?
Want something different to eat?

#### MEALS ON WHEELS IS FOR YOU!

3 COURSE HOT MEAL- \$6.90 1 COURSE FROZEN MEAL- \$5.90

Arrangements can be made to have your meal/s delivered daily, weekly or once a fortnight. And you can select the days you want a meal!

For further details on Meals on Wheels or to **VOLUNTEER TO BE A DRIVER** please call:

Joy Nehls (Cook)- St Marys CHC 6372 2111 Shirleen on 6374 2267, Sue on 6374 2193 or Mim on 6374 2209

#### WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

1st Sept Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 2:00pm in the Day Room.

2nd Sept <u>C.H.A.T Session</u> 1pm in the Day Room with Hayley phone 6372 2111 for further details. All parents and guardians welcome to attend.

3rd Sept <u>Psychologist</u> Dahotay Teboul, appointments by referral from your GP.

3rd Sept Day Centre- 9:30am-2:45pm Day Respite
Group open to the community, referrals not
essential. For details please phone Hayley
on 63722 111

4th Sept St Giles, Michelle Downs

5th Sept Meditation Classes with Sue Christiansen In the Downstairs Ambulance Training Room at the Health Centre. For Bookings or further information

Phone 0418 515 419

9th Sept Rae & Partners Barristers and Solicitors, Tom Bain phone 6337 5555

9th Sept Child Health Session with Sue Gofton Every Tuesday by appointment. on: 0428136381

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#### PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES

Margaret Van Der Merwe will be available for Physiotherapy Services in St Marys and St Helens on the following days:

ST HELENS Wednesdays & Fridays

ST MARYS Tuesdays & Thursdays

For appointments see your GP or phone 6372 2111 and leave your details and Margaret or David will contact you at their earliest convenience.

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# Seniors lets get together & have a BLAST in 2008!



(Better Living for ALL Senior Tasmanians)

# Core Stability Classes

(BAD BACK'S)

The above exercise classes are to be expanded to two days a week. Classes will be conducted by Margaret Van Der Merwe (physiotherapist).

STARTING 5th of AUGUST 2008

TUESDAY's between 9:30 & 10:30 am.

THURSDAY's between 3:30 & 4:30 pm

(Support your CHC with a gold coin donation per class.)

Come along, feel better and have a blast!

ST MARYS Community Health Centre



6372 2111



# Fingal Primary School News



#### Cricket

Tas Cricket visited our school on a **very** cold (and eventually wet) day on Thursday I4th August to conduct a cricket clinic with all of our students from Grade 2 to Grade 6. The clinic was sponsored by Milo, and we all enjoyed a Milo at the conclusion of the clinic. The clinic focussed on skill development and fun and the students practiced their bowling, wicket keeping and batting. We were very lucky to have two professional coaches and two students from St Patrick's College, who were on work experience to conduct the session. We would like to thank Tas Cricket for visiting Fingal Primary School. Selection for the ENE Cricket Team will be conducted on Thursday 4th September at St Helens.



Ben Bishop



Sam Herbert and Thomas Gee



Taylah Munro and Melanie Guy



Caleb Bean



Louise Webb



Calendar of Events - August/September



**Brady Woods** 

25th	26th	27th Assembly 2.15 p.m. K/P/1/2 to Lead	28th Small Newsletter	29th
1st National Literacy & Numeracy Week The Giant Walk	2nd Mini Olympics St Marys, Avoca and Fingal Community Luncheon	3rd Full Choir Rehearsal 11.00-12.30 at St Marys	4th Prep to Grade 6 Dance Day St Helens ENE Cricket Selection Trials	5th End Term 2 Footy Colours Day

#### St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news Kackhander

First to the Hobart House of Golf StMarys Tournament. A big thanks to our friends Brian and Trish at the House of Golf for supporting the tournament again. Also to all our visitors and of course the local crew for making it a fun event too. These days the fields are small but it doesn't detract from the tournament at all.

We greatly value any support, and we thank Malahide especially and of course Scamander and St Helens for coming along one or both days. Let's make sure we return the favour to these three clubs whenever we can.

Also thanks to Col, Trev and Bob for all your work and to Macca and crew for tucker. Let's also not forget the volunteer bar staff each day. Great effort. If we have forgotten anyone I'm so sorry.

On the playing side of things congratulations go to Dale Ridgers for taking out the Men's St Marys Open and likewise to Deidre Panton for the Women's Open. All the trophy winners were from just about every club represented, and we will endeavour to print all the winners next issue. Terry Leedham recorded a terrific 68-60 in all this and our friend Max Rak also shot 77-63 in the results. Dale Ridgers excellent 69-35-104 won the major trophy. Deidre's 81-42-123 won by 5 shots and Carole Gunson had an excellent 101 nett to be best handicap.

As can be seen, the scoring was good. In the Men's Canadian Foursomes it was a clean sweep in both Men's and Mixed with Kodie Donald involved with both. He teamed with his Uncle, Brent Leedham to win scratch and handicap and teamed fantastically with Liz Clayton to do the same in the afternoon. Kodie had a top day and excellent partners. Once again thanks to all involved in the tournament.

An equal thanks must go to Bobbie and Russell Harwood for putting on the Harwood Plumbing Services Day the week before. These days are just fantastic for the club. It was well supported also and the trophy recipients were thrilled with the event again. And the tucker was alright too.

VERY IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES OR EVENTS; This weekend coming is essential to the course. The maintenance crew have organised the aeration of the greens, together with the contractor from Hobart, and to aid it's success can we ask for anyone who can attend to give a helping hand (and a shovel) on Saturday. Any help will be gratefully appreciated. See you there.

In mid September we will be conducting a very special Spilsbury Trophy which the family have very kindly offered to do for us. It deserves to be well supported and we invite ANY former members to come back on September 14 and 15 to help celebrate this great event.

A little bit later the Australian Golf Museum Day will be held which is always a top day. Thanks to Col here too.

To bowls and we are looking for any new prospective bowlers for the new season commencing in a few short weeks. Contact Jim Turner, Macca, Jack or Nikki or the club for details if interested.

One more week of MARK'S FOOTY TIPPING. Who's winning all the booty. Tell you next issue.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

MEETING

Just a reminder: a meeting has been called for ALL bowlers
on Thursday September 4,
at 6.30pm at the Sports centre.
Please try your best to attend.



In-store butchery	
This week	
Porterhouse steak	\$15.99kg
Silverside	\$ 6.99kg
Oysterblade steak	\$ 7.99kg
Nichols chicken scrolls	\$11.99kg
Nichols country chicken bake	_
<u>In store</u>	
Spree conc laundry powder 1kg	\$ 1.99
Arnotts ass cream biscuits 500g	\$ 3.49
Nescafe blend 43 coffee 150g	\$ 6.99
Kleenex toilet tissue 12pk	\$ 6.99
Sanitarium Up&Go 3x250ml	\$ 4.25

<u>Late week</u>	
Kit e-K canned cat food 410g	\$ .75c
Black & Gold sliced bread 680g	\$ 1.99
Arnotts shapes 110/200g	\$ 1.99
Ingham frozen chicken No 22	\$ 9.99
In stone butcher	

# In-store butchery Next week

<u>Instore</u>			
Nichols chicken bake	\$ 5.99kg		
Nichols chicken lovely legs	\$ 4.99kg		
Boneless lamb roast	\$11.99kg		
1st grade beef mince	\$ 8.99kg		
Rump steak	\$10.99kg		

Sorbent toilet tissue 6pk	\$ 3.99
Fine Fare family ass biscuits 500g	\$ 2.99
Colgate regular toothpaste 110/120g	\$ 1.99
Fountain tomato/BBQ sauce 500ml	\$ 1.79
Kleenex facial tissues 170/180s	\$ 1.99

#### Late week

Late week	
P & N soft drink 1.25lt	\$ .99c
Ingham chicken pieces 1kg	\$ 1.99
Smiths potato chips 175g	\$ 1.99
IGA party pies/sausage rolls 12pk	\$ 2.39

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THE HOT CHICKENS
AND READY TO EAT SALADS
AVAILABLE IN STORE



