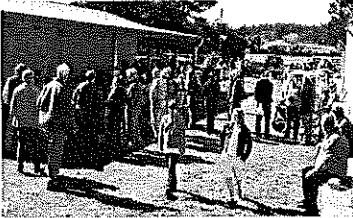


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The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Grand Opening

Four years ago an idea was floated in a lounge room, which finally was given its recognition on Saturday the 6th September 2008, the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild's official opening.

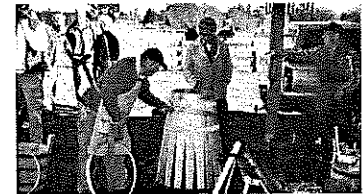
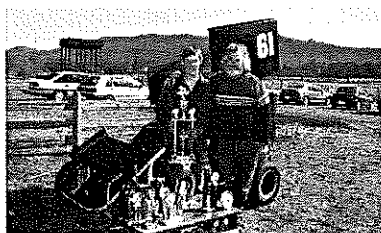
The ribbon was cut by our oldest member Col Mackenzie. The journey has not been without its many frustrations; however, the pioneer spirit prevailed against adversity and I would like to thank the following who provided winds against our backs when the road turned into a mountain and appeared too steep to climb.

St Mary's IGA, St Mary's Hotel, Strawberry Jelly, Rainbow Retreat, Ross and Tracy at the Coach House, Main Street Clothing, Valley Voice, St Marys Community Health Centre, Mount Elephant Pancake, St Marys Bakery, Grassy Bottom Regional Arts, St Marys Railway History and Gifts, Tamar and Scottsdale Woodworking Guilds, Grant at the Caltex Garage, the Hon. Michael Polley, the Hon. Dick Adams the Hon. Heather Butler, the Hon. Tim Morris, Councillor David Clement and Deputy Mayor Marg Osborne, St Patricks Head and Esk Valley Historical Society, all our loyal members, Pete Williams, Col MacKenzie, the Duck and Duckling, Les Thompson, Sarah and Ted for the great vocals on the day. Wendy Brennan, George Marki, our esteemed cooper, Lorraine and Michael Scott, Liz and Dave Mallett, Karl Balzer, Ian and Rita Summers, Dave Barker of Starfm, all the Council workers who maintain the Railway Park, the crew from St Helens Community Shed, Craig Cox, Cornwell Community Group, Men's Shed Australia, Allen and Alistair Freeman, Guy Pascol, Constable Sam Lloyd, from the Tasmania Police Department and Sally Spilsbury.

Last but not least Reon Johns our President and sausage king entrepreneur, who had the vision to try and keep old woodwork techniques alive by starting a club that not only has fulfilled this wish but has helped a community.

A thank you from all club members.

Congratulations to Carol Gillies,
the winner of our raffle.



Photos: Courtesy Peter Troode &
Wendy Brennan.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday September 24, 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**.

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 every month at 5pm at the **St Marys Hotel**. 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**.

SCAMANDER SKATE PARK UPDATE

Due to our contractors taking time off with their families over the holidays work will recommence on the Skate Park after the school holidays. **Christina Mackeen Secretary/Project Manager S.S.P.I.G.**

NEWS FROM GONE RUSTIC:

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION FROM NSW - "Going to Pieces" - this exciting and inspiring group of quilts from the *Quilters Guild of NSW Inc.* is on display at **Gone Rustic** from **11th September to 10th October**. You are invited to a light lunch and refreshments on Monday, 15th September to officially launch this exhibition - all welcome! Cost: \$5 per person. Many thanks to *Tasmanian Regional Arts* for organising and transporting the suitcase exhibition.

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 24th Sept (and every 4th 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: 19th 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 ...

NEWSFLASH! Rita's new collection of poetry, published by *Ginninderra Press, ACT*, is now available from **Gone Rustic**. Entitled *Chairs Abandoned in Odd Corners*, it features many poems which have been published in various literary journals and Ezines, as well as new work. It also includes digitally enhanced black and white photographs taken by Rita, featuring - you guessed it - a chair in odd corners of the garden! Cost: \$20 each.

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 0417 027 424, or drop in to Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys.

Carers for Wildlife Tasmania Inc. would like to congratulate the **St Marys Wood Craft Guild** on the opening of their fantastic facility.

We would also like to thank the Guild for making and donating the possum boxes to our organisation.

Keep up the great work!

Sharlene King,

President,

Carers for Wildlife Tasmania Inc.

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).

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).

Classifieds

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Camera - Pentax MZ5 SLR. \$350.
(\$800 new) with 35-80mm lens & manual.

Scanner - Canon D1250U2 \$75.
(\$150 new)

Ph: 6372 2844 or 0407 311 678.

10" Ryobi cut-off saw. \$35.

Makita sander. \$20.

Arlec jigsaw. \$30.

Powerbuilt Torque wrench. \$30.

Sidchrome socket set. \$25.

Professional tile and grout set.

400mm cut. \$80.

Professionally restored cast iron claw foot bath. Interior cream, exterior maroon. \$1200.

Ph: 0404 725 430.

Older style Dining Room Sideboard, good condition, suitable for restoration....\$60.

Bathroom scales, Soehnle Digital, good condition, \$20

Please ph: 6372 2412

Minolta camera, as new, 3 years old.\$50.

Sony Playstation. Includes 2 memory cards, 2 controls, 6 games. \$50.**Ph: 0427 607 99.**

Curtains: 2 x 2400 w x 1750 drop, cream coloured. \$30.

1 x 1200 w x 2200 drop, pale green satin striped. \$10.

1 x 160w x 2200 drop, peach satin striped. \$5.

Cushions: 2 x 15" x 15", royal blue. \$5 the pair.

Computer desk, with slide out keyboard shelf and CD rack. \$30.

Wall cabinet: Height 69", overall width 87" Depth 18". With drop down drinks cabinet and smoked glass sliding doors on display cabinet. \$200. **Ph: 6372 2130.**

Daihatsu Terrios Auto 4 x 4 . 1998. Reg. till Feb. 2009.

\$6,995. Firm. Only selling due to ill health. **Ph: 6372 2380.**

P.S.2 Silver edition (15mths old)

Plus 2 hand controls, memory card and 11 games, all perfect condition. \$260 the lot. **Ph: 0437 645 504.**

Ladies bike. \$20.

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Transark easy welder. 140 amps.

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Top order \$200.

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FORD METEOR. 4 cyl. Has some panel damage. Goes well. Suitable for "kids learn to drive" project, or parts. \$150. **Ph: 0437 227 123 or 6372 2222.**

Westinghouse fridge-freezer. V.G.C.\$200.ono.

Kelvinator 150lt chest freezer. As new. 6mths old, still under warranty. \$380.ono.

Hoover 5kg top load washing machine. Goes well. \$150.

Double bed & chiro mattress. As new. 6mths old excellent condition. \$700. ono.

Coffee maker hardly used V.G.C. \$100.ono. **Ph: 6372 2556.**

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Ph: Pete 6372 2398

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sensible horses
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Owner moving interstate.
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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

"Early transport"

Before the Fingal Line Railway opened in 1886, transport was a major problem for our early settlers. Most travellers and produce, were brought in, or taken out, with coastal traders through the port of Falmouth. But this was a tireless task, and at times in bad weather, quite dangerous.

After the St Marys Pass opened in 1846 Van Diemens Land's famous coaching pioneer, Samuel Page, provided a regular service from Falmouth to The Corners (Conara). This added to the bullock teams which were being used for heavy haulage throughout the area.

The service was later extended to Yarmouth, (Scamander) following a route known as the "Horror Stretch", which ran between Henderson's Lagoon and the Steels Beach sand dunes. This was said to be a narrow, dangerous track, and with recordings of frequent heavy, easterly rains in those days, many a horse and carriage became bogged, leaving passengers stranded for days.

In 1865 the Scamander River was bridged for the first time and the coach service was extended to Georges Bay (St Helens). This route pretty much followed the current road, but again it was narrow, rough and susceptible to flooding in many places. As well, the bridge over the Scamander River was just wide enough for the coach and was made with pylons no bigger than the average telegraph pole. You can only imagine how frightening an experience crossing the river would have been, as the horses and coach clambered across. The fragility of the structure was realised soon after construction when it collapsed under the weight of a mob of cattle.

From Georges Bay (St Helens) to The Corners, (Conara) the Page coaches would change horses six times, compared to the Launceston/Hobart service of the time which had eight changes. When you consider this, it is understandable why the many accommodation and supply businesses throughout the Fingal Valley and Midlands did very well in those days. Although it is said that the Lade and Morris store at Falmouth collapsed in the 1860s, due to the coach operators not paying their bills for fodder used to feed their horses.

The route through the Valley doesn't appear to have changed a great deal, except, it would seem, the track from what is now Killymoon Bridge to St Marys followed the southern side of the Break O'Day River and crossed at a ford closer to St Marys.

Again the biggest problems recorded through the Valley for the coach operators was heavy rains. At Avoca, for example, only minor flooding would prevent the coaches crossing the ford at the St Pauls River. In times of severe floods coaches would meet on either side of the river. Mail and goods could then be hauled across the river via a cable, or "flying fox".

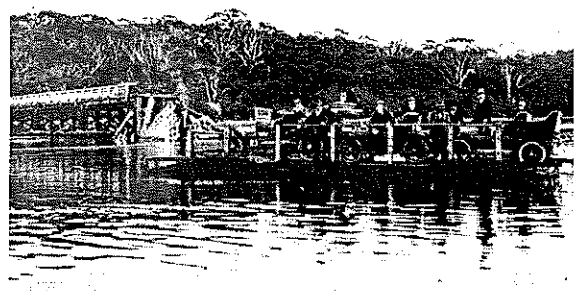
The coach era was a unique time in the history of our Valley and East Coast. Come what may through all kinds of adversities, the operators, along with their drivers, made sure all the mail, goods and passengers eventually reached their destinations. For the inns and changeover stations along the way it was the highlight of their day when the team of fine horses came galloping up to their premises. Locals would wait anxiously for a letter from home, or the goods they had ordered. While the horses were being changed, acquaintances would be made with the passengers and the inn keepers would serve them a cup of tea with a homemade scone.

In June 1886, however, a new horse made of iron and bellowing grey smoke out of its nose came huffing and puffing its way through the valley, causing the horses to rear and cry out in fright. One wonders, as they stood trembling under the calming voices of their handlers, if they somehow knew this noisy, whistling, steamy monster was the beginning of a new era, one that had very little use for the humble animal that had faithfully served man for Centuries.



L: An early coach takes a break at Ludwig Schier's St Marys Hotel.

R: Scamander River crossing, 1929.



Letters to the Editor

To those who write letters to editor:
STOP WAFFLING ON AND GET TO THE POINT!!!
 (Name supplied)

Letter to the Editor:

The reasons why I voted against the motion to approve the Development Application (D.A) #153-08, namely the East Coast Surf Life Saving Club building.

- They did not meet the conditions required by Council to submit the D.A/
- Council gave them permission to submit a particular Building design.
- Without reference to Council ECSLC decided to submit a different design, which was 60% bigger than the council approved design.
- A 10 meter clearance between the skate park and the Surf club was not met.

ECSLC new design was within 3 metres of the skate park. This is a safety issue.

To clear up a misunderstanding about the ECSLC providing beach patrols, as part of the conditions they are required to display a sign which says (in part):-

"A small sign must be provided within the site which states that the Surf Life Saving Club does not provide beach patrols".

This is Council Officers Recommendation number 6 on their D.A.

The ECSLC took a gamble in submitting a new design and now they are facing an appeal to both their building and lease.

If a similar position were to arise again I will vote the same way, regardless of whom or what ever the person or organisation.

I would be only too happy to see these two worthwhile organisations succeed, as I am sure that the members of one will become members of the other.

Cllr Reon Johns.

Letter to the editor:

I confess I do not know enough about either the Skate Park or the Surf Life Saving Club to make an informed comment.

However I can comment about a personal encounter I have had with Mr Greg Chippendale when he was canvassing signatures for his petition regarding the surf life saving club.

When I refused to sign immediately, as I did not understand the issue, he became vitriolic and belligerent. I felt I had to sign under duress or walk away. I chose the latter.

One can only hope that this kind of emotion will not manifest itself in the form defacing the skate park.

Mr Chippendale, if your attitude is typical of the Surf Life saving moment, God help them.

I ask that my name not be printed for reasons I think any rational reader would understand.

(Name Supplied)

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to respond to Charles Trollope's letter in the previous edition of the Valley Voice. I am offended by his statement that chemotherapy treatment is barbaric and poisons the body.

At the age of 55 years my mother was diagnosed with a very aggressive and rare form of breast cancer and underwent a full mastectomy and several months of chemotherapy. She remained very positive about the outcome and like others suffered severe bouts of nausea, illness and associated trauma; however, she returned to work and survived another 20 years in good health until her death from an unrelated illness.

My mother's sister was also diagnosed with breast cancer some 10 years ago, and also fully recovered following chemotherapy treatment. Cancer did not kill my mother or my Aunty... and neither did CHEMOTHERAPY.

To make such derogatory and sweeping statements about the work carried out by the Cancer Council is very distasteful to those people who have undergone this universally accepted treatment. We are all free to make choices and one should not be criticised for the choices made in life and this includes health treatment.

If the Rife Machine has worked for some people then I congratulate them on a successful outcome; but do not denigrate the work, research and treatment carried out by others and judge and condemn those people who choose to go down this path.

Dianne Troode,
 St Marys.

The Salvation Army, St Marys

*would like to announce that,
 as the Winter term is nearly behind us,
 the Sunday JOY Soup and Bread fellowship
 has now ceased as of Sunday 24th August 2008.
 JOY will resume the original start time of 2pm
 on **Sunday, October 5th, 2008.***

ALL WELCOME!

**WHY NOT COME AND FIND OUT HOW
 DIFFERENT A CHURCH GATHERING CAN BE?**



WOW

**"Women Of Worth"
 "Women On Wednesday"**

will happen again on
 Wednesday 1st October, 1pm,

ALL WELCOME.

JAM,

PLEASE NOTE

JAM will recommence in **SECOND**
 week of term two
 on Monday,
 September 29th

NOT
 the first week of
 term as it usually is.



BIT AND PIECES

Although a private school run by Reverend Richardson was in existence at Avoca, the first State School to be opened in the Fingal Valley was in the Old Probation Station at Fingal in 1856.



Fingal School.

Moves were also being made at that time in a number of other towns to have the Government establish schools, and in 1868 when the Tasmanian Government became the first State to make education compulsory for children under fourteen years of age, schools gradually became an important part of every town.

The Fingal School went on to have 65 students in 1884 and a new school, along with a master's residence was erected with freestone from a nearby quarry. This school is now the oldest in Tasmania and still caters for students up to grade six.

Don't forget our Cemetery Field Day on Sunday 21st September, leaving the Station at 10.00 am. All members and friends are welcome, just bring along a light picnic lunch.

For more information on our fascinating history call into the St Marys Railway Station History and Gifts, or Phone: Darlene on 6372 2007, Barry 6372 5752 or Jim 6372 2127.

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**ST MARYS ASSOCIATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC.**



At the St Marys Association for Community Development Inc. Annual General Meeting, held on Friday the 29th August 2008, Eo Greensticks was re-elected President, Paul Byard Vice President, Jim Haas Secretary, Val Spencer Treasurer, with Neil Capill and Fe Gillies Committee members.

REPORTS:

President:

Eo gave a verbal report in which she thanked Greg and all the volunteers for their work in keeping the Online Centre opened six days a week. She said it was a wonderful community facility that not only provided the community with access to the world, but gave training in many aspects of computer skills in a friendly, relaxed environment. Finally, she thanked her committee for their support and work on SMACD community projects throughout the year.

Manager:

Greg gave a brief verbal report on the activities of the Online Centre over the past year and thanked all volunteers and committee for their support in helping the Centre to have a successful tenth year of operation. A full written report is available at the Online Centre or St Marys Post Office.

Treasurer:

Val reported the 2007/2008 financial year had been a positive one with the Online account finishing with a balance of \$1063.88, and the SMACD account ending the year with a balance of \$1804.15. She said this should set the pattern for another good year in 2008/2009.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Councillor David Clement thanked SMACD for its work in keeping the Online Centre going strong over the past ten years. He commended Greg and all the volunteers for the service they have provided to the community over that time. He said it was a most valuable community asset and we should ensure it continues into the future.

St Marys Hospital Father's Day Raffle

1st Prize: Bag of men's toiletries
Mary Viney, St Marys

2nd Prize: Men's wallet
Judy Waller St Marys

Congratulations to the winners
and a sincere "thanks"
to the community
for your on-going and much valued support.

Kevin Faulkner, Sec.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I refer to the Epistle to the faithful by Resident Ratepayer Voter (name supplied but withheld on request) rendered unto the Voice on 28 August. RRV made only one point of substance, over and over, and over again, in this tedious, repetitive and rambling discourse, an assertion about the relative roles of staff and elected representatives in the planning process.

It was claimed that the issue was "not personal", but about due process, although it was wholly referenced to my "tat" (Voice 14 Aug) in response to the initial "tit" (Voice 31 July) of the President of the East Coast Surf Life Saving Club (ECSLC), now renamed the Scamander Surf Life Saving Club (SSLSC).

The assertion by RRV is unequivocal – an elected representative has no role in the planning process other than to passively endorse and accept any recommendation made by Professional Planning Staff (don't you love the deferential capitals applied by RRV) and a General Manager, without argument or question, to be a supine rubber stamp.

RRV must love the recent decisions by a majority of councillors (1) to restrict the number of motions and questions that can be raised by a councillor, and (2) not to put on the council website, or make available to the public to take away, the reports and documents forming part of the council agenda- reports and documents which have been sanitised and had privacy issues addressed but which can only be seen two days before a meeting, at the St Helens office.

RRV appears to be an advocate for a denial of public access to public information, the right of the community to be represented in an unfettered way, and opposed to questioning of those whose role is to provide advice to the decision makers. He would purr at the statement recently made to me by a Minister, a member for Lyons, "It wasn't my decision, David, I just acted on advice".

Has RRV ever considered that the "experts" may be wrong. In every planning appeal there are planning experts on both sides. One side wins, the expert on the other side was wrong. If a council makes a decision on the basis of an expert's recommendation and the decision is overturned on appeal, as it often is, then the expert was wrong. If a council ignores the advice of the expert and makes a decision which is upheld on appeal, as it often is, then the original expert was wrong and so was the expert for the appellant. Recently Councillors unanimously refused to accept a planning staff recommendation for a permit when it was found that the expert report relied upon for the recommendation had not been checked, and was wrong anyway.

You are commended on your knowledge of Sec 65, and entitled to put your faith in the faceless men, but I wonder whether your view would change when the unaccountable experts don't see it your way. Then, instead of kicking your elected representative, you may need to go to the barricades to fight to get your democratic rights back

**David Clement,
Councillor.**

Dear Editor,

The relevant focus of Mr Chippendale's letter (VV14 Aug) as directed at me, appears to be why do I support a skatepark on public land on the foreshore at Scamander, but oppose a surf club building and storage facility at the same location.

He also refers to the skatepark at St Helens (approved before my time as a councillor), and questions whether it is an asset to the community. I leave that to the St Helens community to decide, but of passing interest is that the Scamander Skatepark is not a 'thumping great' or 'mammoth' park, a "total overkill for Scamander" as described by Mr Chippendale – while it is of a different design offering a wider range of uses, it is only 60% of the ground area of that at St Helens.

Mr Chippendale asks why the skatepark at Scamander has not "attracted any criticism from Councillor Clement, no issues, no conditions, no rules, why is that?" Why? Because (1) the permission to apply for a permit to build the park, (2) the grant of a permit to proceed with the development, and (3) the grant of a permit to build the park, was all done and dusted before I was elected as a Councillor: it was a community development for recreational purposes approved as meeting all the requirements of the Planning Scheme, to be built at a specific location, in accordance with a comprehensive risk assessment and following a detailed assessment of possible alternative sites around Scamander.

All the "rules, conditions and issues" had been addressed and met. The Commonwealth Government recognised it as a quality development when it provided a grant to complete the funding in July 2007, after a detailed assessment of the proposed park. I simply moved the motion in March 2008 that Council, as owner of the land, give consent for the park to be constructed, and Council unanimously moved to do so. End of story. It will now be owned by Council as a public recreational facility.

As the matter has been addressed in open Council, I can give my reasons for (1) opposing the proposal to lease public land and (2) to grant a permit to build a surf club and storage facility consequent to Development Application DA153-08 made by the East Coast Surf Life Saving Club.

In summary, I have concerns that the required legal process was not complied with, that the proposal did not meet Planning Scheme requirements, that it failed to address safety requirements, and that it was not an appropriate use of public land.

I also believe officers and councillors failed to deal with these matters in a proper manner at the August meeting. I recommend any interested resident to obtain a (free) recording of the meeting from Council (Disc 3) and listen to the proceedings and debate. The minutes of the Council meeting of August 11 2008, give the reasons relied upon by councillors to approve a lease and grant a permit- they are, in my opinion, inadequate and fail to meet the legal requirements of the Local Government Meeting Procedures regulations 2005, to be an accurate record and to provide the reasons for making the decision.

I, like any councillor, am subject to the Judicial Review Act, and am more than prepared to provide a Statement of Reasons for my decisions to any member of the community who asks for them.

**David Clement,
Councillor.**

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It would be appreciated if you would allow space for this 'Letter to Rachel', in response to her open enquiry in the Voice 28 April, regarding the advertisement of the position of General Manager of the Break O'Day Council, as I have received numerous local questions on the same matter over the past months.

There are two issues involved, the advertising of the position, and the calling of applications for the position. Normally it would be thought that these were linked, but Sec. 61 of the Local Government Act 1993 separates them. Sec 61(3) states "When a vacancy for the position of general manager occurs or is likely to occur, a council is to notify the vacancy, and may invite applications for the position, in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area" So the position has to be 'notified', but no applications need be called for.

Further, Sec 61(4) states "not later than 6 months before the expiry of the general manager's appointment, a council may resolve to reappoint the general manager without seeking applications for the position".

So once you have your feet under the table, you're in for life, as long as the council fulfils sec 61 (2).which relevantly states that an appointment cannot be extended or renewed to exceed 5 years in total, unless the council has reviewed its terms and conditions, which could be fulfilled by extending the appointment on a higher salary.

When a vacancy occurs, as it did on December 4, 2007, when the previous General Manager left the council, Sec 61(6) allows the Mayor to appoint a person as an Acting General Manager until either the council appoints another acting manager, or the person appointed as acting general manager is confirmed as general manager by Council at its next council meeting.

At its meeting in December 2007, Council confirmed the appointment of Mr Walker as acting General Manager. Subsequently in March 2008, not the next meeting, this appointment was confirmed for a further period. You may need to submit a written question to Council for inclusion in the agenda under Public Question Time for the next meeting of Council regarding the period and conditions of the appointment.

In answer to your specific question as to "why this position has been filled with no advertisement", I can only repeat the answer of the Director of Local Government when I asked the same question. 'I am satisfied that Council acted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to the vacancy', based on advice by the Mayor that the position had been notified, since in a newspaper article in the Examiner (pg 6, Dec 6, 2007) he was quoted as saying "the general manager's position would be advertised in the New Year". Of course it wasn't, but it appears a throwaway sentence in an obscure news item complies with the requirement of the Act to notify the vacancy in a newspaper. I leave you to form your own opinion.

Despite your obvious feelings in this matter, I hope that your intention to settle in the Break O'Day remains unchanged, and that your new home will fulfill your expectations - welcome.

David Clement,
Councillor.

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Stephen Ferris (Divisional Clerk) and Suzie Rogers from The Australian Electoral Commission.

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If you are not enrolled, or you have moved house and need to update your details, now is the time to do it by filling out an enrolment form. Even if you are only 17 you can complete the form now, so that you will be automatically enrolled on your eighteenth birthday.

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Suzie Rogers,
Australian Electoral Commission.

Premier rides a Segway.



The Premier, Mr David Bartlett held a fuel summit last week. These are his comments.

"Look, there were great ideas that came out of the Premier's fuel summit today. The most important thing for us is converting those ideas into solutions that make a difference in every Tasmanian's life when it comes to rising fuel costs.

"The first thing that I'm going to do is ensure that carpooling is available to Tasmania's 25,000 public servants, both for commuting, but also for state trips. We have tens of cars on the road, on the Midlands Highway, on the Bass Highway, every day, and I want to look for opportunities to reduce our fuel consumption, and also to lead by example for all Tasmanians," Mr Bartlett said.

Photo:

The Premier David Bartlett, riding a Segway.

Exercise for Older Adults.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a little bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-kg potato sacks.

Then try 50-kg potato sacks, and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-kg potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:
Janice Viney, Karen Saunders, Audrey Wright and Bettie Sumner, who are all celebrating birthdays in September.



His Excellency Governor Peter Underwood, fourth from right and Mrs Underwood, third from right, with some of the volunteers at Wombat Walk last week.

Photo: Courtesy Rod Bond.

Governor visits Wombat Walk

Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency Mr Peter Underwood and Mrs Frances Underwood, made an official visit to the Municipality of Break O'Day last week, Tuesday 2nd September, and in the evening attended a civic reception at Tidal Waters St Helens, held in their honour by Break O'Day Mayor, Robert Legge.

Amongst invited members of the community present at the function were some of the Wombat Walk volunteers, who when introduced to Governor Underwood, spoke of the work they were doing, and the Governor showed genuine interest, and discussed the valuable work done by all volunteers.

It was a great surprise and an honour, when Governor Underwood and Mrs Underwood, on their return trip to Hobart next morning, took the time to stop in St Marys and walk around to the Wombat Walk Park to meet the group working there that morning.

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Seeing Through A Farmer's Eyes

The Tasmanian Government is providing an additional \$40,000 to the Country Women's Association to help drought-affected farmers with personal expenses such as power and food bills.

The announcement takes to \$115,000 the total State Government donation to the CWA alone for drought relief efforts.

"Tasmanians can gain a greater understanding of the experiences of drought-affected farmers through a new CWA initiative aimed at bringing images of today's farm-life into homes throughout the State," said Mr Llewellyn, Minister for Primary Industries and Water.

The CWA was impressed by the quality of entries to the recent Farm Photo competition run by the Department of Primary Industries and Water.

The aim of the competition was to highlight both the impact of drought and also the importance of agriculture to all Tasmanians.

The CWA has now produced a Visions of the Land calendar for 2009 with a selection of the images highlighting the beauty of Tasmania's agricultural landscape as well as the stark reality faced by drought-affected families.

Mr Llewellyn last week joined new CWA State President, Shirley Morrisby, to help launch Visions of the Land.

Mrs Morrisby said that the calendars will be sold through Tasmanian CWA branches across the state to assist the drought relief effort.

"The calendars will cost \$15 each and all money raised will go to the Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc) to benefit Tasmanian drought-affected farming families," she said.

"The Country Women's Association has been distributing drought relief funds since November 2006. We are pleased to be a partner in continuing this most worthy project."

By purchasing the calendars, individual Tasmanians can add their contributions to the Tasmanian Government's donation. The money will enable grants of up to \$2000 to farm families to further assist them with personal expenses such as food, school, clothing and power bills.

"In addition to raising funds for the CWA's drought relief work, the images allow people in towns and cities to see the world through the eyes of people living on farms," Mr Llewellyn said.

"This initiative helps lessen the distance between the farming community and the rest of Tasmania. It's always good to look at things from someone else's point of view.

"I thank the families who contributed the photographs for sharing aspects of their lives with the rest of us, and I urge Tasmanians to support this calendar," Mr Llewellyn said.

To order, contact the CWA on 6231 3706.

Order forms are also available online at farmpoint.tas.gov.au and the DPIW website.



Sheep Dogs at Aurora Stadium

After many months of preparations the Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Association is making last minute preparations for the 2008 Supreme Australian Championships and the Trans Tasman Test against the Kiwis.

The Labor Member for Lyons, Michael Polley last week presented the TWSDA with \$20,000 from the State Government to assist with the hosting of this year's international sporting event in Launceston.

Mr Polley urged Tasmania not to miss this opportunity of seeing some of the world's best sheep dogs and handlers in action.

"This is an opportunity that will not come around again in Tasmania until the year 2020," Mr Polley said.

"It will be a fantastic event with any surplus monies made being donated to charities involved with rural depression and suicide."

The week-long competitions will begin on Invermay Park on Saturday September 27.

The Grand Finale is being held at Aurora Stadium on Saturday 4 October, and competition will begin at 2pm on that final day.

Tickets are now on sale at the Princess Theatre Booking Office, and every ticket holder will go in a draw for a chance to win a Polaris Hawkeye ATV valued at \$7,000 with the compliments of Loone's Rural Services.



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Gardens for Wildlife Scheme launched

The Minister for Primary Industries, David Llewellyn, last week launched 'Gardens for Wildlife' at the Hobart Botanical Gardens. The new 'Gardens for Wildlife' scheme is an initiative of the Department of Primary Industries and Water Private Land Conservation Program.

"Gardens for Wildlife supports, encourages and recognises landowners who are providing wildlife-friendly and environment-friendly practices in urban and suburban gardens," Mr Llewellyn said.

"This is an exciting new initiative which provides an opportunity for people with small blocks of land and gardens to get actively involved in conserving our State's wildlife.

"The scheme has developed as a sister program to the hugely successful, long-running Tasmanian Land for Wildlife scheme, and provides an opportunity for the wider community to get involved in conserving native species."

Mr Llewellyn said that there is growing recognition of the importance of the role of wildlife in and around cities and towns, and there are real benefits to the whole community from making wildlife-friendly spaces and getting involved in more environment-friendly practices.

"Whether our gardens are large or small, made up of mature trees or plant containers in a courtyard or on a deck, we can all provide or create safe havens and refuge for native wildlife at home," he said.

The scheme is open to anyone who wants to be involved in protecting our flora and fauna and natural habitats.

Members are provided with information and a 'Garden for Wildlife' sign to make their participation visible, increase awareness of the scheme and invite others to become Gardeners for Wildlife too.

"Gardens for Wildlife" also provides opportunities for schools and school children to be involved in nature conservation activities and to learn more about wildlife species in their area.

"The overwhelming message from the 76 current members of Gardens for Wildlife is the need to increase awareness of the role home gardeners can play and to encourage others to welcome wildlife in their gardens," Mr Llewellyn said.

As well as the support provided by the Tasmanian Government, Gardens for Wildlife is funded by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation and the Australian Government, and strongly supported by non-government and government partners.

These include the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Understorey Network Inc., Sustainable Living Tasmania Inc., WILDCARE Inc., the School of Geography and Environmental Science of the University of Tasmania, the Local Government Association of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Regions and the Australian Plant Society Tasmanian Branch Inc.



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Shop windows normally feature youthful mannequins, but last week, older women dancers brought the Spotlight window to life with a rehearsal of their Seniors Week 2008 dance performance - PANE.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Lisa Singh, attended the rehearsal and said she was excited to be getting a sneak preview of an event from the Seniors Week 2008 program.

Ms Singh said the Seniors Week program featured many opportunities for older people to learn new skills.

"On offer in this year's program are things such as belly dancing, computing, singing, historical research, sushi preparation, studying with the University of the Third Age, archery, arts and crafts and much more," Ms Singh said.

"I encourage everyone to get their copy of the Seniors Week 2008 program and make a point of taking advantage of at least one event on offer during the week."

Ms Singh said PANE was a dance theatre collaboration with the Mature Artists Dance Experience (MADE) and visual artist Nicole Robson, that is supported by a State Government Positive Ageing Small Grant of \$2,500.

"This is a great example of the type of exciting events that will be seen during Seniors Week this year," Ms Singh said.

"A number of MADE's dancers, known as 'MADens', only started dancing as adults which should remind us all that we are never too old to learn.

"PANE is innovative and different and I congratulate director Glen Murray for developing an accessible dance in an alternative setting.

"Lunch time performances of PANE are being held from 2 October – 5 October, so I encourage people to take the opportunity to see something different and visit the Spotlight window performance," Ms Singh said.

Seniors Week programs were inserted in The Advocate on 30 August, The Sunday Tasmanian on 31 August and The Examiner on 1 September.

Alternatively, people can access regional Seniors Week programs on line at www.dpac.tas.gov.au or pick up a copy from Apia, Centro Glenorchy, Service Tasmania, State Libraries of Tasmania and councils.

For more information on PANE and the Mature Artists Dance Experience please contact Glen A Murray on 0417 372 242.



Ms Singh, with the dancers rehearsing in the Spotlight window last week.

RUDD GOVERNMENT DELIVERS FUNDING TO BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ROADS AND SERVICES

Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, last week welcomed funding for local councils through the Roads to Recovery program and financial assistance grants from the Rudd Labor Government.

"The financial assistance grants will allow local councils to get on with priority items such as park, pools, community centres, water and sewerage services.

"The Break O'Day Council will receive \$2,375,797 in funding from the Federal Government for the 2008 – 09 year, with the first quarterly payment having been made around 20 August 2008.

"This is essential funding for local councils, which allows them to deliver additional services to the local community. The funding is untied, so that local councils can deliver funding to priority areas", Dick Adams said.

The Federal Government also moved last week to secure the Roads to Recovery program for another five years. The current Roads to Recovery funding finishes this year, and a continuation to the program will deliver \$1.75 billion over five years to 2014.

If the legislation is passed through Parliament, funding for the new program will start on 1 July 2009.

"In addition during the 2008 – 09 year the Break O'Day Council will benefit from \$516,978 in Roads to Recovery funding.

"This will help deliver urgent upgrades and repairs to help maintain and make local roads safer.

"Local roads are critical for people in regional areas, whether it's travelling to work or town, or for freight movements, this funding from the Rudd Government in partnership with local councils will help to deliver safer roads", said Dick Adams.

Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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Do We Have An Image Problem?

I have been fortunate enough to have been hanging around the main street of Heave... (Sorry)... St Marys a lot more than I should have lately, where I have observed some strange goings on. The power brokers of the borough seem to be having endless meetings in the street with much arm waving and what looks to be heated discussion.

As I glide by, my guess is that the subject of all this activity is the main street makeover. I have seen plans in windows with traffic calming devices that must be constructed in an attempt to stem the outrageous driving that I have yet to observe. Even when the Targa went through town it seemed to be a pretty tame affair.

The new landscaping and paving will certainly be more attractive but does what we already have constitute an image problem?

It is my contention that we do have a serious image problem but it is not in the main street. The said image problem kicks in at about the Cornwall turnoff.

The run into town is starting to look like Wuthering Heights just after the valium ran out. The unchecked growth of the Hawthorn on the approaches to our town is turning the trip into a scary monster type experience. I would not be surprised to see some mad woman emerge from behind the thicket on a foggy evening wearing a torn scarlet ballgown and screaming "Katheeeee Come Home..". Come to think of it there would likely be a trail of unsigned letters to the editor scything down the wind lane behind her. (Scares me, anyway.).

The solution is to hedge the fencelines and give the place a civilized and tidy entrance.

Now hedging equipment ain't what she used to be. In the good old days the Prisoners Of Mother England could be flogged out onto the hedgerows with a weevily biscuit and a bowl of gruel to keep the hedges in check. Sadly, those days are gone and our Aussie Prisoners are all tucked up in the big house at Risdon doing masters degrees in Rape and Pillage. Their psychological problems being attended to by Oprah and Dr Phil. God help us if they ever get out.

Hedging equipment now comes in the form of a bloody great John Deere with a flail mower on a long arm that must be operated by some spatial Albert Einstein. Next time you are sneaking off to Launceston to buy the groceries that you could have got here, take a detour down the Woolmers/Brickendon Road to Longford. There you will see miles of neatly trimmed hedgerow that instantly makes you lay back and think of England.

Speaking of England; I am appalled at the treatment handed out by Prince Charles to our Woodworking Guild. This disgraceful episode stems from Mum selling the family boat of course. If she had kept the tug Charlie could have sailed it out here, tied it up to a rock at Falmouth, hitched a ride up the pass in a log truck and cut the bloody ribbon. Instead he gets some lackey to send out a form saying he can't come. I for one won't be voting for him when they try to make him King of Australia.

But I digress.

There will no doubt be any amount of reasons why the hedging of what is privately owned (on one side) shrubbery cannot be undertaken. Maybe Hydro could kick the tin as it looks to me like a lot of the green stuff is heading for the power lines and will have to be dealt with at some time. Maybe some of the arty types that abound around here could come up with some topiary type units along the lines of the Midland Highway. Something easy to reproduce like a DNA Double Helix twenty meters high.

That ought to keep them busy for a few years. Bob Oates.

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Thank goodness in almost all respects, our education system is generally moving with the times in this regard and within our own community this is clearly true.

We are genuinely lucky to have some excellent educators within the area, with expertise in many new facets of not only teaching a modern curriculum but also understanding the limitations of their students. Adapting is now a key ingredient to all this new stuff. It really is.

Another thing that has moved with the times is the way students have more of an input into their learning, perhaps less autocratic and more democratic these days. At one time I was like many who said things like "It wouldn't have happened in my day". Now I say "Bloody good job it didn't."

Kids use less formal terms too these days, particularly in senior high school years but in this regard there seems to be no less respect to the staff. Quite the opposite I believe. It allows more interactivity in most cases provided it's done correctly. I see this quite often and yet manners are still attained almost always. Perhaps it is a mutual respect that achieves these outcomes.

There are times of course, when arguments or discipline confrontations occur. After all it is still school, but another significant factor is that of mediation. For all sorts of reasons, conflict reaches quicker resolution with trained mediation within the system. Don't ever let anyone tell you this is not needed. It absolutely is.

For me though the crowning glory of the newer education system is the opportunities the kids with learning disabilities get these days. Almost never does a kid miss out when they are identified with some issue/s that affects their ability to learn.

It is fascinating to watch the various programmes take over when these young students are found. In all sorts of ways they are given a chance to do their best and very rarely these days does a student slip totally through the cracks.

It's true that the core subjects are taught and taught well but so are things like I.T. Training, Performing Arts, Music and Hospitality courses and in this regard our local students can look forward to a brighter future. Just as well we continue to move on.

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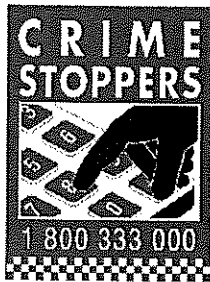
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This will be my last Valley Voice and I'd like to thank everyone for the help and support they have provided me whilst I have been here.

I have found St Marys to be a community with a strong sense of civic pride and I wish you the best of luck with the future and hope the

Main Street upgrade goes to plan and provides economic benefits for the future.

There may be a few people who aren't so proud of their town and who have been leaving litter on the streets after a heavy night on the booze, and who have been rolling rocks into the St Marys river off the retaining wall.

Particularly the latter of these is a safety problem and everyone will suffer in the case of a flood through that section of river.

I'll be heading back to my regular posting in Northern Traffic Services and its a traffic issue that I'll finish with.

On Sunday the 24th August 2008 Constable **BONNER** had a Black Buell motorcycle fail to stop for him on the Esk Main Rd. It then proceeded through St Marys at high speed and in a dangerous manner.

Any person who may have knowledge of the rider of this motorcycle or witnessed the incident is asked to please help, and contact Constable **BONNER** at the Fingal station on 6374 1099 or call Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

The Esk Main Rd attracts a large amount of traffic as it is the arterial route to the east coast. As such, it unfortunately attracts a number of speeding and hooning drivers, and their driving behavior is becoming a head ache for local Police and community members alike.

The highway also attracts a large number of interstate and international tourists. Driving behavior like this can be extremely dangerous to all road users as well as casting a poor image of the valley onto those people who are only traveling through, leaving them with a poor impression of a place they should have loved visiting.

The same goes for drink/driving, matters. It is not acceptable to have a few and sneak home the back way, you will get caught eventually, hopefully before you crash and kill or hurt yourself or another person.

All local Police have now been trained and equipped to test people for driving with illicit drugs in their system. These offences can lead to long periods of loss of license and huge penalties.

If you witness poor driving behavior it can be reported to your local Police. We keep a database of information relating to these matters and will target prolific offenders with the goal of removing them from the road before they have a chance to cause mayhem.

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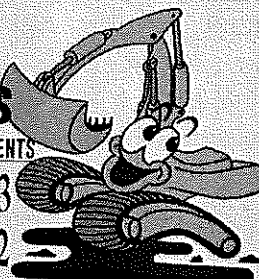


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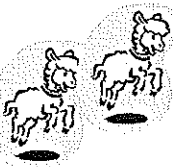
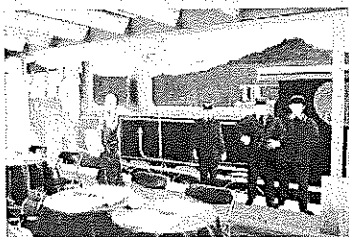
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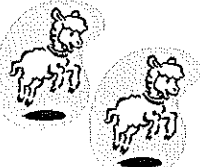
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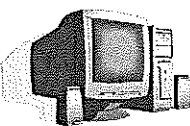
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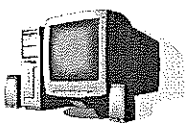
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The Roads

Great excitement was caused on 29th May last when a motor car passed through, enroute to the East Coast, the first vehicle of it kind to pass through the town. The roads of the district are the responsibility of the St Marys Road District Trust, currently composed of Mr Michael Cullenan as Chairman and Treasurer, and Messrs Phillip Lohrey, Thomas William King and Thomas Berwick as Trustees. The Road Rate for the year has been set at one shilling in the pound (5%) on all private property, and sixpence in the pound on Crown Lands, as shown by the Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Fingal for the year 1903.

There has been some discussion locally on the appointment of Mr Bryant as Road Overseer, on the basis that he was not a local man. However, a report states that "the Road Overseer for the past fortnight has been engaged in erecting a new bridge in the Parish of Gray. The work is very neatly and safely executed: concluded that "Mr Bryant is showing his ability in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. Tenders have been called for grubbing briars and gorse on the road between Killymoon and St Marys, but only one tender was received and was deemed too high in price, so that the Trust thought it advisable to have the work executed by its own staff.

Whilst almost all receipts of the Trust are from the Road Rate levied on property owners, it did last year charge the Education Department £6 for clearing stones from the playground at Gray School, and earned sixteen shillings from selling materials from drains, of Total Receipts of £490. The major expenses were Day Labour £242, Stone Crusher £90, Cartage £62, Horse-feed £32, Blacksmith's work £15 and Fencing Scrubbing and Clearing £6. The cost of the horse feed generated some correspondence To the Editor:- "Sir, a report of the St Marys Road Trusts last meeting stated that about four tons of chaff were used in keeping the road horse from January 1 to May 30, a period of five months, for a cost of £11. As the Trust have now disposed of their horse, why do they not purchase one in its place? We are now paying a carter four shillings a day for his horse, amounting to £30 for four months. The carter does not supply his own dray, but is utilising that of the Trust. If we allow eight shillings a month for shoes, or £2 over the four months, there would be a balance of £17 in favour of having a horse of their own, even allowing for blacksmithing work. Yours etc."

Minerals

With the exception of coal, no other mineral appears to have been seriously prospected for in the district. Why such is the case would be hard to say, for the ranges around have all the indications of auriferous and stanniferous possibilities, and they do not present the same difficulties and hardships which the prospector on the West Coast has to encounter. About 16 years ago a little prospecting work was done close to the town on the Georges Bay Road. It consisted in putting a shaft down and driving an adit (entrance) in, giving prospects of gold and galena, but whether these were payable or not there are no records to show. Probably at that time they were not considered payable, as the efforts of that prospector were contemptuously dubbed "House's Folly".

Health

Of course, in any district, no matter how healthy, there are always to be found infantile problems. While, the general salubrity of St Marys would seem to prevent the possibility of a "medico" from earning his salt, should he take his chance here, it is necessary – as disease and accidents are always lurking – for the residents to guard against danger, and have the services of a medical man close at hand. Indeed, whooping cough and influenza have been prevalent in some houses and the winter weather was accompanied by bad colds and sickness. At present, Dr Hoskings of Fingal is the nearest medical man. He was only recently here in the town, engaged in vaccination against smallpox. The residents have been astir, and signatures to a guarantee of a fixed income as an inducement for a doctor to settle in St Marys were obtained by a vigorous canvas organised by Messrs McHugo and Schiers, with the result that Doctor Walker has been obtained for the town. It is to be hoped that he will be happy with the practice, and that his arrival may prevent some of the less happy consequences of self-treatment. An inquest recently found that Miss Mary Davis at Fingal died of congestion of the brain due to an overdose of creosote, as a consequence of placing a wadding dipped in the substance on an aching tooth.

Gone Before

Some eight years ago there was a public meeting convened to discuss establishing a Public Cemetery for St Marys. A subsequent meeting announced that suitable ground had been found and steps taken to secure it, and the ground in Gray Road was commenced three years back, consecrated firstly by the Methodists in 1899 and the Catholics and Presbyterians two years ago. As yet, the Anglicans have not done so. There are two Undertakers in the township, Mr Mitchell and Mr McHugo, apparently keenly in competition, with rates of ten shillings for a grave and five pounds for a burial. Last year Mr W G Mitchell complained in the "Examiner" that "it is virtually impossible to find vacant ground in Cullenswood cemetery. Sometimes three attempts are necessary to find ground that does not contain other bodies". Mr Mitchell urged that now there was a public cemetery in the area, burials at Cullenswood should be ceased, except for reserved sites. The Accounts for the St Marys Public Cemetery for the year ending 31 December last year (1902) showed receipts of £2-15-6 from fees for private graves and £1-0-0 for public graves, insufficient to meet the £8-0-0 interest on loan, which needed to be met from the balance of the previous year's operations.

Continued next issue if space permits

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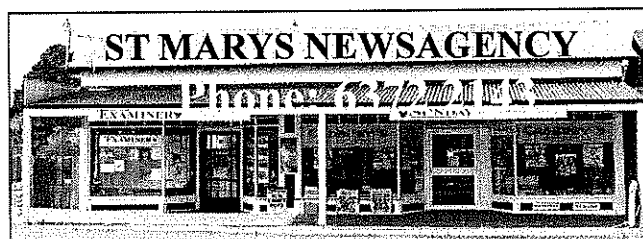
Tuesday—1.30pm till 4.30pm

Wednesday –9am till 1pm

Thursday 12. noon till 4pm

Any and all donations of shelving, baskets, books, (teenagers novels particularly) & magazines will be greatly appreciated.

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Council Watch

Residents may be interested in the following matters relevant to the St Marys area, an amendment to the Planning Scheme making it easier to build a house in the Natural Resource Zone (NRZ), the state of play regarding the showers and toilets for short stay campers on the Rec Ground, maintenance of Top Marshes Road to Germantown, and upgrading of the St Patrick's Head walking track.

The RPDC has approved an amendment to the Planning Scheme which will now allow people owning titles in the NRZ to apply for approval to build a house if they can demonstrate that the block is unsuitable for resource development (forestry, agriculture, mining etc) by reason of size, type of land, topography etc. Council staff will supply details. Not quite as good as we had hoped, as the proposed guideline that an application could be made if the land had previously been used for residential dwelling was knocked back. However, it now opens the way for a further amendment of identifying particular areas as suitable for zoning as rural residential zones, but this will take time.

After 3 years of vision, hard work and planning by the local community to establish a shower and toilet facility at the St Marys Rec to encourage short stay campervan and camping tourists to use St Marys as a base for exploration of the local area, council finally approved the following decision on 10 June 2008, *"Having regard to the funding allocation of \$105,400 in the 2007/08 budget and the further \$35,000 set aside for the proposed 2008/09 Budget, construction of the proposed amenities block at St Marys recreation ground be undertaken with the objective of being completed and ready for use by 31 December 2008, the amenities to comprise ten (10) unisex WCs, two unisex showers, a separate disabled WC, a separate disabled shower, and a full verandah around the block."* Three months later, the advice of the General Manager, Mr Tony Walker, is that soil tests have been carried out: and that plans are being drawn up for advertising for expressions of interest to build the facility, and that in his opinion it will not be possible to have it built by the required date. This information is provided for information without comment.

The unsafe condition of the Top Marshes road to Germantown and Dublinton, potholed, channelised, down to bedrock, was the subject of Public Questions at Council's meeting on Monday 8 September. These can be viewed on the Agenda for the meeting on Council's website www.bodc.tas.gov.au (or at the St Marys library) together with the answers by the General Manager, who answered that this was nothing to do with the Break O'Day Council, a completely correct answer (because the questions should have referred to the Fingal Council), but totally unhelpful to the real intent of the questions about safety. Clarification was sought by a Question Without Notice (one of the two I am allowed under the Legge motion adopted by Council), which will be printed in the minutes together with the answers which should be on the website by Monday 15th. Of particular interest is the answer that council is not responsible for the maintenance of the road, but is responsible for the maintenance of the road because it is responsible for the maintenance of another road about a kilometre away which used to be part of the road it is no longer responsible for. This answer constitutes qualified advice.

The responsible minister has been asked to confirm whether a plan prepared to remedy the poor condition of the St Patricks Head walking track at a cost believed to be about \$20,000 has been shelved and the funds diverted to facilities in more 'significant' areas, and, if so, how does she justify this decision (possibly based on expert planning advice?) The full Question Without Notice will be in the minutes available by Monday.

Questions have also been asked of the Mayor regarding the provision of suitable accommodation to attract long term stay doctors to St Marys, an issue which could also be extended to providing appropriate facilities for temporary nursing staff. The answers will be keenly awaited.

There are a number of other issues affecting the health, safety and welfare of the St Marys community and the municipality at large, but, alas, the majority of councillors have decided that two motions and questions each is enough. I note that most are not using their allocation, so I may make a bid on EBay for unused motions.

David Clement,
Councillor.

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Meet: Surfside Tavern Beaumaris

Sunday September 28

Sunday November 30

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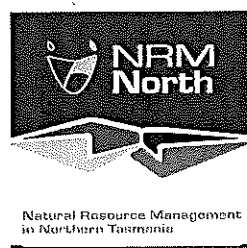
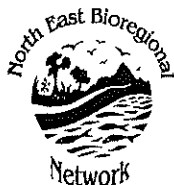
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| September | | St Marys | Fingal |
|-----------|------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Monday | 15th | Debbie Barnes | Leslie Lohrey |
| Tuesday | 16th | Pam Lynch | |
| Wednesday | 17th | Geoff Herrmann | |
| Thursday | 18th | Heather Griffiths | |
| Friday | 19th | Claire Bean | Susan Woods |
| | | | |
| Monday | 22nd | Trish Pike | Kaylene Sutton |
| Tuesday | 23rd | Patricia Barr | |
| Wednesday | 24th | D & V Rice | |
| Thursday | 25th | Yvonne Salter | |
| Friday | 26th | Wendy Aulich | Christine Woods (W) |

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1st Week: MASS

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

2nd Week LITURGY

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

3rd Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno Liturgy 9.00am

Week 4 LITURGY

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

5th Week MASS

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

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|---|---|---|--|---|
| 22nd September ♦ Return for term 3 ♦ Dental Service | 23rd September ♦ Dental Service | 24th September ♦ Australian Business Week | 25th September ♦ Australian Business Week | 26th September ♦ Australian Business Week |
| 29th September ♦ Australian Business Week ♦ Dental Service | 30th September ♦ Australian Business Week ♦ Dental Service | 1st October ♦ Grade 8 Camp | 2nd October ♦ Next School Newsletter ♦ Grade 8 Camp | 3rd October ♦ Grade 8 Camp |

An email received from Umesh Pratap, a former teacher at St Marys DHS outlining the career pathway that has opened up for his daughter. It certainly highlights his most positive view of the school and the fact that students are in no way disadvantaged in attending a rural school if they are prepared to commit to their own learning.

"Hi Folks,

Feeling pleased with Upasna's recent effort I wish to share her latest achievement with some of her teachers and community, for as a parent, I believe all started at St Marys District High School a few years ago.

Upasna applied for a program to study towards a "Specialist" qualification. She was competing against other doctors who have been in the job for around 10-12 years (it is only her 2nd year). For 18 vacancies in the ENT area there were over 120 application Australia wide. After an assessment of her current practice, referees reports and interviews she was rated 3rd overall.

Umesh."

East Coast Regional Chess Championship



Lance Walsh, Bonnie Panoff, Jesse McColl, Joshua McDiarmid



Patrick Escobar, Marcus Bretag, Lawrence Bretag, Mason Pitstock, Brody Mitchell

On a beautiful winter's day a group of St Marys secondary and primary students rocked up for what is now becoming an annual event, that is, the East Coast Regional Chess Championship.

We are pleased to report that this was won by St Marys against stiff opposition from St Helens, Bicheno and Fingal schools.

We are now eligible to enter the State Championship, which will possibly be held next term during October. We have some strong individual players who might do well on the day, but WAIT AND SEE!

Below is a list of our players who made it into the top twenty out of 81 players on the day: (S = Secondary, P = Primary number in brackets = ranking):

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Lawrence Bretag | S(1) |
| Marcus Bretag | S(2) |
| Lance Walsh | P(3) |
| Bonnie Panoff | P(5) |
| Mason Pitstock | S(7) |
| Patrick Escobar | S(8) |
| Jesse McColl | P(11) |
| Brody Mitchell | S(13) |
| Joshua McDiarmid | P(14) |
| Cody Dutch | P(19) |

Other excellent players were:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Tamieka Davern | P |
| Sam Wardlaw | S |
| Sean Harris | S |
| Toby Micek | S |
| Corey Thow | S |
| Jonathan McGee | S |
| Jacob Bushing | P |
| Luke Graham | P |
| James Mason | P |
| Blake Polden | P |
| Cathrina Smith | P |
| Cody Redshaw | P |

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Klaas Oosterloo

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16th Sept **C.H.A.T Session** 1pm in the Day Room with Hayley phone 6372 2111 for further details. All parents and guardians welcome to attend.

16th Sept **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton
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17th Sept **Podiatry- Lightfoot Podiatry Service**
Bookings for private Podiatry Services can be made by phoning: Lightfoot Podiatry Services Launceston phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

17th Sept **Psychologist** Dahotay Teboul,
appointments by referral from your GP.

23rd Sept **Rae & Partners Barristers and Solicitors**, Tom Bain phone 6337 5555

23rd Sept **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton
Every Tuesday by appointment.
on: 0428136381

PODIATRY SERVICES 2008

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OPTOM EYES

Visit St Helens 2 days a month. For appointments please phone 6376 1374

Times: Day 1- 11:40am- 4:40pm
Day 2- 08:40am- 2:20pm

Dates for remainder of 2008:

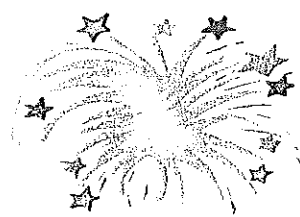
30th & 31st October

27th & 28th November

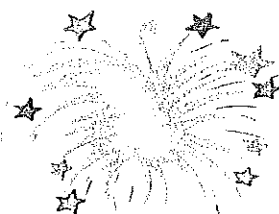
18th & 19th December

AUSTRALIAN HEARING 131797

Visit St Helens 3-4 days once a month for appointments. To make appointments or check your eligibility phone the above number. Please note that service vouchers can take 6 weeks so please phone in advance.



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



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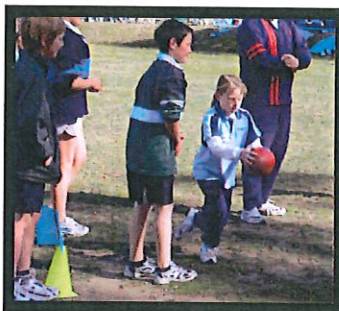


Mini Olympics

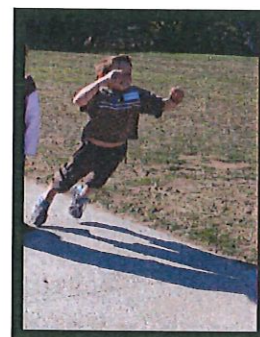
On Tuesday, 2nd September 220 primary students from Fingal, St Marys and Avoca met at Fingal Primary School to compete in a teams based Mini Olympics. Students from the three schools were placed in mixed age, and mixed school teams and represented the top 20 countries from the recent Beijing Olympics. They competed in a range of activities such as stilt racing, pillow fighting, goal shooting, team long jump and sock wrestling. The children marched onto the ground with their team, and an Oath was read on behalf of the athletes. The cauldron was lit (only just!), and then the competitions began. All athletes won a medal or two and had a fantastic day. They enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch. While they were munching on their sausages, two students from Fingal, Breeana Francis and Madelaine McGill, with the support of Janine Burt, provided a soup and sandwich (and sweets) luncheon for 30 people from the Fingal community who came as our special guests to watch the students perform. Thank you to everyone who came along to our Mini Olympics and made the day such a wonderful success.



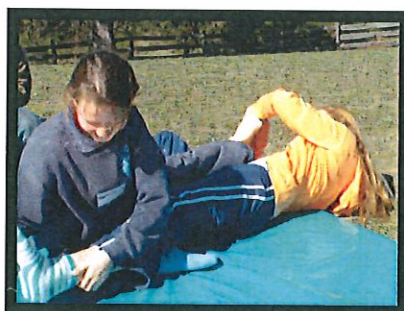
Mr. Nick Finlay, Avoca, Claire Oates, Fingal and Louise Webb, Fingal read the Oath on behalf of the athletes.



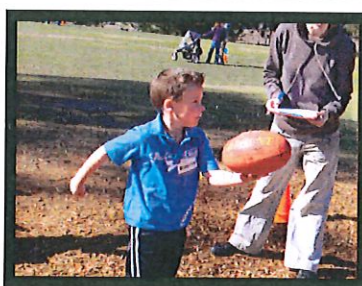
Grace Gee from Fingal competes in the Goal Shooting while Chris Arratta and Finn Buchhorn from St Marys wait for their turn.



Fingal's Mark Death competes in the Team Long Jump.



Lisa Freeman and Tayla Stingle from Fingal compete in the Sock Wrestling.



Liam Davern from St Marys lines up his shot in the Handball event.



Kallum Brittain from Fingal in the Pillow Fighting.

Calendar of Events - September

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| 8th First Day of School Holidays | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
| 15th | 16th | 17th | 18th | 19th Last Day of School Holidays. |

Sports Centre News Kackhander.

Thank you so much to every single person who helped recently with the aeration of the greens. Already it can be seen to be a huge benefit and in the coming spring this will only be enhanced. To every single person on the Thursday and Friday who came along to help your blood is worth bottling. If we start putting down names there is a fair chance we'll forget someone so we won't but it is truly appreciated by all. To all the usual suspects that we know as Bob, Trev, Col and the crew, thanks for your ongoing commitment to the club. It means a lot.

Congratulations to Craig Freiboth for winning the Australasian Golf Museum Day last week, with a terrific 42 points and to runner up Kirk Bean on 38 points. Craig will now represent St Marys in the state final at Bothwell in November. He will be accompanied by the Ladies winner and we will print that person's name in the next issue for sure. Good luck to all who play.

This upcoming weekend 13th and 14th September is a special 50th Anniversary Spilsbury Trophy. This wonderful event is a highlight each year due in no small part to the kind and continuous generosity of the Spilsbury Family, in particular Keith, Elma, Spaz, Rod and Betty Spilsbury.

Every single player is encouraged to play at least one of the days to say thanks to this terrific bunch of supporters. Traditionally it's a men's members event, but this year it is open to women as well and any former members who still hold a golf handicap somewhere. In short ALL ARE WELCOME. See you there.

Now to bowls and at the recent first bowls meeting it was decided to hold an Opening/Social day on Sunday 5th October at 12.30 pm. All are asked to bring a plate. (Preferably with food on it) Sounds like a top way to start the year doesn't it. Jack Viney hopes to have the green open to use after September 13th and official practice nights commence on September 25th at 5 pm.

Thursday September 18th will see a Women's Bowls Meeting at 6.30 pm at the clubhouse and all the ladies are encouraged to attend if at all possible. There is a lot to look forward to this season and again any new members will be warmly welcomed to the club.

Well done Barry Harrison in taking out the major prize in MARK'S FOOTY TIPPING. But he's still a bloody Collingwood supporter, poor bugger. Great effort Bazz. All the winners next issue and thanks again Mark Carrick for running a great event again.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

Stallholders Market Inc. Is a non profit organisation holding markets every Saturday from 8am in St Helens, at the Library car park.

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.

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Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm

Sat 8am 12 noon

In-store butchery

This week

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| Ingham thigh fillets | \$10.99kg |
| T- Bone steak | \$15.99kg |
| Legs of lamb | \$ 8.99kg |
| Tasman corned silverside | \$ 6.99kg |

Late week

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| IGA Bakers Oven bread 650g | \$ 2.09 |
| Schweppes/ Pepsi soft drink 2lt | \$ 1.65 |
| Smiths potato chips 175g | \$ 1.99 |
| Maggi world famous frozen meals | \$ 1.99 |

In-store butchery

Next week

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| Ingham breast fillets | \$14.99kg |
| Porterhouse steak | \$14.99kg |
| Regular mince | \$ 8.99kg |
| Topside roast | \$ 8.99kg |

Late week

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| Coca Cola/ Sprite/Zero/ Fanta 2lt | \$ 2.39 |
| Scotts meat pies 6pk | \$ 3.99 |
| Smiths potato chips 175g | \$ 1.99 |
| Ingham frozen chicken pieces 1kg | \$ 1.99 |

NOW BACK IN STOCK

RANGE OF ANIMAL FEED

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| BARLEY 25KG - | CHICK CRUMBLES 25KG |
| CHICK STARTER 5KG - | EXTEND 20KG |
| DAIRY COW PELLETS 25KG - | GOAT MEAL 20KG |
| EWES & LAMB PELLETS 25KG- | LAYER MEAL 20KG |
| HORSE & PONY 20KG - | PIG GROWER 25KG |
| LAYER PELLETS 10KG & 25KG- | WHEAT 8KG & 25KG |
| TURKEY CRUMBLE 25KG | |
| FREE RANGE LAYER MIX 5KG & 20KG | |

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A VERY HAPPY
40TH BIRTHDAY
FOR TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH.

