

stamp will be made for us and the people from Australia Post tell me that this is indeed a great honour for our Post Office.

Australia Christmas philatelic issues are prized all around the world and it is quite humbling to know that they will all bear a St Marys postmark.

Details are still a little sketchy and no doubt we will learn more about this matter in coming weeks, but as soon as we hear about ordering procedures for the 2009 Christmas stamp issues, we will put a notice in the Valley Voice, because we imagine many St Marys residents will be keen to purchase First Day Covers.

Harry & Kerry Veldums, St Marys Licensed Post Office.

Pictured right: Harry & Kerry Veldums.

#### **Exciting Post Office news**

We have just been advised by Australia Post that St Marys has been chosen as the Post Office to postmark all 2009 Christmas philatelic issues throughout Australia.

According, every 2009 Christmas Stamp First Day Cover sold in Australia and around the world will have a postmark from the St Marys Post Office.

I gather that a special postmark



#### The impact of rubbish!

On the 23rd of September, nine eager Outdoor Ed students along with Mr. Lynch took up the challenge of collecting rubbish around the school and township. After collecting 5 garbage bags and 2 normal shopping bags of rubbish in around an hour, our results were staggering!

Plastic topped the results from the school and in the street area. Glad wrap and Ice Money wrappers filled the primary area. There definitely needs to be a rubbish management plan put in place to control the rubbish in our school and community. Some ideas could be to place more rubbish bins around the area, place a surcharge on some items which is refunded as the bottle/plastic is returned. We also recommend better signage and larger fines for littering offences.

The majority of the rubbish in each category is as follows:

Plastics-Glad Wrap

Paper- Ice Money wrappers

Aluminium-Fizzy cordial and alcohol cans

Food wrappers- Chocolate bars and chip packets

Miscellaneous- Polystyrene hot chip containers and insulation

In the hour we were out and about collecting rubbish we collected a total of 13kg of rubbish.

In concluding, we really need to knuckle down and put a stop to littering!

Stacy, Sharnie, Selina, Jemma and Elise.

Pictured right: Zac McDonald, Christian Heron.

At back from left: Teacher Mr Cameron Lynch, Josh Male,
Selena Panoff, Sharnie Brown, Liam Norton, Stacy Thomas, Elise Wright.



Photo courtesy Peter Troode.

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5 pm Tuesday October 20, 2009.

PLEASE NOTE NEW email address: judith.spilsbury@telair.com.au

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 General Meetings are now held at 5pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the Happy Belly Deli. Come along and enjoy the fun and bring along your ideas for the Arts in this community.

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

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

**St Marys Playgroup** meets each Thursday at 10.30am at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members. **Contact Danyelle Briggs:** 

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

Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society meets once a month on the last Sunday.

Ph: John 6376 3130.

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

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

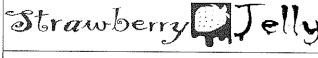
The Falmouth Community centre would like to advise members and the community that the new contact for bookings of club facilities is Ben Morgan. Ben can be contacted on 03 6372 5604.

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

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

St Helens Combined Probus Club has vacancies for their three day trip to Beaconsfield & GeorgeTown, Nov. 16 18. Enquiries: Ph John 63763120.





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Required for 13th October

heather on email: hancohj@hotmail.com

#### LOST

on the last Friday of Term 2 at St Marys, a blue case with a small blue strap on it.

Inside was two Pokemon games (Pokemon Plantinum & Pokemon Mystery Blue Dungeon)

One very distraught boy, who used his birthday money to buy these games.

Please contact: 6374 2112 or 0407 494 181.

Thank you.

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#### THE GRASSY BOTTOM SINGERS

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WE WILL FORWARD YOR CONTRIBULTIONS TO THE UGANDAN WOTOTA ORPHAN'S CHOIR.

THANKS FROM US AND THEM.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas "A little more from Gilbert"

This issue I thought I'd give you a little more from the wonderful memories of Gilbert Shier, as he remembers what life was like in St Marys during the Second World War. It was about this time that, as a young lad, he moved from the family farm at Gray to live in St Marys.

From audio tape...

Well, there wasn't much to do for entertainment in those days, although there was a dance on, every weekend at St Marys - for comfort funds for the war – that was getting things for the soldiers, to send off to them. The dances were every Saturday night. Sometimes there'd be one at Fingal if you could get enough people to go down there. Dozens of these dances and other things would be held; all for Red Cross.

There were pictures every Saturday night, too; old Arthur Brown ran the pictures. And then Sunday I used to go with him and his son Cedric to Fingal. Some of us, like Frank and Toby Spilsbury and meself, we'd go and pay to go to the pictures Saturday night at St Marys, then Sunday afternoon we'd go to Fingal and see 'em again and probably sell tickets or collect them at the door.

Sunday night we mainly went to Storey's Creek. There was a crowd come in there, and oh she was a funny old show out at Storey's Creek, she was as rough as you would get her there. Tracy Orchids would come to the pictures in his old man's hob-nail boots about five sizes too big for him, and he and his mates would sit up on the piano - they was expensive seats, sitting up on the piano with their feet hanging down - and they'd smoke old stubs. You couldn't see the screen after a while; it was like looking through a fog. Oh, God she was a set-up no doubt about it. We'd go out there of course and then we'd take the tickets at the door, or sell 'em.

I remember the first time I went out there 'cause we had this old 29 Chev with a single cab on it. They'd done away with the back and put an engine in it that was needed to drive the generator to run the picture machine. We were packing up and I remember old Arthur coming out and he said: "My word we've had a good night."

I said: "Have you? What have you done?"

He said: "We've got five pound two and six." And he had to go all the way up to Storey's Creek to get it too! Showed pictures from eight o'clock till eleven. Yeah, he reckons it was a good night.

I suppose it cost about two shillings, or something like that, and ninepence for kids to see the pictures. All during the war the films still kept on coming, but of course he had to pay for them. You see, if he showed at St. Marys on the Saturday night, he had to pay for that, now you see Sunday night he'd show it and he wouldn't have to pay 'cause you couldn't get 'em back to town, (Launceston). So he got that one for nix I suppose, and I think Arthur used to work her pretty well. On Friday night he used to show 'em sometimes, but it was always a late start because he had to wait for the bus to come in to get the film. He'd probably show on Friday night and Sunday night and then only pay for Saturday night!

They went to St Marys, Fingal, and Storey's Creek and the odd time they'd go to Mathinna. They'd go there on a Monday night - he used to keep the film an extra day.

She was a great thing the old pictures, it was the only place to go. But, gee, the seats were hard and all those Cornwall women would come in and go crook at Arthur about the hard seats. Old Mrs Williams always complained: "Your seats are too bloody hard; I don't think I'll come anymore."

"Well, I didn't ask you to come and sit on 'em in the first place," old Arthur would answer.



Some of the Schier family outside their saddle shop in Storey Street. It was situated around about where the Police Station is today.

#### Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor.

I have read 'Doing the Rounds' by Councillor Johns and I have a bit of advice.

Remember the chap who wrote to the Valley Voice telling newcomers to be aware when submitting their house plans that to get them passed with no hiccups to make sure they were designed by a local and not someone from interstate?

Maybe Councillor Johns and Councillor Clement should try the same tactic. Give your motions to another councillor and I bet my bottom dollar they will get through, unanimously.

Name Supplied (via email)

To the Editor

Why is the Break O'Day Council so anti-tourism?

They are against the State Government's move for a Bay of Fires National Park.

Which would bring more visitors to our area and create more jobs.

They are against St Marys being known as a van friendly town.

Even after they spend THOUSANDS of your dollars building lovely showers and toilets on the Recreation Ground.

Bring on the amalgamation!!

Regards,

Rod Corfe.

Dear Editor,

I disagree with the sentiment of Kim Watkins. (VV24-9-09) To suggest someone should leave the St Marys community because they hold dissenting views on angle parking (of all things) displays no wisdom whatsoever.

J B Foreman.

Valley Voice,

Hi, I'm writing to ask what's going on with our water and sewerage costs. Previously the unfair system under the Council had St Marys residents paying \$270 a year for sewerage connections and Scamander residents paying \$470 a year, a difference of \$200!

Now thanks to the new water corporations unfairer new billing method, St Marys pays \$297 while Scamander pays \$517, a difference of \$220!

Now I always understood the idea of forming councils was to pool resources for the good of the whole community; seems that idea got lost somewhere.

It's obvious that to make the system fair, St Marys bills will have to go up \$110 and Scamander's come down \$110. If Ben Lomond Water would like to adopt my amazing formula, feel free, I won't charge a fee. What ever happened to a fair go?

There is another alternative; perhaps we could adopt a new voting system for council elections where your vote is valued according to your financial contributions!

\$517 dollars = 1 vote, \$297 dollars = .574 of a vote.

It might just get rid of the valleycentric unfair policies of the council and water authority!

Please, please David Bartlett, hurry up these council mergers and bring in a flat rate system so we can live in a fair society.

Scamander resident (Name supplied.)

The Editor.

I read Councillor Johns comments about Grassy Bottom and their favourable treatment. As I am an avid reader of council minutes to keep me up with the facts, I read at the council chambers the Associated Reports and Documents dated the 10 August 2009.

On page 9, a letter dated the 6/7/2009, written and signed by the secretary of the GBRA, clearly states that they request a fee waiver of ALL council facilities.

After reading this letter and all other correspondence pertaining to this group, I can fully comprehend why Councillor Johns, Clement and Holder voted against Deputy Marg Osborne's motion which does give this group preferential treatment.

I am not implying that they don't do any good for the community but, don't other community groups do just as much and why should this group not have to contribute to the upkeep of the venues they use?

Fairness For All Groups. Name Supplied (via email)

To the Editor,

In regards to the letters about parking in Main Street St Marys in the last edition of this fine paper.

Shall we wait until someone is seriously injured or killed before you realise that the current parking on the southern side of the street is dangerous?

On the few times I have parked on the southern side I have nearly been smashed into, while legally reversing out BLIND.

I have also witnessed 2 smashes and many near misses.

When a van or high ute or mini bus or truck is parked alongside, you can not see and have to reverse out BLIND.

Council has a very fine, but under-utilised car park along side the Town Hall.

Only a couple of spaces will be lost when parallel parking is introduced on the southern side.

And these could easily be made up if workers parked in the council car park, leaving the Main Street for shoppers.

And after all, a short walk will do you good.

Name supplied (via email)



Just in from the USA!
Fe Gillies strutting her stuff.!

#### Letter to the Editor

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Letter to the Editor

In reply to Doing the Rounds "Do you Know comment".

I find the remarks of Clr Johns very misleading and not fully factual. The Council has stopped unauthorized people entering the internal offices of Council for quite a few reasons, there are people working with documents that are people's personal files and to have unauthorized people walking into offices without notice looking over the shoulder of people working on them is undesirable.

Occupational health and safety demands are extremely high, and every one, even Councillors, have to sign in and out of the internal office so that in case of fire everyone is accounted for.

With the flu epidemic it was also desirable for health reasons to know who had been in the office in case a carrier was found, and all visitors and the health department could be notified.

How Clr Johns can say that he is stopped from entering the office is a false remark. The front desk staff are always very helpful and open the door for all Councillors whenever they come to Council for any reason at all. I am usually in the Council at least four times a week and find it easier to ask a staff member to open the door, it is certainly not a problem that I don't open the door myself.

Clr Johns has only been inside the office on four occasions since the 20/08/2009 till the time of writing this reply 3/10/2009, they were three workshops and one Council meeting, these were organised meetings, how Clr Johns can say he is stopped from entering the Council offices, and have a problem with asking staff to open the door four times in six (6) weeks is beyond belief.

Robert Legge, Mayor.

The Editor Valley Voice

I am being approached by residents expressing their concerns that the Review process into the possible amalgamation of the The Blue Tier Walking day trip

Come and celebrate "Get Walking Tasmania Month" with a day trip to the Blue Tier. The area is rich in natural beauty and history and has many well formed walking tracks.

When: Saturday 17th October 2009
Where: Meet the bus at Healthy House—

5 Portland Court, St Helens

Time: 9.00amCost: \$10

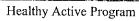
Bookings essential.
 Call the Healthy House on 6376 5242

Bring- Packed lunch, warm clothing, waterproof jacket, water bottle and suitable walking shoes.

We will be driving up to Poimena and walking one of the trails leaving from this historic mining settlement. The walk will be graded as easy and suitable for all ages.

> This project is supported by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging







Break O'Day with Glamorgan Spring Bay has now passed the point at which they can make submissions to the Local Government Board, and that they have been given no advice as to how they can express their opinions directly to their Council; they are confused as to why this matter has erupted, what are the reasons for the issue being raised, and what are the benefits that would result for them as ratepayers from such an amalgamation. In the absence of answers to such questions, they felt unable to make informed submissions to the Board. They have asked whether they will be able to read and comment on the report of the Local Government Board when it is provided to Council, before Council makes a final submission to the Minister for local Government on behalf of electors.

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BODHRA

In my opinion the Local Government Board report is the end of a process designed to obtain information for electors to consider, so that they may make informed comments to Council to be taken into account before it makes a response to the Minister- the report belongs to the electors, not to the Council. However, it is possible that the report will be kept confidential. Accordingly, I have submitted a motion for Monday's Council Meeting that Council establish an extensive consultation process with electors before making any response to the report, so that all Councillors are fully aware of the views of ratepayers, and those views are formed as a result of being able to consider the information, reasons and recommendations put forward by the Board in its report.

My concern is not whether electors support or oppose amalgamation, but that the process leading to their decision allows them to be informed on the issues involved. A condition of the motion originally passed by the BOD Council requesting a Review by the Board was that there be 'extensive community consultation". I have been refused permission to ask a Question On Notice at next week's meeting, a question as to whether the view expressed in a submission to the Board "I am of the opinion that a practical outlook with a timely outcome for this venture can be achieved fairly quickly rather than a laborious navel searching exercise with unnecessary time being wasted on trivial matters and what if scenarios that only delay the same end result" is an expression of belief denying the need for such extensive community consultation..

Residents have the right to be able to form and express an <u>informed</u> view in a process which could result in the abolition of their municipality, which is not a "trivial matter". I believe your readers support the principles of openness, accountability and communication between Council and its community. Accordingly I have proposed a motion that incorporates those principles, in order to obtain that right.

David Clement, Councillor.



# Ladies and Gentlemen This is an open invitation to join in the fun at our

Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc.

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\* Major Raffle drawn

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Cup Gentleman

Best Cup hat

Novelty hat

Novelty Tie

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What a privilege it has been to have been involved with JAM for the last 8 years!

In that time we have seen many children come through the doors and we have counted it a wonderful blessing to be able to nurture the girls and the boys in their spiritual growth.

We are grateful to God for what He has done in growing this ministry - but of course without all the parents, there would be no children to minister to!

And so, here in this paper, we would like to pay tribute to all the Dads and Mums who have trusted us with their children over such a long time.

And now a question:

What makes up a Children's Ministry?

One answer might correctly be: lots and lots of preparation!

But the most important answer for the team would be: to shine the love of Jesus to each and every child who walks through the door.

The remaining ingredients of the programme include: a Bible story and its application to real life, singing, craft, games, food, friendship and FUN!

For any enquiries regarding future enrolments and/or joining the team, please contact Envoy Melanie Norton on 6372 2099 or 0409 838 816.

The Birthday cake was cut by the oldest member of the group, Caitlyn, and the youngest member Yazmin. (See photo above)

All photos this page courtesy Peter Troode.

### WEDGED TAILED EAGLE

#### by Sonia Progly

Driving into town on our track the other day A wedgic rose from the gutter just two meters away. The juvenile male was quenching his thirst; I startled him, He looked at me, flew, & perched in the nearest tree.

I was Astounded, agog, frozen, in awe, He hadn't moved in 3 minutes or more. I reversed home to grab Λrthur, & the video recorder, We returned to the place where he'd flown from the water.

Alas, in despair we couldn't see him anywhere, As we rounded the bend dismay dispersed For in another tree the same eagle had perched, Arthur took amazing shots, wingspan, glossy feathers the lot.

Struggle gully docco's were in the making, We were so excited our hands were shaking An opportunity so rarely comes by, so off home we would fly.

Arthur plugged the recorder into the screen Then proceeded to shout something obscene Four stars, four stars, four stars, he roared, Realization set in, he failed to press record.





### Sonia takes third place

Sonia Progly, pictured left, who was recently placed third in the Regional Poetry Slam, has been invited to participate in the State Finals, on the evening of the 16th of October at the ABC studio in Launceston.

Poetry read on the night will be broadcast the following week on local ABC 102.70.

Sonia's poem Wedged Tailed Eagle (above) has won her a place in the finals and we all wish her well.

Congratulations Sonia, and the best of luck from all of us here in St Marys.

#### Apology:

Due to a broadband breakdown for the last two days, some content may be missing from this issue, as I was unable to access my emails during this time.

I now have a new email address:

judith.spilsbury@telair.com.au
Technology is wonderful until things go haywire!
Hopefully things will be back on track for the
next issue.

Sincere apologies to anyone who has had an article missed from this issue.

Editor.



### St.Marys Tigers Football Club Inc.

St Marys Tigers Football Club Inc. Report

What a fabulous time was had by all at the footy ground last Friday night. We had two full teams, captained by Ray Squires and Roger Salter, and the standard of football was outstanding.

Some specific highlights; Roger Salter running around like a 20 year old with all the skill still there, Craig Freiboth streaming out of full back with a couple of bounces and a long clearing kick, the accurate kicking and passing of Michael Cooke and Anthony Wood and the enthusiasm of the youngsters. The game was played in great spirit but at an extremely competitive level. Many thanks to Derek Singline (a good old fashioned country copper!) for his great job as umpire.

Finally, what about all the spectators (there would have been more than a hundred of them) that bought back the old atmosphere. What a pleasure it was to see a crowd there, to witness the young kids running around kicking a footy and having fun while their parents munched on a sausage or sipped on a beer while they intently watched the game.

There are plenty of people around the place that said the club was doomed from the start but there was a spirit at the ground on Friday that gladdened the heart and inspired you to keep trying to get this great club back into full swing. A big thank you to everyone that made the effort to come out on what was a pretty cold evening.

There are a couple of givens — we have a hard working and dedicated committee; we have support from the community (Genevieve Aulich and Grant Faulkner couldn't help themselves, they jumped behind the counter and helped out with serving the sausages and drinks and I received numerous offers of assistance from a wide variety of people) and most importantly we have a good bunch of blokes that love their footy and just want to have a game.

So, where to now? We were completely overwhelmed with the response to last Friday night so we will arrange further matches over the rest of spring and summer (most likely on Friday evenings) but try and be a little more organised next time. We will make an effort to attract a similar "social mixed-age" team from Fingal and St Helens and might even be able to establish an informal summer competition (including the two teams from St Marys). We will also look at options to incorporate some social activities to coincide with the footy.

Watch this space! Harry Veldums, Club President.

#### LATE NEWS:

#### NEXT MATCH TENTATIVELY SET DOWN

#### FOR 6TH NOVEMBER!!

St. Marys Tigers Football Club, P.O. Box 42 St. Marys Tas 7215 Ph. (03) 63 722256 Mob. 0418564710

#### Keeping communities vibrant and connected

Overcoming the tyranny of isolation is the key to keeping communities vibrant and flourishing, Premier David Bartlett said last week. as he was presenting the keys and vehicle to the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House, one of the 12 successful applicants of the Cars for Communities Grant Program.

"This is about overcoming loneliness, having the opportunity to join in and get active in the community. Locally-provided transport is essential to enriching people's lives. It can help keep people connected.

"We want people to be able to stay living in the communities where they have their friends and networks but still have access to the services that they need.

"People can feel isolated even in their own homes. They can feel trapped because it is difficult for them to travel to a doctor or a chemist, or down to the shops to get Christmas presents for the grandchildren.

"Something as simple as providing a community vehicle can make a huge difference.

"The Fingal Valley is a typical example of a regional community in Tasmania that needs flexible, cost-effective and accessible local transport," Mr Bartlett said.

"The community needs this transport to help people do things like reach health appointments in other towns, access family services, attend educational courses and even take part in social and recreational activities that they would not have been able to take part in before."

Mr Bartlett said the demand for the program showed that this was a great need for communities right around Tasmania. "In just one month, we received 47 applications from communities who were interested in taking part in the program," Mr Bartlett said.

"To me, this speaks volumes about the need around Tasmania for local transport so people can be more easily connected with other communities.

"The State Government has committed \$1.5 million over three years to the Community Transport Trust to meet this demand.

"This will support mums and dads who can't get to the shops, elderly people stuck in their homes and students in remote areas who need transport to reach educational opportunities in larger centres.

"A total of \$500,000 has been committed to 12 communities, of which the Fingal Valley is one, in this first grant round."

Other successful applicants were:

- · Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre
- · Eastern Shore Community House
- Penguin High School Association Inc
- · Brighton Council
- · Jordon Rivers Services Inc
- Northern Newpin Association
- · Ravenswood Neighbourhood House
- · St Helens Neighbourhood House
- · Salvation Army (Tas) Property Trust
- Circular Head Child Care Centre
- Goodwood Community Centre.

#### A second grant round will be open in February 2010.



Premier David Bartlett presenting the Community Car to the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House last week.

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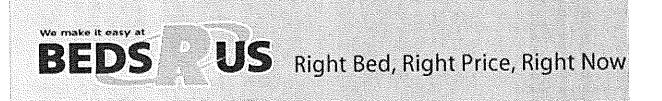




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The members of the Guild would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Kelly, Rod and family on the loss of Kelly's mum. Although Kelly is not a member of our organisation she has always shown support to our Guild by displaying and selling our wares in Strawberry Jelly.

Thank you to Patricia Tate who invited the Guild to demonstrate their skills at the Early Childhood Expo held at Bicheno Primary School. Our two members Reon and Col attended and we hope that the easels made by our clever member Col MacKenzie and given away free are being put to good use. Reon has asked me to extend a personal thank you regarding the great morning tea provided and how he was charmed by the politeness and behaviour of the children.

The Northern Veterans Cycle Club will again grace our town with their athleticism on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> October. The race will begin at Gray Mares Tail at 10 am and finish at the St Marys Railway Station. Please come along and show your support to this dedicated group and especially our home town cyclist Olivier Chartrain.

Pictured right is a photo of an outdoor setting available for sale from the club for \$260.00.

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



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

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Premier David Bartlett has welcomed the upgrading of a Telstra telephone exchange in Richmond which will allow local residents to access increased broadband speeds of up to 20Mbps.

"I am very pleased that this latest upgrade by Telstra will see ADSL2+ coverage extended to 88 per cent of Tasmanian households and businesses.

"The State Government has brought competition to the Tasmanian market place and that means better broadband speeds at lower prices for mums and dads.

"The strategic investment to date by the State Government in optic fibre has created the environment for this competition, and I am very happy that Tasmanian families are benefiting with improved services.

"Telstra has a role to play in a competitive marketplace and should be congratulated for upgrading broadband services to more people," Mr Bartlett said.

"The reason I am so passionate about high speed broadband is because of what it can do for Tasmanians.

"High-speed broadband can allow your daughter to study courses from the world's best universities without leaving her home in Tasmania.

"It could allow your elderly mother to stay in her home longer because her vitals can be monitored daily by a medical expert via her TV screen.

"While your son half way across the world could take part in your 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party without leaving his lounge room in London.

"The applications are endless and so too are the types of clever jobs that this technology will create here in Tasmania.

"The jobs our kids used to move to Melbourne and Sydney for will be based right here is Tasmania, in fact better jobs," Mr Bartlett said.

The Premier also welcomed the announcement by Telstra of a new T(life) interactive store in Hobart which will demonstrate the latest devices and result in an additional 25 jobs.



#### NRM NORTH ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Local community care groups and not-for-profit organisations in northern Tasmania are being encouraged to apply for NRM North's latest round of small grants.

NRM North's Community Grants program opened last week and will offer grants from between one hundred dollars to a maximum of five thousand dollars to assist landcare and natural resource management activities.

NRM North is investing around 115 thousand dollars in total. The funding has been made available through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said NRM North had decided to run another round of community grants following the success of a similar

program earlier in the year.

"Our Landcare and Community Grants program in April attracted a lot of interest. We were able to fund 14 projects including field days, natural resource management education programs for schools and the removal of weeds." Mr McKee said.

"We are confident the next round of grants will be just as successful and we encourage local groups in northern Tasmania to submit an application."

Some examples of the eligible activities include:

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- · Field days/activities which engage local community and schools
- New group start-up

Mr McKee said the program would ensure local groups were supported in their efforts to look after northern Tasmania's natural resources.

"These groups play a crucial role in managing our natural resources and this program aims to keep them active and vibrant.

"Many of the grass roots activities are done by volunteers so providing them with funding for things like equipment and supplies will go a long way towards helping these groups achieve their goals."

Applicants must be incorporated, not-for-profit organisations or volunteer care groups (encompassing landcare, bushcare, rivercare, coastcare and 'friends of' groups) or be supported by an organisation that is incorporated. Individuals are not eligible.

"The projects must deliver on one or a number of objectives which include increasing community participation in natural resource management and maintaining or enhancing the condition of Tasmania's coast, waterways, rivers and/or wetlands." Mr McKee said.

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available on the NRM North website at www.nrmnorth.org.au

Kits can also be requested by contacting NRM North administration on 6333 7777.

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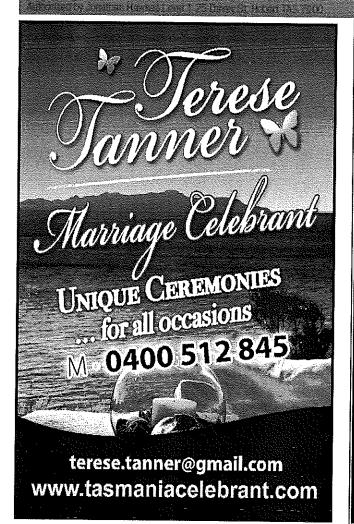
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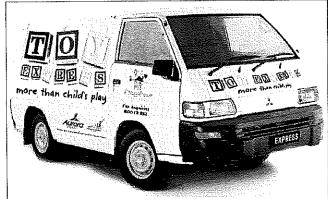
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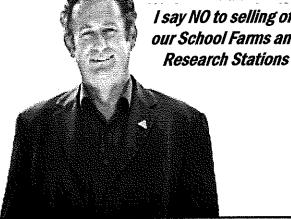
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Break O'Day Council invites you to attend a community forum in your area to listen to presentations from Red Cross and the Tasmania Fire Service in relation to preparing yourself and your home for any emergency that may arise.

### "Being prepared, knowing what to do and how to seek help is vital and will help you cope better if an emergency occurs" Australian Red Cross

These forums are free to attend and if you require additional information, please contact Chris Hughes on 6376 7900 or by email chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au

Date	Location	Time
Saturday 10 October, 2009	Falmouth Community Centre	10 – 12 pm
Saturday 10 October, 2009	Scamander Sports Complex	2 – 4 pm
Sunday 11 October, 2009	Binalong Bay Fire Station	10 – 12 pm
Sunday 11 October, 2009	St Marys Hall	2 – 4 pm
Monday 12 October, 2009	Fingal Community Centre	7 – 9 pm
Monday 19 October, 2009	Portland Hall, St Helens	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Tuesday 20 October, 2009	Weldborough Hotel	7 – 9 pm
Wednesday 21 October, 2009	Pyengana Recreation Complex	7 – 9 pm
Sunday 1 November, 2009	Ansons Bay Fire Station	2 – 4 pm

Tony Walker General Manager

### A little bit of trivia connected to Jim Haas' Scamander Hotel heritage story in last issue.

My mother's sister, Martha Margison, nee Dakin, was cook for a number of years at Scamander Hotel. On the night of the 1929 flood, my father, as usual, went down to pick her up after work because she had days off, and bring her home to St Marys, her time to finish I believe was very late at night.

On their way back across the bridge, my father used to tell me, he could feel the bridge shaking and moving. It appears that they only just made it when the bridge collapsed, and they were always recognised as the last car to cross.

After the bridge collapsed we used to cross by punt, that was handled, and I believe owned, by a Mr Crews (or spelt Cruse). I know as a child I used to look forward to the ride across the river.

Martha Margison, with whom I spent many happy hours was John Margison's grandmother. Families were very close in those days.

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### Annual Weed Spraying Program

Council wish to advice residents and the public that the Break O'Day Council Annual Weed Spraying Program will be commencing in October 2009, weather permitting.

Council will be spraying for the eradication of noxious weeds in Parks, Reserves, Road Verges and Footpaths.

If any resident has any concerns to spraying occurring in the vicinity of their property please contact the St Helens Works Depot on 6376 1866 between 8 am and 4.30 pm to register.

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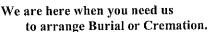
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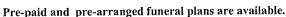
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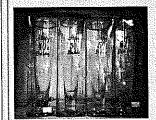
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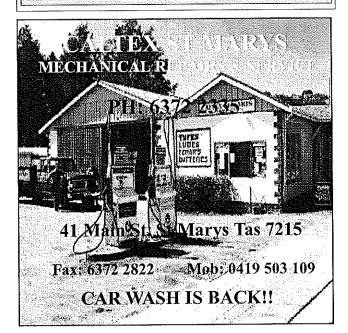
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### CAMPBELL TOWN CHILD CARE CENTRE MISINFORMATION EXPLOITS COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, is disappointed that there is currently misinformation being circulated with regard to a proposed Early Learning and Child Care Centre in Campbell Town.

"Reports that the Australian Government "promised" an Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Centre in Campbell Town are simply incorrect.

"My office has been in contact with the Campbell Town Child Care Committee over a period of time, and made it clear on a number of occasions that Campbell Town was not on a 'list' of centres to be established.

"To say that promised funding has not been delivered is not correct – there was no funding promised by the Australian Government," Mr Adams said.

Mr Adams said that he understood that the Campbell Town Committee had submitted an expression of interest to the process to be considered for one of the 260 Additional ELCs, but that it had been made clear that an expression of interest had never been a guarantee of funding for a centre.

"With regard to changes to the existing Child Care arrangements in Campbell Town, it is my understanding that there will not be any changes to the current arrangements and that Campbell Town is not on the schedule to increase its Kindergarten hours to three days per week.

"This politicisation of a community concern does nothing to assist the community in Campbell Town to work toward the establishment of an ELC," Dick Adams

Mr Adams said that he was concerned that the current misinformation would only divide the community, and would not assist in their ultimate goal of establishing and ELC in Campbell Town.

### **Dick/Adams**MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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#### MORE HELP FOR YOUNG PARENTS

Young parents will get more help in raising their children in the early years with the announcement of the successful community providers to offer more Tasmanian Government funded support services.

The Minister for Human Services, Lin Thorp, has visited the Northern NewPIN intensive family support service in Launceston to announce the successful organisations for the \$1.2 million Government funded Early Years Parenting Support.

"The initiative, providing up to \$300,000 in the North, South East, South West and North West, focuses on young parents with children 0-5 years old, including unborn children.

"The Early Years Parenting Support initiative will provide intensive support, mentoring and parenting skills, so that young mums and dads can give their little ones a really good start in life."

Ms Thorp said the successful applicants for funding were:

- Northern NewPIN for the northern area;
- Uniting Care Family Services for the South-East and South-West, and
- Anglicare for the North-West.

"The Early Years Parenting Support services complement the Integrated Family Support Services that started operating at the same time as the new 'Gateways' in each of the four regions across Tasmania," she said.

Gateway Services, which commenced last month – along with the Integrated Family Support Services – are key components of the \$89 million overhaul of disability, child, youth and family services in the State.

Ms Thorp said Gateway Services were now providing the community with a visible entry point and referral for vulnerable families and other professionals to access family support services.

"The Gateways are providing information, identifying needs and referring families to appropriate services - helping avoid notifications to child protection services where family support is more appropriate.

"The new approach is building partnerships between parents, communities and services to ensure the right programs are available, and linking early childhood, social, health and education services into an integrated system.

"In the case of the Early Years Support, families will be referred for services through these new Gateways.

"The Department of Health and Human Services will be working with these services to ensure they are closely linked to the new Child and Family Centres as they are rolled out."

Ms Thorp praised Northern NewPIN for providing long-term intensive support to families with children aged under five years.

"The program is getting very positive results from its work with families experiencing generational abuse or neglect," Ms Thorp said.

"The organisation is already planning with the Local Enabling Group to deliver their service from the new Ravenswood Child and Family Centre, when it opens next year.

"It will be great for young families to access early years support from the Centre, in the same location as the Health Centre, the Neighbourhood House and the Primary School."



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Tasmania's Polytechnic, Academy and Skills Institute are undertaking a massive computer replacement program this financial year, Premier David Bartlett has announced. He said the campuses had agreed to release \$1.1 million from capital funds to replace 1000 PCs that are more than four years old.

"These replacements are in addition to 345 new and replacement PCs already provided in the first six months of 2009," he said.

"We will also replace a further 300 PCs as part of our annual PC Replacement Program.

"On top of that, the joint Academy and Polytechnic Campuses will also benefit from the Commonwealth's Digital Education Revolution that will provide a further 1,000 new PCs/laptops or net-books over the life of the program.

"Around 400 of those will be rolled out by November 2009 under the Digital Education Revolution funding.

"In total approximately 1,700 new or replacement PCs will be rolled out in the next three to four months.

"This represents a significant investment in frontline ICT infrastructure.

"It demonstrates that the concerns raised by teachers as part of the AEU survey about the number and quality of computers are being acted on.

"Making these changes to post year 10 education has not been easy and I understand it has meant challenges and difficulties for some staff.

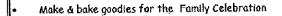
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- Christmas Arts & Craft projects to make
- Write your own Christmas poems & stories

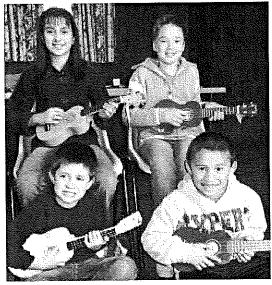


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#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE OCTOBER 20 FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Primary schools across Lyons are encouraged to apply to participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden national program.

Applications for second-round funding close October 20, 2009.

"The kitchen garden program brings kids closer to fresh food and produce," says state Labor candidate for Lyons Rebecca White.

"Teaching hands-on nutrition to young children helps prevent the spread of obesity, asthma, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

"By preventing the onset of health problems we save millions in the future, and provide happier, healthier lives for our children.

"Tasmanian produce is 100 per cent GM-free and teaching children how easy and fun it is to grow and cook their own vegetables sets them up for a healthy, active life."

The national Kitchen Garden program commenced in 2008 with the Federal Labor government committing \$12.8 million to roll it out to 190 government schools nation-wide.

Schools can apply for up to \$66,000 (GST incl.) to fund the construction of a productive vegetable garden and a home-style teaching kitchen.

More information, including application forms, information packs, budget templates and examples, and tips on how to secure additional sponsorship, are available from :www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

Schools can also ring state project officer Derek Ashby (Mon, 9–11am, Wed 2.30–4.30pm) on 8415 1993 or 0415 741 501.



#### **BOBCAT HIRE**

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PO Box 29, St Marys 7215 Ph: 6372 2402 Mob: 0409 959 121



John Heron 30 years experience ACA Licence

### Government confirms Renewable Energy a Priority

Premier David Bartlett has announced that the Chairman of the International Renewable Energy Alliance, the Hon. Peter Rae AO, will guide the development of Tasmania's Renewable Energy Strategy.

Mr Rae will chair the newly established Tasmanian Renewable Energy Industry Development Board (TREIDB).

"The imperative for creating new and renewable energies is one of the three great global challenges that will dominate the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

"For Tasmania climate change is not just a challenge, but a significant opportunity.

"We are already a renewable energy leader in Australia however we can do more, and under a Labor Government, we will," Mr Bartlett said.

"I want Tasmania to become a global leader in renewable energy. What this will mean for mums and dads is that your kids and my kids will be able to get sustainable jobs right here for the long term."

The Renewable Energy Development Board will take action on the development of an investment attraction strategy and develop plans to:

· Maximise the economic benefits to Tasmania arising from the expansion of the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme and introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme,

· Improve the regulatory and policy framework in Tasmania for renewable energy development,

· Promote Tasmania as the international investment destination of choice for new renewable energy projects,

· Overcome infrastructure limitations which may constrain renewable energy industry development,

· Other actions to encourage growth of the renewable energy industry in Tasmania and the successful export of its expertise' and

· Interim terms of reference for TREIDB. Mr Rae will also provide advice on the appropriate structure.

"I want us to boldly seize the renewable energy agenda and stamp Tasmania into the global imagination.

"Tasmania is already the single largest producer of renewable energy in Australia and we have the strongest knowledge bank in wind and water energy anywhere in South East Asia.

"The Tasmanian Renewable Energy Industry Development Board will help the Government maximise the opportunities to grow the renewable energy sector in Tasmania.

"I am very pleased that we have been able to attract a person of the calibre of the Hon. Peter Rae to Chair the board.

"He is one of the most respected names on the planet in renewable energy and I look forward to his contribution to Tasmania," Mr Bartlett said.



#### Rent Holiday Benefits Tasmanian Pensioners

Human Services Minister Lin Thorp stated that a decision to exempt this week's pension increases from the usual public housing rent calculations would deliver almost \$40,000 a week in direct cash benefits to tenants.



Ms Thorp said Tasmania, along with other
States and Territories, had agreed to a request from the
Prime Minister to ensure that the full increase in
Commonwealth pensions went directly to pensioners.

The increase, paid from last week, is \$32.49 a week for single pensioners on a full pension and \$10.14 a week for couples on a full pension.

"Normally the increase would be included as income for the calculation of public housing rents, but States and Territories have agreed to a request from Mr Rudd to apply a rent holiday," Ms Thorp said.

"This means that the full increase will go directly into the pockets of pensioners.

"Housing Tasmania has calculated that approximately 5,700 tenants receiving applicable pensions will benefit.

"The total amount of rent foregone as a result of this decision will be \$39,679 per week – or an annual total of just over \$2 million.

"This has a double benefit for the community.

"In addition to directly benefiting pensioners themselves, it will help to maximise the impact of the increases on the wider economy.

"The Tasmanian Government remains committed to do everything we can to ensure the Tasmanian economy comes through the Global Financial Crisis in as good shape as possible."

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#### 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. Saturday mornings only:0447 589 803.

### Free Workshop - All Welcome

### Friends of Four Mile Creek Inc.

### Coastal Management Workshop

This half-day workshop will be conducted by Anna Povey from **Bushways.** Anna is known for her lively, hands-on nature walks and wide environmental knowledge – we will be sure to have a good time and learn a lot more about our favourite place! The focus of this practical morning will be the natural environment of Four Mile Creek

and how to look after it

Native wildflowers, shorebirds, post-fire regeneration, weed management, estuaries and more...

The workshop will be at



### Four Mile Creek

Saturday 17th October, 10am to 1pm commencing from Green Bank; Drive

### Followed by a sausage sizzle on the village green.

There is no charge for the day.
Please wear appropriate footwear for walking on the beach/dunes.





Bushways

Environmental Services - Tasmania

#### St Marys Sports Centre Inc. news

Kackhander

First to golf and thanks to players and "caterers" alike for the Grand Final Day.

All who attended had a ball. A sausage, an egg, a tomato, toast... you get the picture ..... Great effort everyone. Congrats to Craig Frieboth in last Saturday's Mulligans, winning both gross and nett.

In the next few weeks it's going to be frantic for golf with so many events to get played. Highlights are the Spilsbury Trophy, a one day Tournament of the long weekend, men's foursomes and the Ray Ridgers Memorial on November 29 just to name a few. There is heaps on and thanks to all our sub committee for organising it all.

To bowls, and practice for the new season is now underway so try to get over on a Thursday night to hone your game ready for Pennant and numerous other events soon to begin. Check the board for all the details.

The club hosted some special guests from the NTGA last Wednesday night and it proved to be a fairly informative evening in regard to the new sloped handicapping system and in dealing with capitation fees. Thanks to our six attendees at the meeting. Much appreciated.

With so much happening around the place it's fantastic to see activity once again and a special mention to the volunteers who continue to support the club week in and week out. Don't know what we'd do without you all.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.

The Say, by Cagerattler is located on the back page just for this issue.

### LOOKING BACK Exciting times at Four Mile

Colonial Times 5 Sept 1843
To the Editor of the Colonial Times.
Temple Stowe, East Coast
August 29, 1843.

Sir, I regret to inform you that the cutter *Charlotte*, Captain Richards, from Sydney, came on shore at a place called the **Four Mile Creek**, five miles to the southward of Falmouth, St. Patrick's Head, and became a total wreck, accompanied by the melancholy loss of Captain Richards and one of the men. Mrs. Richards and her little infant, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and the rest of the crew (three men), were saved.

The sad catastrophe took place on Monday morning about four o'clock. The unhappy survivors, especially the ladies, were almost without clothing; and after traversing the bush the whole of Monday, they fortunately had a few matches, which enabled them to have 'a fire. They were obliged to remain all night. The following day the party again started; and about mid-day, when they were almost giving up all hopes of reaching any settler or hut, and quite exhausted, they accidentally fell in with my bullock driver, in quest of some cattle, who conducted them here. To describe their miserable looking appearance is impossible. As our duty, we administered all the comfort in our power; and I am happy to say, they will soon be able to proceed to Waterloo Point, to embark for Hobart

The three seamen start to-morrow morning with the mail, which they saved at the risk of their lives. I have given them a letter to the police magistrate at Swansea, so that he can forward the mail by land or sea, as he may think fit. May I beg of you to insert the above for general information.-I am. Sir, your most obedient servant, James Hume.

#### Capture of Port Arthur runaways.

#### Courier 18th June 1846

Intelligence was yesterday received in town of the capture of the eight prisoners who, some weeks back, made their escape from Port Arthur. It appears that their appearance on the coast near Fingal had been for some time anticipated, but, as they had not been seen up to Friday last, the Acting Police Magistrate ordered a constable named Turner to proceed with all possible expedition from "Four Mile Creek" to Long Point, under the impression that, from the unfavourable state of the weather, the boat had not been able to pass that place. Turner and his party accordingly started, and arrived at the Point on Sunday. On Monday, being on the look-out, they soon had the satisfaction of seeing the boat come in sight.

The prisoners did not, however, put in at Long Beach, but sailed round Long Point, landing inside the headland, distant about four miles from Falmouth. The constables, viewing the course of the boat, crossed the neck of land through a scrub of about four miles, upon coming out of which they found the boat just putting off again to sea. They immediately challenged the prisoners, who, being bent on making off, the constables fired, and wounded three of the men,-one, Murphy, severely, who had a ball in his shoulder; another, Wilton, a ball in the thigh; and a man named Williams, slightly wounded. The men then yielded themselves up. Turner then took possession of the boat, sails, oars, provisions, &c, with eight guns and a pistol; also some ship flags, which, together with a sail, was taken from a Pilot at Bruny Island. The prisoners, with the exception of Williams, who managed to get away, were taken to Fingal, and will shortly be forwarded to Hobart Town for trial. One of the wounded had to be carried a distance of about forty miles upon a door on men's shoulders. Constable Turner and his party seem to have acted with spirit and discretion.

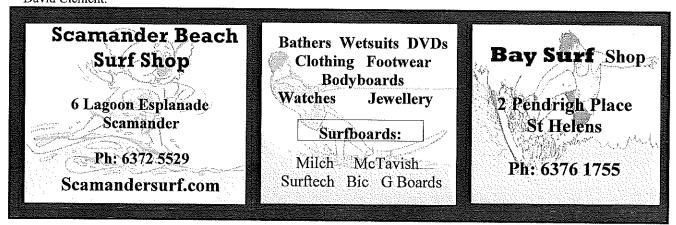
#### Ooops!

The "Swan River Packet", a schooner of 79 tons, Captain William Wylie, sailing from Hobart to Melbourne, ran aground on Rabbit Island in the Furneaux Group, at the end of August 1853. The crew took to the boat and headed for the Tasmanian mainland, landing just south of **Four Mile Creek**, near Falmouth. Unfortunately there had been a recent breakout of convicts, and a party of police mistook them for their quarry and opened fire, killing two of the crew immediately with a third fatally injured. Despite calls for an inquiry, none seems to have been held, or at least not reported in the press.

For anybody interested in local history, or searching for an ancestor who may have made the news sometime in the 19<sup>th</sup> C, I recommend the National Library Australia website of early newspapers.

Just Google "Historic Australian Newspapers".

David Clement.





Featuring Your Damn Neighbours + Pete Cornelius

This night is to raise money for local man Laurence Gilbert who was involved in an accident and is now in a wheel chair. Although the wheel chair he has does the job it spins on the slightest of damp ground. So we have formed a committee to raise money for a 4WD wheelchair and this will be one of many events to come

Entry Costs \$15 and that puts you in the running to win one of three major prizes to be drawn on the night. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent to gain entry to the event.

So come and have a great night and support a worthy cause!

Supported by St.Marys + St.Helens Lions Club 💃

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER			
Oct		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	12th	Hannah Rubenach	Kaylene Sutton
Tuesday	13th	Ruth Aulich	
Wednesday	14th	Dianne Troode	
Thursday	15th	Wendy Dawson	
Friday	16th	D & V Rice	
MOW Cor	ntact	Phone Number	0488 384 344
Monday	19th	Drew Adam	Robin Miller
Tuesday	20th	Pam Bretz	
Wednesday	21st	Pat O'Donnell	
Thursday	22nd	Pam Gillies	
Fri	23rd	Diane Foster	

#### **Church Services**

#### Catholic Parish of St Marys

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

#### 1st Sunday: MASS

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

#### 2nd Sunday: LITURGY

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

#### 3rd Sunday: MASS

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

#### 4th Sunday LITURGY

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

#### 5th Week MASS

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

#### Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

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

#### Anglican Parish of Break O'Day Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday 8 am and 10.30 am Kanga Sunday School 10.30 am - 12 noonevery Sunday for children 5/12 yrs St Marys every Sunday 10 am Pyengana: Kids Church. 2pm - 4th Sunday every month.

#### Salvation Army TUESDAY JAM

3-5pm every Tuesday. excepting school holidays. WOW "Women of Worth" First Wednesday of month, excepting school holidays.

#### SUNDAY JOY

7pm: each Sunday

#### LEGAL AID

3rd Wednesday each month 10.30am - 12.30pm.

#### Envoy Melanie Norton Ph: 63722099 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

#### On Air Now! Vision FM 88.0 at

St. Marys, St Helens and Fingal.

Robbo isn't alone at breakfast anymore. Shelley has joined him and they are calling the program 'The Journey'

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

> National Vision Radio Network. Phone 1800 007 770. web www.vision.org.au

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

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

Thursday 10 am - 3 pm Friday 10 am - 3 pmSaturday 11 am - 2 pm

Ph: 6372 2005

Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of charge. If your articles are not sold after the first entry, we will repeat the ad in the next issue.

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Articles and letters published in the Valley Voice are not necessarily the opinion of the staff and volunteers of this community paper. Ed.

#### 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

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1 year posted subscription \$30.

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> August, year 10 students participated in Mock Job Interviews as part of their pathways programme. Students were given the opportunity to apply for a mock job and go through the selection and interview processes.

On interview day, each student was interviewed by a panel of two or three business members from our community. Following each interview the panel members gave the students feedback and advice on how they performed during the interview. It was fantastic to receive positive feedback about students' optimistic and affirmative attitudes and that the standards of students were excellent. Year 10 students who participated should be very proud of themselves.

As always we are very grateful to all panel members who gave up their time to assist with the Mock Interview Programme, without their support and hard work our students would not have access to such a fantastic learning opportunity.

Grade 10 students have a tremendous amount of pressure on them to begin making decisions about their education, employment choices and future life. The Mock Interview Program provides students with the skills they need to obtain employment, whether it is full time employment, an apprenticeship, traineeship or part-time work while at college or university. It is often difficult for many students to understand the relevance of their current studies in relation to their future career prospects/choices. This program helps make the link between formal education and the work force.

I hope the students all gained a positive experience from this worthwhile programme

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and staff for their support in ensuring the success of this programme.

Laura Robertson Liaison Officer





# JE ast Coast

Chess Tournament

When:

Friday 25th September, 2009

Where:

St Marys District High School

Who:

St Marys District High School secondary A & B teams and Primary team, Prospect High School, Launceston Church Grammar Primary A & B teams, Bicheno Primary School, Fingal Primary School A &

B teams.



Results: Primary

Grammar A St Marys

2nd St Marys 3rd Grammar B 4th Bicheno

5th Fingal B
6th Fingal A

1st

Secondary 1st

1st St Marys A 2nd St Marys B

3rd Prospect



Comments: Our visitors commented on the excellent venue and the comfortable surroundings. Two long rows of twenty chess boards each greeted one upon entering the Hall. Students participated keenly and there was a 'great atmosphere'.

Competition was tough—seven consecutive games in a day is never easy. The St Marys teams excelled and were great 'mein hosts'. The coffee and other drinks provided by Mr Stonehouse's senior students were appreciated by all..

St Marys qualified (both secondary and primary) for the State Championship to be held on 19th October - will we repeat last year's success? It is my opinion that we will be amongst the top group. After that who knows? Training can now start for this

next big event.

Wish us luck!

Mr Oosterloo, Mr LeFevre, Lawrence Bretag.



ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL 13 Gray Road, St Marys, TAS, 7215. Phone: 6372 3900 Fax: 6372 2543

Email: st.marys.district.high@education.tas.gov.au



### ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

#### DOCTORS ROSTER

28th Sept - 9th Oct Dr P Crawford 10th Oct-23rd Oct Dr J Conway

#### AFTER HOURS SERVICE CONTACT NUMBERS

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:

Monday—Friday 8:50am-12:30pm 12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE 12:00-1:30PM

**FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS** 

PLEASE PHONE 1800 358 362 BEFORE COMING TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE TO BE ADVISED ON THE APPROPRIATE ACTION

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#### Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.

At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555

#### ANGLICARE FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Our service is FREE and confidential

Anglicare can provide counselling information, advocacy and support service to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties. It is also involved in community education and development.

For appointments please phone Anglicare on: FREECALL 1800 243 232

Appointments available every 4 weeks depending on demand 2nd Tuesday each month

#### AA CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICE

Wednesday nights <u>St Helens Anglican Church</u> 8:00pm Friday nights <u>St Marys Anglican Church</u> 8:00pm For further details phone 6372 5026

#### WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

7th Oct Day Centre For details on the group please contact Ann Jetson on 6372 9512

8th Oct Social Worker

9th Oct Social Worker

13th Oct Child Health Session with Sue Gofton.

Every Tuesday by appointment. Please phone

0428 136 381

13th Oct Physio-Peter Jenvey

13th Oct <u>G.P. North</u> 9am—5pm

<u>Diabetes</u> For appointments please see you GP

for a referral.

<u>Dietician</u>- Appointments by referral from your G.P <u>Exercise Physiologist</u> by referral from your G.P

Podiatrist -Annabelle

14th Oct CRS 10:30 AM

14th Oct Day Centre-For details on the group please

contact Ann Jetson on 6372 9512

15th Oct Eyelines
Appointments made through provider

15th Oct Social Worker

15th Oct Luncheon-Health Promotion (Free) Phone Hayley

63364422 12.30pm-2pm

16th Oct Social Worker

16th Oct Get The Most Out Of Life Shan & Helen

19th Oct Relationships Australia Lyn Marie phone

1300 364 277

19th Oct <u>TLC</u> Meeting—9am

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Community Health Centre

20th 0ct Fiona Watts-63765242

21st Oct Day Centre-For details on the group please

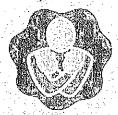
contact Ann Jetson on 6372 9512

#### Pregnant?

lets get together for a morning tea and informal chat about pregnancy stuff. 1st Tuesday of every month, 10 am for morning tea Contact Sallie 63729502 or 63722111

St Marys Hospital.

# Are your ongoing health problems getting you down?



### "Get the Most Out of Life"

a 6 week self management program - (2 ½ hours per week for six weeks)

This program gives you some tools to regain quality and enjoyment in your life.

#### Learn about:

- Managing your symptoms pain, fatigue etc
- Communicating with your health providers
- Helping your general health
- Setting reachable goals
- Problem solving

Program commences at the St Marys Community Health Centre Gardners Creek Road, St Marys

10.30 am - 1.00 pm From Friday 16 October 2009 to 20 November 2009

To register, phone – 6372 2111 or 6376 5244

But don't delay as places are limited

Cost: Gold coin donation for tea and coffee



This program is suitable for anyone with a long term health condition. Supporters and caregivers are welcome to attend with you.

### Fingal Primary School News



### East Coast Regional Chess Championships

On Friday the 25th September a group of 17 students from the Fingal Primary School entered in the East Coast Regional Chess Tournament. Students travelled to St Marys to compete against students from Bicheno and St Marys. The students had great fun.

#### **Chess Team:**

Thomas Gee Daniel Bishop layden Bosworth

Rebecca Brown Aiden Flemming

Sydney Rushton

Mark Death Sam Herbert Kimberly Burns Bridgette Burns -Grace Gee

Taylah Munro Leo Davies

Jude Davies

Joseph Gee **Zayne Flemming** Kallam Brittain



Thomas Gee



Jayden Bosworth



Leo Davies



Mark Death



Bridgette Burns



Taylah Munro



Grace Gee



Sydney Rushton



Rebecca Brown



Kimberly Burns



Jude Davies

### Calendar of Events - October

12th	13th Shan William Social Worker Visit Speech Pathology Visit	14th Flexible Programs	15th Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00p.m. Assembly 2.15 p.m. Student Leaders to lead	16th
19th	20th Miss Bennett Back to School BER Site Meeting 12.30 p.m. Speech Pathology Visit	21st Performance at Avoca—A Slice of Vaudeville 9.30 a.m. Flexible Programs	22nd Launching into Learning 1.30-3.00p.m. Newsletter	23rd

#### The Say Cagerattler

There are two matters that I believe we need to think about in this coming period and both involve two service providers that we use every day.

The first one is the proposed Council merger/amalgamation that is currently being looked at. I wish to ask the Mayor and Councillors to seriously consider holding a series of proper Public Meetings that give the opportunity for most of us to attend and where a wide variety of questions can be asked.

Surely extensive public consultation must include a Public Information Meeting in each of the towns affected, that is practicable. They need to be evening meetings with at least a few weeks lead in time, that gives the opportunity for constituents to attend. There needs to be in attendance, suitably qualified persons to answer relevant questions posed by us, the ratepayers, and the ones such monumental decisions affect the most. Without putting too finer point on it, there has yet to be mountains of information either pro or anti amalgamation /merger, and this is frustrating and annoying given the importance of the matter, as would all agree.

First and foremost we need to be overwhelmingly certain that a merger/amalgamation is the best choice for the future development of our area. For us to make these decisions we need to be fully versed in the nuts and bolts before those same nuts and bolts are locked tightly together.

In my own case I don't want to be left not knowing all the facts or to be told that should there be a merger that there will be no real difference to anything. If by some chance that was to occur you'd have to ask why bother at all in that case. The need for change is to make a real difference and not change for change's sake. Just let's hear by way of public gatherings and literature what it all will mean. Information is the key surely.

LET'S START HAVING SOME INFORMATION MEETINGS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. If this is not possible then tell us why not. Keep us up to speed. It's the least we deserve.

I must say I was disappointed when my new water/sewerage account arrived the other day. Believe it or not it wasn't so much the amount but the time it took to prepare. How come the information would need to be obtained/sourced from Council as the previous service provider yet arrived a substantial time (several weeks) after the Council rates demand, even given many months of knowing they were taking over these services in 2009?

You notice that if you need to pay by installment as many would, given financial burdens, that the first period is now foreshortened considerably by the delay. I trust a fair and equitable policy exists for those who need it in this circumstance and without penalty.

It's not the land holders fault that the initial demand took ages to arrive is it? Just as an aside, I trust the 10% increase in fees and charges will include a regular update document freely available to inform us on operational and fiscal outcomes into the future.

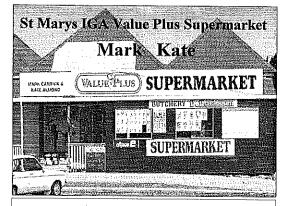
Maybe our first bills should have come with something like that. Mine certainly didn't. Did yours?

What do you think?

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect, your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'



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

#### This week's specials.

From the butchery

IGA thigh fillets	\$10,401
Gerello roast	\$ 9.99kg
Lamb loin chops	\$14.99kg
Pickled pork	\$10.99kg
T-bone steak	\$14.99kg

#### Instore specials

Devondale longlife milk 1lt	\$1.39
Arnotts Tim Tam/ Slices/Crowns 200g	\$1.99
Vetta pasta range 500g	\$1.99
Spree dishwashing liquid 1lt	\$1.99
Macleans Extreme toothpaste 170g	\$3.99

#### Frozen food panel

• J F	
Ingham chicken kiev 350g	\$7.99
Birds Eye fish fingers 250g	\$4.75
Pacific West torpedo prawns 300g	\$6.99
Scotts frozen meat pies single 150g	.99с
McCains golden & baby beans/ corn ke	ernels
50	0g \$2.89

#### Next week's specials.

#### From the butchery

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First grade beef mince	\$ 8.99kg
Legs of lamb	\$ 8.99kg
Inghans chicken kebabs	\$ 5.95pk
Gourmet chicken sausages	\$ 8.99kg
Cheesy chicken breast fillet	\$15.99kg

#### Instore specials

Kleenex cottonelle toilet tissue 8pk	\$4.99
Raid fly spray 250g	\$2.99
Nescafe Blend 43 coffee Bonus 500g	\$15.99
Cadbury medium block choc. 100-110g	\$1.99
Juicy Isle longlife juice 2lt	\$2.49

Cooking week	
Tas Taste Plain/SR flour 2kg	\$2.19
Nestle condensed milk 395g	\$2.79
McKenzies coconut 250g	\$1.89
Sunbeam mixed fruit 375g	\$3.25
Carnation milk 375ml	\$2.55