



The Valley & East Coast Voice

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St Marys Community Health Day Centre Christmas Luncheon

On Wednesday the 7th December 2011, the St Marys Day Centre celebrated our end of year Christmas Luncheon at the St Marys Community Health Centre. With 35 people in attendance including our Community Transport volunteers, we celebrated the day in traditional Christmas style with a wonderful Christmas lunch followed by plum puddings and fruit salad for desserts. Congratulations to Alana Hendley and the team at the St Marys Community Health Centre for all of your on going support and putting on such a wonderful luncheon. You did/do an amazing job!

After our meal we were graced with the larger than life jolly man himself, Santa Clause (aka Brady- GP North Mental Health Worker) Santa helped distribute all his 'Secret Santa' gifts to all then we enjoyed a Christmas Quiz prepared by Marie Owens, which proved to be quite a competitive and informative game about the season!

It has been another very busy and productive year for us at the St Marys Day Centre with a few very pleasant outings as well. Thank you to my wonderful volunteers you are an amazing support to me and the group and the days wouldn't run as smoothly without you.

To Dave Mallett and his dedicated group of Community Transport Drivers you all make our lives much easier with transport and your assistance and without your continuing support and involvement in the group we simple wouldn't be able to operate.

And most importantly to everyone who attends the Day Centre, you are a great bunch of people who make my job very pleasurable.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas New Year and I will see you all back at the Day Room on 25th January 2012!

*Article and photos:
Hayley Gilbert.*



'The Jolly Man' Brady



Gary and Shirley Munday



Back- Irene Smith and Marie Owens

Front- Bernice Targett, Wendy Mallett and Heather Lester.



Beth Elliott and Gary Harris



Intense game of scrabble before our guests arrived!

Please note: Deadline for articles in the next Valley Voice is 5pm Tuesday February 7, 2012

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 for meetings the last Saturday of the month at 2pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

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

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 Monday 10.30am - 12 noon at the **Falmouth Community Centre**, during school terms. \$2 a session per child or \$3 per family. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and your child's personal drink bottle. Bikes plus helmets welcome. **Phone or text: Danyelle: 0427 073 100.**

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.**

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc has a meeting one month and a field trip the next. We invite everyone to come along on the third Sunday of the month and enjoy an informative time with lots of fun. For more information **Phone: Barry Aulich (637225752) Darlene Wright (63722416) or Jim Haas (63722127)**

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.

The Falmouth Community centre would like to advise members and the community that the new contact for bookings of club facilities is Rachel Woods. Rachel can be contacted on: **03 6372 5118.**

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.**

Meeting dates for Friends of St. Helens History Room & Museum for 2011.

Contact the Centre at 6376 1744.

Break O'Day Regional Arts - General meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4.30 p.m. at the e.ScApe Cafe. All welcome. **Inquiries to Rod 6372 2444.**

Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. meets @ 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Cornwall Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend. **Wendy Dawson (secretary) 6372 2722.**

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Wednesday 8pm Weekly. St Pauls Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. **Murdoch 6376 3335.**

St Helens Al-Anon Family Group (Al Anon) To help families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of the living with the problem drinking of someone close. Sunday 2pm weekly. St Pauls Anglican Church Hall St Helens

Anne or John 6376 4270 or Rose 6376 3335.

St Marys Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Friday 8pm Weekly. Holy Trinity. Mick & Shirli: **6372 2909.**

The Break O' Day Stitchers meets each Friday in the Bungalow at Neighbourhood House in St Helens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and participants are welcome to stay for as long or short a time as they may choose. The choice of projects to work on is also optional - either to bring your own work or join in and assist on a group project.

Tasmania Lymphoedema Centre Inc.

PLEASE NOTE:

That the Spring Raffle will now be drawn on the 19th December, 2011.

Vic Cato, Secretary.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We have been provided with a 14 hour per week Individual Support Package to help with the care of our son, Tim.

Our service provider is Optia. As part of our contract we are actively engaged in finding suitable support workers.

We want local people if possible.

If you have experience (or want to be trained) in Acquired Brain Injury/Disabilities care and want the challenge of caring for Tim, please contact us on 6372 2348 (between 8am - 8pm). We can talk with you and provide you with an Optia recruitment package.

Peter and Beverley Rubenach.

WANT TO GET FIT FOR SUMMER? WELL COME TO THE PIGEON LOFT ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 5.45PM, AND SEE WHAT FRAN CAN DO FOR YOU.

Remedial Massage and Naturopathy

**ring Sue Christiansen for an appointment.
0418 515 419**

THUMBS UP

**To Marguerite and her helpers.
The gardens in Main St and around the
Town Hall are looking splendid.
Also Isa and Peter.
The hanging baskets are so pretty.
Well done.**

**Simply turn the handle on the red door
and step inside**

Gone Rustic

**Rita Summers
is switched on as to how you can get**

'Inside my Skin'

www.insidemyskin.com

Classifieds

For sale

Safe & Sound child's car seats. 1 x 0 to 4 yrs - reversible with hood. \$40. 1 x 3 to 6 yrs upright. \$30.

Ph Andrew: 0417 553 075.

Mitsubishi Triton ute, dual cab-canopy, automatic. 2001. 6CL side steps. \$10,990. ono. Ph: 6372 2380.

5 male, 3 female Beagle Kelpie cross puppies. Ready to go. \$50 each. Ph: 0457 722 231.

Casio Classpad 330 calculator. Suitable for maths applied 3. excellent condition. \$150. Ph: 6372 2552.

WOMEN'S SHOES - 'Doc Martens', black leather zip boots, as new cost \$240, sell \$100. ono. **'Hinako' sandals,** leather strappy with zip at heels, purple, NEW, cost \$100, sell \$50. ono. **'Wallaby Tracks' hand-made suede ballet slipper style,** purple, NEW, cost \$95, sell \$50. ono. All fit size 7 1/2 - 8. Ph 6372 2686 to see/try on.

2 Kayaks, (one with skirt) \$325 for both. **Alpinestars Tech 3 motorcross boots,** size US9, worn 4 times (\$340 new) \$140. **Kids 8 ball table complete,** good condition \$35. **KTM 125sx 2004,** good condition. \$2750.

Ph. 0437 227 123.

2007 Yamaha WR 450 F, FMF Pipe, Bar Raisers, Ballards Disc Saver, GYTR Bash Plate, GYTR Rad Guards, Gripper Seat, Good Chain and Sprockets, New Fork Seals, Wheel Bearings, Front tyre 80% rear 60%. Full Road Reg. until June 2012. Heaps Of Spares. Only Selling To Update. Very Good Cond. \$6600. Neg.

Ph:0417 320 142.

1 near new Kambrook indoor electric BBQ. \$25. **8 galv tent poles,** 4 adjustable. \$40. **Various animal skins.** Goat, roo etc. Good floor rugs. Cheap. Make an offer?

Ph: Pete 6372 2398.

Motorbikes: Atomic 125. 2 whole and 1 pieces (accident) Prob need mechanical attention. Not used for 4 years. As is \$1000 lot. Ph: 6372 2835 - 0418 271 315.

Air Hockey Table. approx 2m x 1m x 1m high Good Condition Ideal family fun xmas present. \$120.

Ph:6372 2835 - 0418 271 315.

wooden bunk bed. converts easily 2 single beds with 2 good innerspring mattresses. Good condition. \$400 lot.

Ph:6372 2835 0418 - 271 315.

Pine wardrobe. 2 door 2 drawer bottom good wide hanging space \$40. **Matching single pine desk** 4 drawer \$40. **Old style wardrobe** multi door /drawer \$50.

Drinks cabinet. \$30. Ph:6372 2835 - 0418271315.

Slate top 8 ball table. Offers over \$1000. For viewing Ph: 0419 517 630 or 0419 890 859.

Queen size mattress. Sleepmaker Chiro Classic Dream. RRP\$3399. 10 months old. Pristine condition. \$850.

Ph: 6372 2200 or 0407 833497.

12" girl's bike. \$40.ono. **12" boy's bike.** \$40.ono. **16" boys bike.** \$60.ono. All in good condition.

Ph: Mark & Louise Williams 6372 2158.

For sale

Giant Cross City road bike. 27 speed gears, hydraulic seat, new tyres and chain, excellent condition. \$420 .ono.

GMC 10 inch Sliding Compound Saw. good condition \$85. ono. **Sky Light,** dome type still in box. Cost \$340. - Sell \$150. PH: 0417 385 787.

Valco Runabout 2-3 wheeled pram. Comes with storm cover, sun shade and brand new interior lining as a spare. Original lining in excellent condition. Red & black in colour. \$150. firm. **Black Fisher-Price baby bag,** insulated side pockets and internal change mat. Assorted blankets & box of newborn baby clothes in excellent condition, some new. Some unisex, mostly boys. \$50 the lot. Firm. Ph: 0408 174 193.

Mastiff pups. All black—can view parents. Ready early November. Wormed and vaccinated. \$500 each.

Ph: 0427 713 195.

Kawasaki KX85, big wheel, 2001 model. New chain and sprockets and rear suspension. Good condition, goes well. \$2000. Firm. Ph: 6372 2665.

60 metres Lysart Sheerline galvanised guttering. New- \$10.70 per meter. Bargain at \$150 the lot. Good condition. Ph: 0417 354 001.

Kawasaki KX60 2000 model. Recent complete re-build. As new condition. Includes all gear—boots, helmet, armour etc. \$900. Great Christmas present.

Ph: 0458 722 455.

FOR SALE

HAY—SMALL SQUARES
CUTTING LATE DECEMBER TO EARLY JANUARY.
\$5 PER BALE.
DELIVERY CAN BE ARRANGED.
PH: 0407 944 158 OR 0447 151 871.

Wanted to Buy

Men's 26" Mountain bike.
Ladies Mountain bike.
Ph 0437 227 123

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

Frozen blueberries - \$11 kilo Phone 6372 2341.

Garden mulch. Large square bales of straw.
Free delivery in St Marys area.
Ph: Mark or Alana: 63722145.

Small square bales of garden mulch \$5.
Small bales of grass & clover hay. \$5. (undercover)
Garden mulch, in big round bales. (wheat straw, weed free) \$60 a bale, delivered free in St Marys area.
Ph: 0407 944 158.
Tractor slashing available. Ph: 0407 944 158.

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. Please let us know if items are sold. Every effort will be made to have correct details and phone numbers. However if there is a mistake, it will be corrected in the following issue.

Tasmania Valleys of Adventure

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GREATER ESK TOURISM

GET TOURISM ... meets the second Monday of each month unless otherwise notified.

WHERE: Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House

TIME: 7PM

ALL WELCOME.

Enquiries to the president on 63722783.

Bicheno Indoor Market

When: every last Sunday of the month

Where: Bicheno War Memorial Hall
9am – 1pm

Hot Foods – come and enjoy breakfast,
morning tea or lunch.

Variety of Stalls

More stall space available:



Sunday Market

Happening :

At the Old Tasmanian Hotel

On the third Sunday of the Month

Please ph 6374 2344 or mobile 0488 562 538

to book your table/trestle

Needed: fruit & veggie stall holders



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 and other inquiries, please phone Marilyn on 6376 1858.



St Marys Market

Rain hail or shine the markets will be held on the 1st Saturday every month in the community hall. 9am start.

New stall holders welcome.

Phone Robina 03 6372 2022 or Sue 03 6372 2512

Articles for any edition may be left at the St Marys Pharmacy. This also includes items for sale and wanted. Please ensure that your details are included.

**CALOWS BUS TIMETABLE
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BIG SHED STUDIOS

Big Shed Studios is officially on the market with www.surfcoastrealty.com.au

Simon, Belinda and myself would like to thank all of the people who have supported us over the years.

We are struggling to get numbers to life drawing and private guitar lessons and are therefore having a break for the time being.

We still have a fantastic space if there are any creative beings out there wishing to share their skills with others, or just need a space to get creative and make a mess.

Please continue to support John McColl and his fantastic sculpture class: Ph. (03) 6372 2413.

And Nathan Vincent with his fitness groups:

0417 904 394

Kind regards,

Natasha Lowe.

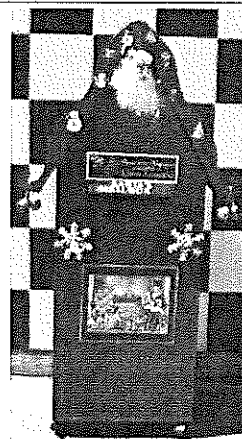
SANTA HAS BEEN!!

Santa has dropped off his post box to St Marys Post Office.

Write Santa a letter, but please, write your name and address on your letter so Santa can send a reply.

Postage is free for this service.

Just post your letter in the big red box.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Len Miles.

From all your many friends in St Marys.

This is the last edition of the Valley Voice for 2011.

As per usual, I take this time to thank all the many people who help me put the editions together, by contributing articles and photos, collating, stapling, delivering, distributing etc.

You now number too many to mention individually, so THANK YOU ONE AND ALL. THERE IS NO WAY I COULD KEEP DOING THIS JOB WITHOUT ALL THE HELP I GET.

The next edition will be available on February 9th 2012.

If you are contributing, the deadline for that edition will be the 7th.

From all the Valley Voice volunteer staff and myself, may we wish you a Happy Christmas and all the best for a safe and happy holiday period and a prosperous 2012.

Judy.

SHOP LOCALLY AND SAVE

"A Little Bit of Heritage"

During 2012, with the backing of the St. Patrick's Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc, I plan to put the best of my "A Little Bit of Heritage" column, which has appeared in the Valley Voice since 2004, into a book. The purpose of this is not only to be able to look back over the column, but to encourage people outside of Valley Voice readers to read and learn some of the history of this wonderful little part of Tasmania in which we live. The Historical Society feels it is also beneficial to have this collection put together in a professionally bound book that will carry on as a record for future generations.

The history of the Fingal Valley and East Coast has been covered extremely well over the years by a number of historians. Publications like those by Tim McManus, Lindy Scripps, Gary Richardson, Darlene Wright, David Masters and research by the late David Clement have all provided valuable information on our past. However, I feel, "A Little Bit of Heritage" will be somewhat different in as much as it will be a collection of articles covering a wide range of our history in one book.

Seven years of my column in Valley Voice makes up quite a large book, but it is only a fraction of what we have seen in our local paper in its 43 year history. To look back over that history and see the many snippets of history recorded and by whom they were written is amazing.

One regular contributor to the Valley Voice, from the paper's inception in 1968 until her passing away in 2004, was Mrs Una Camplin of Cornwall. The following is an example of her writings which tells of the building of the second Anglican Church at Cornwall:

"Although the foundations of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cornwall, were dedicated by Assistant Bishop Barrat on April 12th 1956, it was not until the 12th March, 1960, that the completed church (by then free of debt) was finally consecrated by Bishop Cranswick.

The driving force towards the building of the church was Rev. C. Titley, but it was not completed until the time of the Rev. A Broadfield.

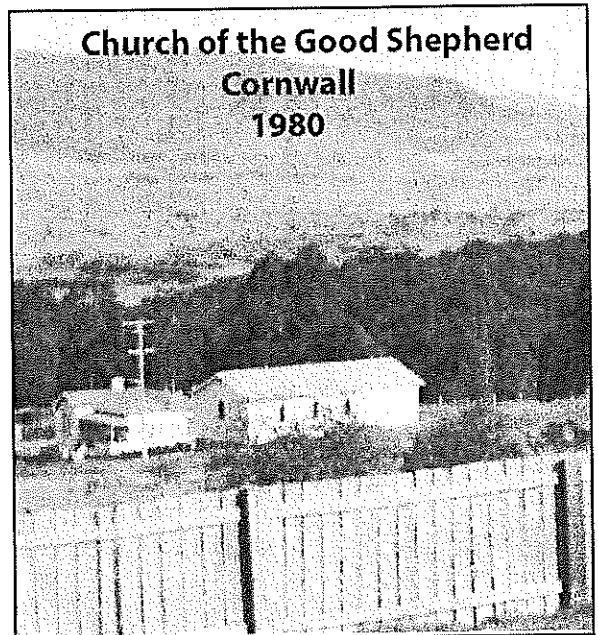
From the beginning the people of Cornwall were behind the building of the new church; this was proven by the many who gave their time and money. We recall such people as Ern Aulich, Wally Haas, Walter Haas, Bill Haas, Ron Camplin and Max Targett who were the main work force. Then there were the electricians and painters and of course Cornwall Coal Company, who donated the iron for the roof. The Altar was donated by the Legge family along with The Reverend Broadfield, who by then had moved to Ulverstone. The Cornwall Mother's Union helped to pay for the carpet.

Inside the Church we are blessed with clean blue walls, while outside the walls are a clean pristine white. Also inside we see altar rails, lectern, prayer desk, pulpit and timber in the vestry all moved from the church at Gray when it was sold a few years back.

Today when many of us attend our services we think back to the day of consecration and we hear the solemn knock given by the Bishop with his staff and we again hear his inspirational sermon based on the text, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". The little church was packed on that day and the singing of the congregation could be heard all over Cornwall."

Una loved her little church and it was a sad day in the 1980s when the powers to be decided it was no longer viable to maintain. It was sold, dismantled and, I believe, is now part of a house at Scamander.

The Anglican Church and the Salvation Army Hall at Cornwall, like many community structures of our past, are only memories to just a few now. But thanks to publications such as those mentioned above and local papers like our Valley Voice, along with the people who have taken the time to put pen to paper, the significant role these buildings played in the lives of our ancestors is recorded and will always remain a fundamental part of our heritage.



The late Mrs Una Camplin.

Jim and Beth Haas send greetings to all for a safe and happy Christmas.



Letters to the Editor

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Editor, Valley Voice,
Binalong Bay weeds,

In support of Todd Dudley's letter 17.11.11, I add that the Fed. Govt. States, "weeds are a huge growing disaster for Australia's economy."

Most people know how difficult it is to keep their garden weed free, if you have noxious weeds present or on your verge, then we should take responsibility and safely remove them.

Council began some years ago to take action, I recall Cllr Jackie Pike assisting me by ridding B.B. of Pampas Grass. Later on when our Landcare Group successfully stopped the progress of Spanish Heath on the Gardens Rd up to Sloop Lagoon, we sought the help of council, who at the time thought us and not the weeds a nuisance. Eventually an East Coast Weed Strategy was formed by DPIWE & Councils... But today the problem seems worse than ever.

One problem is there are not enough young fit people around to do the work.

Most weeds come out of resident's gardens, and until council make home owners aware and employ someone as Todd Dudley suggests, then weeds will completely take over.

Why not employ Todd if he is willing? Only recently I brought to his attention that in Bin. Bay pittosporum is an epidemic.

While plant shops and the Forestry nursery are allowed to sell plants that are problem weeds it will be an uphill battle.

J Yulumara. BFCPL

Dear editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our emergency services volunteers, S.E.S., Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Marine Rescue.

Their efforts ensure that we live in a safer community all year round.

I wish all the volunteers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Once again, THANK YOU.

Jeanette Peryman.

Editor, valley Voice,

In an article headed "Expressions of interest sought on railway station", appearing in the December 2011 East Coast News, Mayor Schmerl is quoted as saying in part "Council needs to know who is interested, if anyone", referring to the St Marys railway station.

Perhaps the Mayor has forgotten that council invited community groups to attend a meeting in order to listen to these groups about their wants and needs.

Recently a walk through was arranged for anyone interested, to inspect the interior of the station. Both of these meetings were well attended. My question is how can the Mayor state "if anyone"???

Colin Mackenzie.

Inside my Skin extends the warmest of festive wishes to the exceptional team that makes the Valley Voice happen, and all its readers. May yours be a safe, happy and healthy Christmas...

Cheers from

www.insidemyskin.com

From the Mayor

Dear residents,

Following on from my letter in the last edition of the VV I have since had a meeting with Stephen Mulcahy, Sean Barry and Owen Firth from the Commonwealth Bank. At this meeting on the 8th December I presented them with the community's petition and outlined the concerns raised to me. Although the bank reps were very clear on saying to me that the new opening hours weren't negotiable they have consolidated their response with the following points.

- The new opening hours of 10.30 - 2.30 will mean that the bank is no longer closed over the lunch break.
- The opening hours needs to be consistent with other rural branches in the same situation. (for consistency of service state wide)
- Staff will be given opportunities at St Helens as they arise and in other branches.
- Recently the bank employed two (2) young women (recent students of SMDHS) on a casual basis who will service branches on the east coast as well as Campbell Town and Scottsdale.
- The bank will be constantly reviewing and monitoring branch activity through their usual business activity and ATM use.
- The bank will be conducting an information session for residents on the services available to them online. This will be done before the introduction of the new opening hours.

Although it is disappointing that the bank has made this decision without consulting their customers it is still encouraging to know that the branch itself is secure and not at risk of closure. The three reps said that they will be available to answer questions from concerned residents at the information session which I am sure they will be advertising early in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Schmerl,

Mayor.

To the Valley Voice,

I would like to say it's great to see Tracy Scarr and Mat Mitchell back in the Fingal Valley, two of the hardest workers the Valley has seen.

You can always tell when they have been here, for they do a fantastic job, and it's a credit to them and the Break O'Day Council.

Kim Watkins.

From the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Just a little note from me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Personally I would like to thank the voters for their show of support in me taking on this role as Mayor and for my very pleasing Councillor vote result.

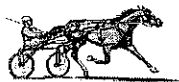
As usual and as always I am available to meet, phone or email for anyone who would like my assistance.

As we look forward into 2012 I wish you all the best for long days of love and laughter.

Sarah Schmerl

Mayor.

St Marys Pacing Club Inc.



As happens this time of the year, we are beginning to prepare for our Annual race meeting, usually held on New Year's Day.

Please note that this year the meeting will be held on December 31st, or as we know it, New Year's Eve, and will be a day meeting and not a twilight one. This change is not by choice.

Last year we conducted ten races which was a record number for the club. This year we have formed seven races and hope to have enough entries for one or two more.

We are also negotiating with the junior trotting people to conduct a couple of pony races. These are very entertaining. We will also have the sheepdog in a yard, rounding up the ducks among his tricks. It was a great drawcard last year.

There will be a good raffle before and on the day, with lots of great prizes. Also a lucky programme prize of \$100, and a losing tote ticket prize of \$100.

The children will also love the face painting and the jumping castle.

A terrific afternoon tea is available, prepared by our wonderful ladies – the best around.

Soft drinks, sweets, hamburgers, saveloys and sausages are also on the menu. Also as usual, a well serviced and conducted liquor booth with lots of varied drinks available.

We have the Tote in operation, plus five bookmakers with betting on all local and mainland races.

The public address system has been improved, for people at the top end of the straight, who previously could not hear the broadcasts.

If any persons wish to help in any way on the day, they will be very welcome, as a lot of us are past our use-by date!

Hoping for a good roll up.

Eric Bean, Secretary.

THANK YOU

Monique Polden would like to thank all her valued Valley Voice customers for their patronage throughout the year. Merry Christmas and a safe New Year to you all.
I look forward to delivering again next year.



THANK YOU



BRADBURY, GREGORY STEWART

PAULINE, BOBBY AND CHRIS WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR CARDS, FLOWERS, CALLS AND THOUGHTS SHOWN IN THE SAD LOSS OF GREG.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO DR. LATT AND STAFF AT THE ST. MARYS HOSPITAL AND JANINE ROSS. TO ROD DRUMMOND FOR ALL HIS KINDNESS AND CONCERN SHOWN TO GREG.

MEDEA PARK MANAGEMENT AND ESPECIALLY ALL THEIR CARING STAFF AND DR BLEANEY.

ALSO TO THE LADIES WHO PROVIDED THE LOVELY AFTERNOON TEA AT THE GOLFHUSE.

TAMARA AND BETH FROM HARRIS FUNERALS, A VERY HEARTFELT THANKS. CAPS OFF TO YOU.

LEN MILES AND ANTHONY BRADBURY FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO ME WITH THE EUGOLGY.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED GREG'S SERVICE, YOU ALL MADE IT A LOVELY CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS OUR PERSONAL THANKS.

10 days until Christmas

Season's Greetings and

Happy Holidays to all our friends – from the team at Purple Possum!

**We wish you all a fantastic
Christmas and a happy and
safe New Year!**

*Elaine and the team – Dolly, Jeanette,
Jessie, Brittany, Ayla, Rachael and
Marie*

Purple Possum

Wholefoods & Café

5 Story Street St Marys. Phone 6372 2655.

From the PO

Wishing all our customers a very merry and safe Christmas and a prosperous new year. Many thanks for your support and patronage during the year.

A special vote of thanks to our ever reliable postie Craig Freiboth; another year without missing a day despite everything the weather can throw at him.

Thanks also to Ebony Bennett for her invaluable assistance sorting the morning mail and also to Ruth McGiveron and Minnie Goss for allowing us the luxury of an annual holiday and the odd afternoon off.

Cheers to all,

Harry and Kerry Veldums.



From the Football Club

2011 was a great year for the revitalised St Marys Tigers Football Club and all signs are that we are in for a bigger and better year in 2012.

Season's greetings to all our players and supporters and we sincerely hope that we can count on the continuing support of the St Marys community in 2012.

Volunteers to assist the small but hard working committee especially welcomed.

Harry Veldums,

Club President.

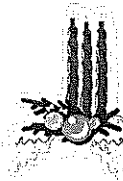


MT ELEPHANT FUDGE



Mt Elephant Fudge

wishes everyone a
Safe and Happy Christmas
and prosperous New Year
Lizzie & Jack



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**Mt Elephant Fudge
GIFTS! Gifts! GIFTS!**

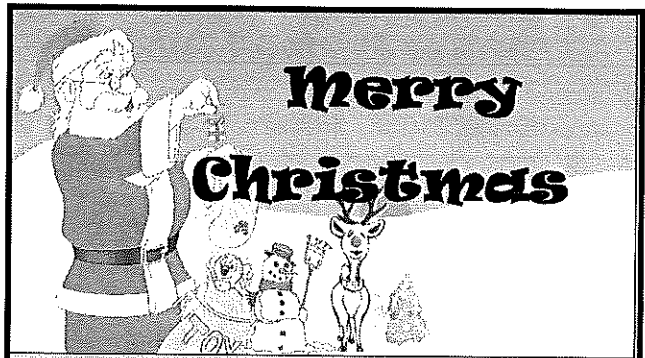
Come see the walls of gifts.

Something for everyone... priced from \$2.00
Buddha's, bells, candles, puppets, chinaware,
pottery, wooden animals, jewellery, tumbled stones,
trinket boxes, elephants galore, puzzles,
handmade cards & paper, Tasmanian books,
crystal glass nail files, figurines, magnets,
locally made jams, sauces, teas and of course
hand-made Chocolates (gift boxed too)

fudges and other sweet treats!!

Why not give a gift voucher
or maybe even an ice-cream voucher.

Merry Christmas.



Jackson Spilsbury would like to wish all his Valley Voice customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I'll see you all again next year.

I also wish to thank the businesses and families around town who have made the effort to put some Christmas decorations on their houses and businesses as I and many other children enjoy looking at them.

**KEYS FOUND.
PLEASE ENQUIRE AT
ST MARYS PHARMACY.
PH:6372 2844.**

My mate's missus left him last Thursday. She said she was going out for a pint of milk & never came back! I asked him how he was coping and he said, "Not bad, I've been using that powdered stuff."



Road Accident Rescue Exhibition

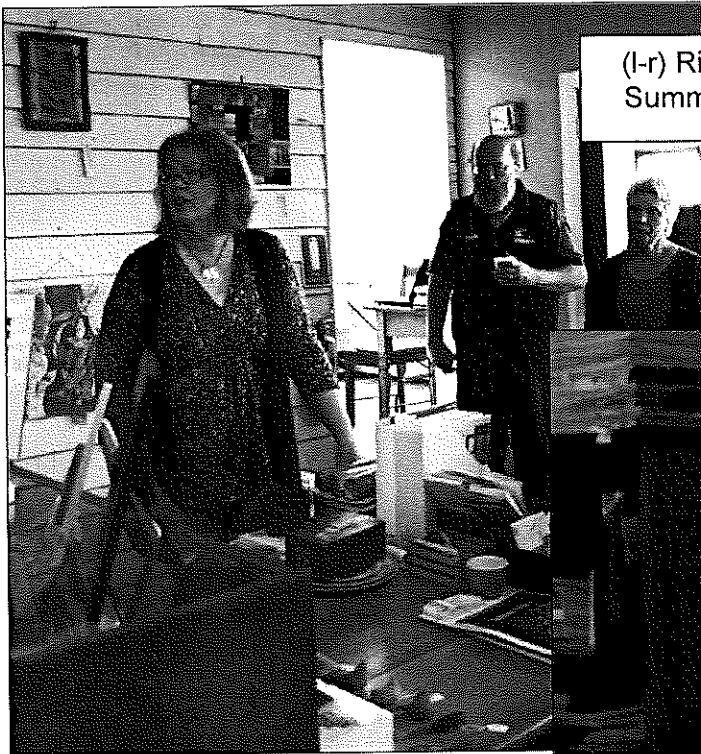
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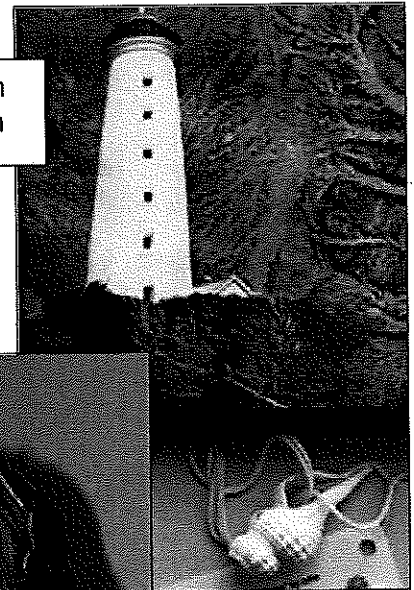
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All welcome

'Passages' Exhibition – highlights from official launch on 10 December @ Gone Rustic, St. Marys



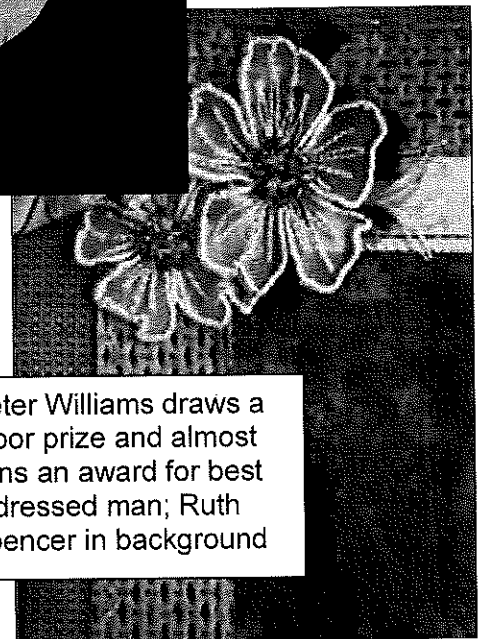
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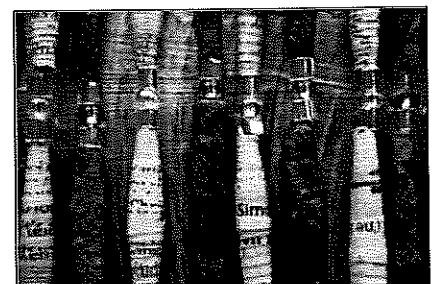
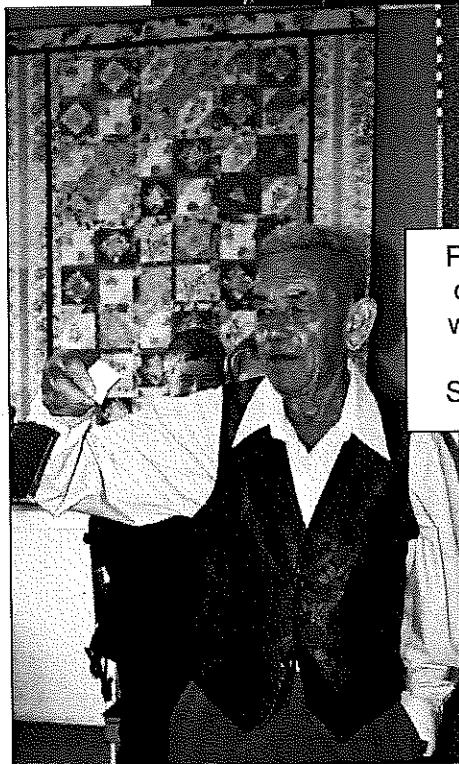
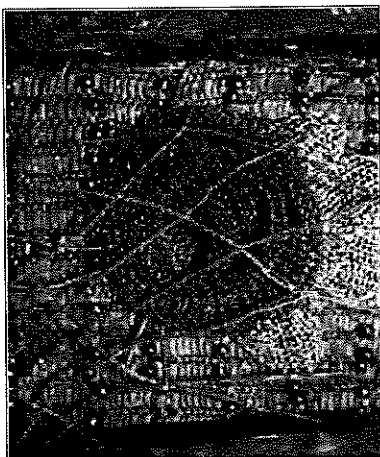
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Barb McAllister in
party mode



Peter Williams draws a
door prize and almost
wins an award for best
dressed man; Ruth
Spencer in background



Thanks to Break O'Day Regional Arts, Stitching & Beyond Tas. Inc.(touring display)
and Janet Drummond (photos)

St Patrick's Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc Walks Re-Invented

On Sunday the 20th of Nov the society, with the assistance of Henry Biggelaar as leader, held a walk to the old mine site of the once very prominent 'Jubilee Coal Mine.

There were only 10 people turned out, but this proved to be quite good as the track, which has been recently re-cleared by some very capable blokes, is not conducive to too many at the one time. The group travelled by car to Lovers Bridge which is just before the old screens site, where President Barry Aulich explained how the mine once worked and how it was discovered, then the group set off, and returned around 1.30 pm when lunch was enjoyed, and some more old photo's were perused.

The Jubilee coal mine was discovered by Mr John Brooks, in the Jubilee year- hence it's name. It was in the Mount Nicholas Range under the South Sister, and was accessed from the St Mary's/Germantown road. In the early times coal was carted by horse and cart by a Mr R Hill, and in 1921 an aerial ropeway was purchased from Sydney at a cost of 10,000 pounds, which would have been a massive amount in those times.

The ropeway, which passed through "Balaclava" and "Rosegarland", to the Jubilee rail siding, (now the wood yard west of St Mary's) carried 70 tons per day, 350 tons per week. It had it's moments; in 1929 one of the trestle supports crashed and put it out of action for a short while.

In 1908 the company operating the mine looked at taking the coal to the once very primitive seaport at Falmouth and shipping it out of there, and also in 1927 it was envisaged to extend the rail line from the Jubilee rail siding at St Mary's to where the screens were built near Lovers Bridge. The grade was ok and the first price quoted was around 10 or 11 thousand pounds, and by the time it looked like it might come to fruition it had blown out to twentyone thousand pounds, and was deemed as not reasonable. Hence, after the ropeway was done away with the coal was transported by "White" Trucks to the rail siding at St Mary's.

The Jubilee Coal mine was never a huge operation; at it's peak it employed about 50 blokes, and I believe that there are about 8 of those still living today, one being Don Smith of St Mary's who is a wealth of knowledge regarding the mine.

Over the times from its start till it closed in 1960, it had a lot of ups and downs like cave-ins and strikes. One strike was caused because the mine manager wheeled a skip of coal.

At one time one and three quarter days were lost, this equated to 12 shillings per man, (about a dollar twenty in today's currency) but in those days money did have a bit of value. Cave-ins were common because of the massive weight of the South Sister sitting immediately above the tunnel.

The mine had several managers over the time, an open-cut mine was established to the west of the original mine and lower down the hill, but this didn't last very long, and like a lot of mine sites it has become a grave yard of relics. But thanks to the enthusiasm of a few locals it has a track so that those fit enough can have a look at what remains, and one can only envisage the work and toil that was put into such an operation.

Barry Aulich Pres SPH & EVHS Inc

P.S next walk of interest in Feb 2012.

Article: Barry Aulich.



All photographs courtesy Peter Troode.



Christmas in St Marys 2011



The Lions Club of St Marys Inc. will once again be holding their

Annual Christmas Party and Parade on Saturday 24th December 2011.

The BBQ will be run by the club
with sausages and hamburgers for sale on the day.

The Jumping Castle, Ball Pit, sweets, chips,
drinks, juice and icy poles will all be available free of charge.

We will be giving away free raffle tickets for all ages as per usual.

Last minute tickets in the Christmas stocking raffle
will be on sale during the afternoon at \$1.00 each.

TIMES OF EVENTS FOR THE AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

3PM - PARTY STARTS

4PM - SANTA ARRIVES

5PM - PARADE

(assemble in Newman St)

Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd will be given for Parade entrants.
Prizes for 1st and 2nd for House lights (see ad elsewhere in this issue)
Immediately after the parade the raffles will be drawn.

As our Lion Club members are not as young, or as many as there used to be, our club is once again hoping for a good roll up of volunteers for our 2011 parade and party. If you can assist, please contact John McGiveron or Kevin Faulkner before the day so we can allocate a few jobs to make life easier.

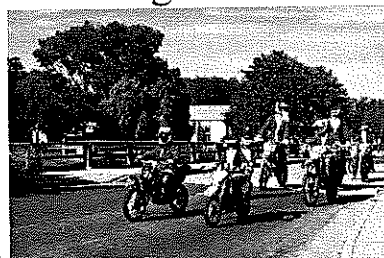
We will need some assistance with the following:

- BBQ helpers
- Entrants for the Parade
(Please contact John or Ruth McGiveron if you intend to enter a float)
- Parade organisers
- Traffic Controllers for the Parade
- Ticket sellers

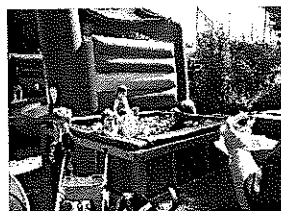
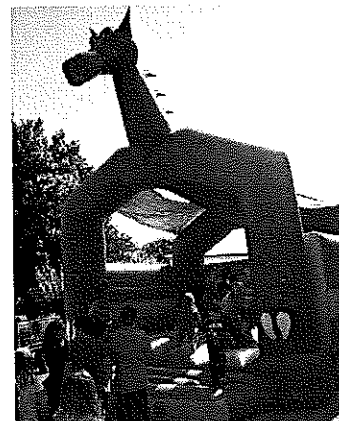
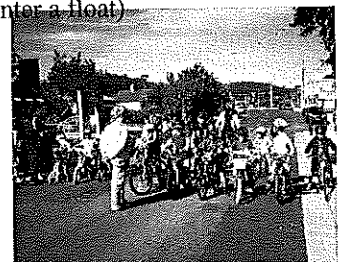
"Many hands make light work"

**See you on
Christmas
Eve 2011**

John McGiveron
Secretary. 6372 2231



Photos from file, 2010



St Marys Sports Centre Inc

Presents



AUSSIE CHRISTMAS

Saturday 17th December

6pm

Prizes for best "aussie" dressed,
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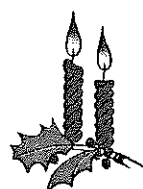
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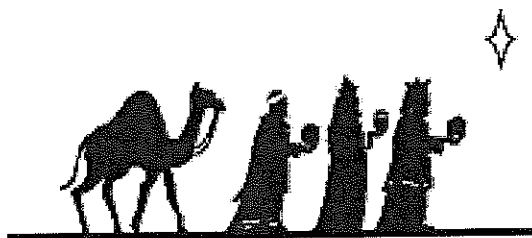
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Sunday 18th December, 2011

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7pm start



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**Proudly supported by the
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So this is Christmas

My mother was a wellspring of stories of Christmas, by contrast, my father was a desert, he didn't tell of Christmas. Therefore the following is written using rare snippets of information he gave me and from war records...

"I hate cows", 9 year old James (Jim) Mitchell scowled as the last cow left the milking shed for the evening.

"I like cows", his 10 year old brother, Sydney confided, "it's the milking I hate".

"Milking is easy compared to potato hauling", older brother Sandy informed them. "Syd, you'll have to do it come Christmas Eve when people in St Marys want to buy our potatoes for Christmas dinner." He warned, "All us boys started the potato haul when we were 10."

Why potatoes were grown on a plot of land at Dublin Town and not on the family farm, Daisy Dale, none of the 14 Mitchell children knew. There was ample space on the farm so it could only have been "tradition".

Early on Christmas Eve all able bodied Mitchell males, 10 years old and over, walked for ¾ of an hour up steep hills to Dublin Town. There they dug and bagged potatoes and hauled the sacks on their backs and walked the long weary walk to St Marys. Once all were sold, the exhausted family trudged the hour long walk home.

It was then milking the cows by lantern light, falling into bed and waking up Christmas morning.

"What is Christmas really?" Syd often wondered. It must be more than relatives coming for midday meal, having extra cream on dessert and having to do a little less work than normal.

Instead of being daunted by the quickly approaching "potato haul", Syd was excited. He had two very good reasons to be elated; firstly he would get to go to St Marys for the very first time in his life and secondly he would have a whole orange all to himself. That was tradition—every Christmas the potato haulers were given an orange each. Envious sisters and younger brothers only got to share one orange between them all.

Sydney glanced at James. He had already decided to give Jim half of his orange on Christmas morning, after all he and James always shared everything. He was sure there had never been two brothers who loved and understood each other as they did.

Upon tasting his very own orange, Syd decided that as long as he lived he wanted an orange for Christmas. "So this is what Christmas is", he decided, as the delectable juice ran down his chin...

The years passed. Each Christmas was similar - no presents, no acknowledgment of the birth of Jesus Christ, but there was tradition. Every Christmas night, everyone had a cup of tea and Grandma Walters told people what their future held. She wasn't taken seriously, it was simply family entertainment!

On Christmas Night, 1914, sixteen year old James and 17 year old Sydney wished they didn't have to endure this annual ritual, but it was inevitable.

The family was discussing the war in Europe when Grandma interrupted with, "Hand me your teacup, Sydney." People always instantly obeyed her. She stared intently at the tea leaves. Syd smirked as he waited to hear the trivia, but she turned to Jim, "James, hand me your teacup", she ordered solemnly.

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Grandma's face became increasingly grave as she gazed into the cup. No-one had seen her look that way. They held their breath. "Sydie and Jimmy, you will never go more than a mile away from a cow turd," she pronounced. Everyone sighed with relief and some started laughing, but the old lady held up her hand for silence. "If you do, disaster awaits you!" She abruptly arose and silently retired to bed. What a strange end to this Christmas day, everyone thought.

When the two brothers were alone Syd said, "We can prove Grandma wrong. We can go more than a mile away from a cow turd if we want to." "Not until we're of legal age," Jim reminded him. "I'll be 18 in July", Syd replied. "Yes, but I won't be, you wouldn't go without me would you?" Jim asked anxiously. "Never", the loyal brother promised.

And so it came to pass...

On the 3rd August, 1915, James Mitchell became No.4343 and Sydney Mitchell became No. 4344.

The recruitment officer noted that Syd stated he was 18 in July and his brother Jim stated he was 18 in February of the same year. The officer made a comment about never having heard of the birth of "twins" to take 5 months to happen, but the army needed men, no matter how stupid or naive they may be.

Christmas Day 1915 was drawing to a close but neither of the brothers had mentioned "Christmas" or "home". The silence united them more deeply than conversation ever could. They both knew the pain of homesickness.

At twilight, leaning on the ship's railing looking at the endless ocean, Syd broke the silence. "We've proven Grandma Walter's wrong." James nodded, "But wouldn't a cup of tea with her be nice right now?" "Especially if it was accompanied by an orange," Syd agreed. "That would be a perfect Christmas," he grinned. "This time last year who would have thought that we would be half way around the world tonight?" Jim reflected. "it will be good. After we've shot at a few Germans, we'll be free to do as we want - free - free from potatoes and cows," he added. "Free from milking too, we'll probably not even see a German. Remember the recruitment officer told us the war would most likely be over before we get there. Anyway, whatever we do or wherever we go we'll do it together, brother," Syd said, placing an affectionate arm around his brother's shoulders.

The two brothers disembarked at Suez on 11th February 1916. On the 29th March they were deployed to Alexandria. They knew they would be shooting at Germans and be shot at by Germans.

That tour of duty was brief. They disembarked at Marseilles, France on the 4th of April.

Then to Pozieres - hell on earth. To maintain their sanity, the brothers shared beautiful but distant memories of paradise - a place called "Daisy Dale". There in far away Tasmania, sacks of potatoes were as light as a feather, cows were the most lovable creatures on earth and milking was the most pleasurable experience imaginable. Life was so easy - so good, back in the long ago.

July 16th 1916 was Syd's 19th birthday. He didn't even know what date the day was, let alone remember it was his birthday.

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Thoughts were only on staying alive - to kill or be killed, to see the dawn of another day - to somehow survive dodging enemy fire - praying the trench would not be bombarded with poisonous gas, or blown to smithereens by machine guns. Time, dates, day, night, meant nothing. All that mattered was that the two brothers remained inseparable in this hell hole.

But there was a date in that July that Sydney would never forget. That date, 25th July 1916. His world shattered. His heart broke. Eighteen year old James died in his arms.

Through the numbness of grief, the depression, the anger, the deep hatred of the enemy, Syd forced himself to fight and live.

Christmas Day 1916 had Syd asking himself a lot of "What if's". Guilt now compounded his intense grief. Grandma Walters voice haunted his thoughts. He asked himself, "what if we had taken her advice?" "What if I had not insisted that we could prove Grandma wrong?"

He blamed himself entirely. If it were not for him, he and Jim would have remained on the family farm. Safe, walking the rolling green hills together. Safe, standing listening to the soothing sounds of the stream near the homestead. Safe, relaxing as the wind whispered "peace" in the willow trees.

If this nightmare he was currently experiencing was Christmas, he never wanted to know another.

On 27th February, Sydney was critically wounded in action - a bullet pierced the top of his heart. On 22nd March he was transferred from France to England to undergo intensive treatment. He spent 5 months in hospital.

On 22 August he was declared capable of rejoining the 12th Battalion in France. The unit was deployed to Belgium.

On 8th October of that same year he was again wounded in action. He was taken to a hospital in France. On 26th of November he was discharged to once more rejoin the unit in France.

Christmas 1917 was again spent on the battlefield! "So this is Christmas," he shuddered in dismay. Everywhere - death and destruction, grief and loss, torment and anguish of body, soul and spirit. No-one or nothing could escape the carnage. "Christmas is definitely not for me!" he declared. He vowed never to acknowledge Christmas ever again and not even look upon an orange lest it remind him of Christmas. There was no goodness left in the world, nor could it ever be restored. Hope was extinguished that Christmas.

Time passed. The war continued to rage. On the 19th June, he was hospitalised for an unidentified sickness. Syd was ill in body, soul and spirit. However, he was discharged on 27th August and he rejoined his comrades and his unit and continued fighting in France.

Christmas Day 1918 saw Sydney back in hospital - back in England. He looked at his bandaged foot and shook his head in disbelief and a touch of disgust, for this wasn't a "wounded in action" injury. He lay in his hospital bed recalling events...

It was late at night on the 4th of November and he was on leave in Paris. He hated being on leave without James, but 3 friends had persuaded him to join them for an outing at a cafe in Paris. As they sat at a table talking, a French civilian approached them proudly displaying a German automatic revolver. Of course they all wanted to handle a German gun that wasn't being held by a German. —————>

Before handing the weapon to Syd's friend, Private Duval, the Frenchman removed the magazine, but the revolver discharged. Bullets ripped through the sleeve of a soldier's uniform. A dog whined in pain. Syd remembered saying calmly "I think I've been hit!". His friends removed his boot to reveal a pool of blood. After 5 days in a hospital in Paris, the injury was so bad he ended up back in England. He heard there had been a court of inquiry. The verdict was that all the men were sober and it was a freak accident. Sydney remained hospitalised by this misadventure for 9 months.

The war ended with him still in England. So it was time to go home. Travelling home the ship encountered a massive storm. Despair overcame the men. They believed they had survived all the horrors of war, just to die at sea when home and "peace" were within their grasp. But they all made it home. To Syd, that was back to "Daisy Dale". Syd married a local girl, Muriel. They had 4 sons and a daughter. Their first born was a boy. They named him James! He milked cows and grew potatoes at Daisy Dale. After enduring a divorce and successfully raising his children, he met and married Linda Newman.

Linda loved Christmas. It was the highlight of each year. Her enthusiasm and Christmas stories were infectious. Syd soon learnt and understood that Christmas was about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. He loved Christmas. He helped with all Christmas preparations, including selecting the Christmas tree, tying peppermint trees to the verandah posts of Daisy Dale homestead on Christmas Eve. He loved the giving and receiving of presents. When asked what he wanted for Christmas he always replied, "an orange please". Sydney Mitchell was healed, Sydney Mitchell was restored. His twinkling blue eyes and beaming smile testified he knew that Christmas was a time of Joy, Love, Peace and Hope.

It was family reunions each Christmas day he rejoiced in, his sons and daughters (yes I was daughter number 2) all being together having dinner in the large kitchen.

After dinner of Christmas 1967, he stood up and said, "This is our last Christmas together. I won't be here to see another." His prediction was true, but that Christmas 1967, soaking up the serenity, he turned to his family and said, "Christmas is so good, so very good. Life is good, so very good. Everything has made it all worthwhile."

This is truly Christmas.
Beverley Rubenach.



Infant Aquatics/Learn to Swim Lessons

St Marys District School Association will be offering swimming lessons for children aged 0-12 yrs at St Marys pool from 3rd - 16th January. Lessons will be provided by Hazel Buchhorn and Carol Bennet, Austswim qualified teachers. There will be 10 lessons of 30 min, weekdays from 9 -12.30 pm.

We are currently taking enrolments - for more information contact Tanya -BH 6372 2187 or Jacqui - 6372 5449 before the 16th December.

Limited places available.

BREAK O' DAY STITCHERS

The year just seems to have flashed past and already it is 'break-up' time for us – but we'll be back in January

Having just enjoyed a very informative four day course with Sydney quilter Deb Louie we will be putting our newly acquired skills and information to good use for

the Easter Craft & Quilt Show which will have a slightly different format next year in that there will only be judging on Junior work and on the Australian challenge which is

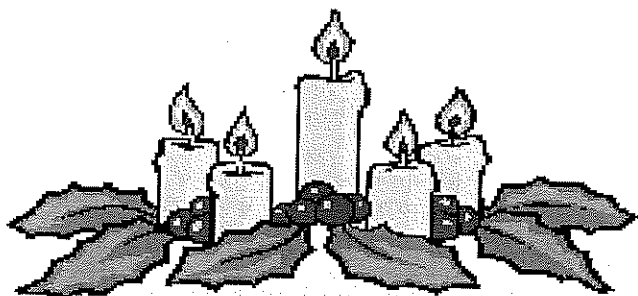
open to everyone and can be a quilt, wallhanging, cushion etc. and the prize will be a Bernina Bernette sewing machine donated by Sewknit and Bernina.

Other sections will have

'Viewers Choice' awards. Further information can be obtained from --- Kay -- 0402007802



Photos taken at the Break O'Day Stitchers Luncheon at White Sands Resort.



St Marys Child Care Centre

News

On Friday 2nd December, we took a very excited group of young children down to our fire and emergency services building. The boys had a great time learning all about the ambulances, fire engines, SES and police in our community. The boys had a go at using the fire hose and even got to wear a policeman's hat! They took home important messages about the people in our community who are there to help them and their families in times of need. We would like to thank the fantastic guys who came down to share their knowledge with our children.



Connecting our early childhood setting to the local community is a key part of our program. We have children aged 1-5 years attending. If you would like further information on enrolling your child at our centre them please call Tanya ; 6372 2187 or email stmarys@ncn.org.au

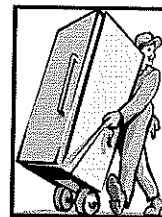
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Entries are invited from all community members and visitors , adults and kids. Entry is just \$5.

A viewers' choice award will be made. Any medium can be used; it just needs to be standard postcard size. Entry forms and conditions are available at the Suncoast Gallery, 27a Quail St, behind Wombat Burrow. Entry forms must be received at the Gallery by January 11th

The Exhibition of all entries will be at the Gallery from 25th January until 8th February.

Enquiries to Jeanette Harrison ph. 6372 5463

Or Debbie Watkins ph. 6376 1848

Or Kay Roberts (after Dec 20th) 0402 007 802



Brought to you by The Suncoast Gallery, Your Community Gallery.

Suncoast Gallery celebrates 10 years as a community gallery, making and marketing locally made high quality art and craft.

On Friday 2nd December, 35 past and present members, including several of the original committee, gathered at the gallery on a mild and sunny afternoon, after a week of rain and wind! (an omen for the decade ahead, we wondered?) Along with the drinks and nibbles many stories and memories were shared.

Current president, Kay Roberts welcomed everybody, especially the past members who had travelled from Launceston for the occasion. Deputy Mayor Hannah Rubenach congratulated the gallery on its achievement and highlighted the value that the gallery added to the local character and economy by providing an alternative to mass produced generic products.

Marie Anthony and Sally Williams kindly created a delicious birthday cake which was ceremonially cut by original members (See picture from left to right) Alan Ball, Maureen Fisher, Graeme Cherry and Joy Walters. After sharing the cake guests signed a birthday flag, which will flap their wishes for the gallery off into the cosmos!



Some of the original crew gathering at the gallery, from left to right, Joy Walter, Alan Ball, Ros Gregg, Maureen Fisher, Graeme Cherry, Marg Grant and Jaqui Restall

Well respected local artist Graeme Cherry presented the gallery with a gift of his water colour painting of Sloop Rock. The Gallery is raffling the painting as a fund raiser for the gallery at \$2 a ticket. So why not call into the gallery to add your wishes to the flag and to buy your chance to win a beautiful piece of art work. And of course while you are there, take the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, knowing that you are keeping your carbon miles as low as they can go!



The Say Cagerattler

Christmas and the end of the year are fast approaching and it's perhaps time to think of having a great time with family and friends. Also we have to be thankful for what we have seen occur during this past twelve months and also trust that 2012 will be a bigger, better year again. A lot of this relies on how we approach the new opportunities opening up for many.

In one particular area with this in mind, I happened to be reading through some course possibilities at the new Trade Training Centre located both in St Marys and to a larger degree at St Helens. Depending on numbers it was enlightening to see a considerable range of subjects that might be accommodated at the two campuses.

The courses are too many to mention here but let's just say that they cover just about every main area and should expand further as time goes by. This is too good an opportunity to let go, not only for our younger personnel who need such chances to help value add to the region, but for more mature age students who might like to gain qualifications in areas that formerly would have required living elsewhere. On this front I'd urge ANYONE with this in mind to contact either St Marys or St Helens schools to look at what they might be able to do in the next few years.

Thanks to our new Mayor who has shown great support to our St Marys bank branch and of course to everyone getting behind the petition all around the town. It means a lot that we are ALL showing great support for what really is a very limiting decision by the faceless corporates who do these things. Wouldn't it have been a bit more respectful to many loyal customers if some of these people had visited the various communities such as ours to talk to us first. If a case justifying a decision like this could be mounted, then we'd probably cope with it, but through the media was pretty average to say the least. Anyway thanks to all. Keep up the fight.

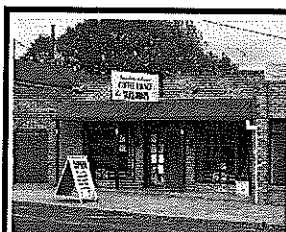
Another good thing is that after a few delays the new pool building is open for business to the community and as each day goes by more and more families are availing themselves of what is going to be a welcome additional asset to this valley and coast. Good to a part of.

Finally, as this is the final edition of our great little icon (Valley Voice) for 2011, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has a browse at The Say each fortnight. Your input to the subject matter is crucial and much appreciated by me.

Also to our intrepid, massively hard working and understanding editor Judy, fantastic proof reader Maisie and all the rest of the printers, collators, staplers, and deliverers of OUR PAPER... Thank you for indulging me this article each time.

Have a great Christmas, safe New Year, and hope to go again next year.

What do you think ?



Ross, Tracy and staff would like to wish all their valued customers a safe and happy Christmas and New year. Closing: 7pm -24th Dec. Reopening : 29th Dec.



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF SCAMANDER INC.

After a brief November meeting we made our way to Betty and Alan's at Douglas River. Once again the sun shone for us and we all enjoyed our picnic lunch and a leisurely stroll around their beautiful garden.



On November 28th our club traveled to the Tamar Valley, Low head and the Bass and Flinders Centre, which is situated in George town. Once again our tour organiser came up "trumps". The transport and morning tea was provided by Franklins.

We stopped at City Park to have morning tea and the weather in Launceston was an improvement on the overcast weather we experienced in St. Helens when we commenced our trip very early in the morning.

After morning tea we travelled to Low Head Lighthouse and the Pilot Station Museum. A volunteer provided an excellent guided tour of the whole grounds. We understand that the original homes are now fully renovated and are ready for visitors to hire. The original school is at present being updated.

In George town we visited the Bass and Flinders Centre. This was the highlight of the trip. On our arrival the curator of the Centre provided us with a talk on the history of the museum. The centre contains the replica of the Norfolk which was constructed by Bern Cuthbertson and his team of volunteers in Hobart. The hull is of huon pine and the mast and deck is made from celery top pine, "not a screw or a nail was used trunnels or tree nails hold the vessel together". The display also has replicas of a variety of sailing vessels dating from 1815 to 2007.

Lunch was provided by the centre and afterwards we were given a guided tour of the museum.

Should readers visit George town we highly recommend that you take the time to visit the Bass and Flinders Centre which is in Elizabeth Street.

Our club will be having a buffet Christmas Lunch at White Sands on the 14th December. The club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

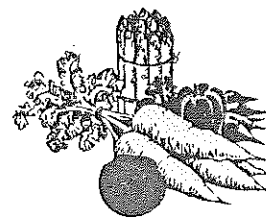
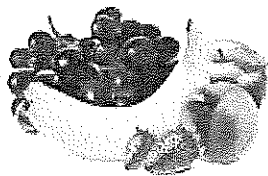


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To everyone else we wish you a very Merry Happy Christmas and trust that you will take the Love, Hope, Joy & Peace of Christmas into your families, neighbours & all you touch this year and we wish you a very Happy New Year also.

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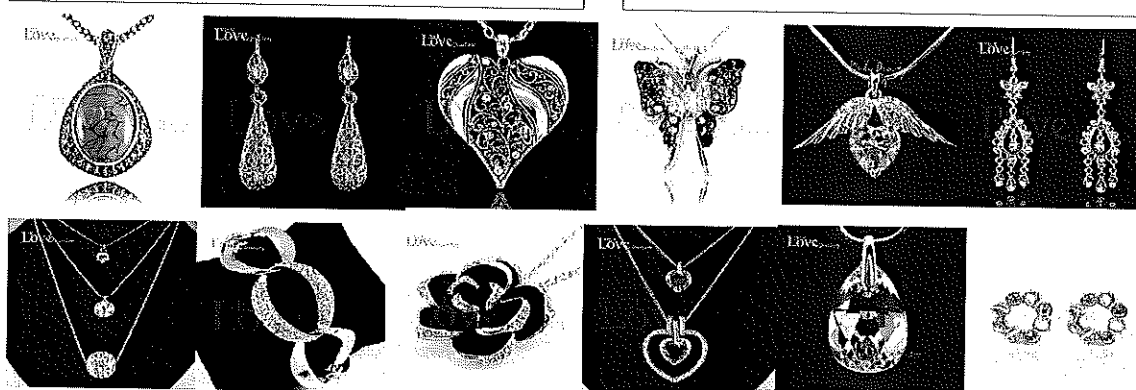
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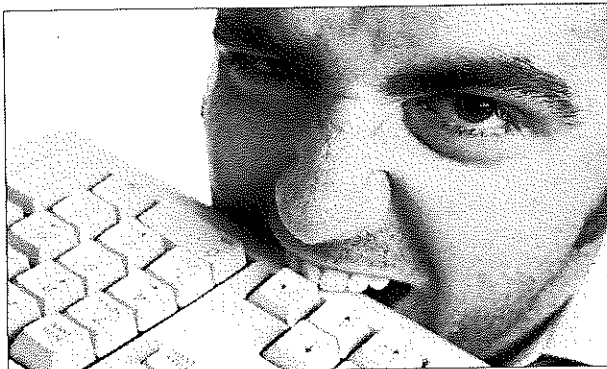
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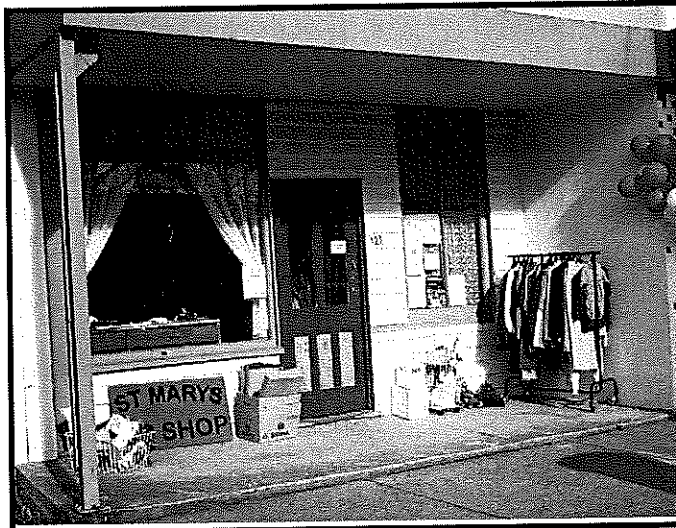


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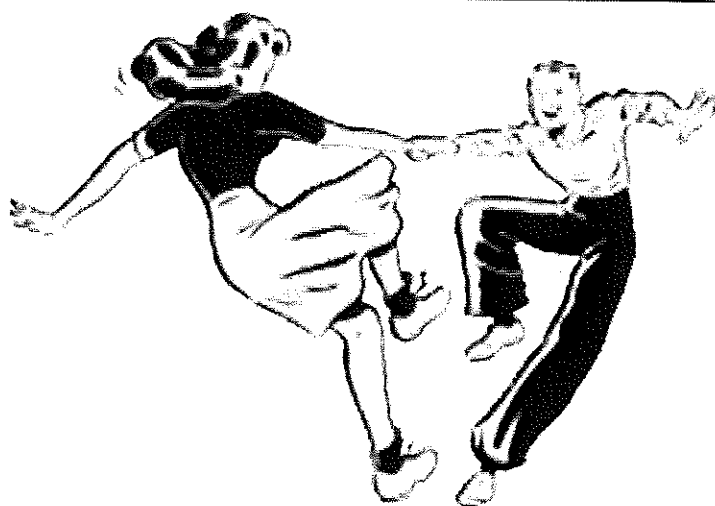
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Morning	RFM On Star FM	Have a Hoot with SKOOT	Starry Starry Morning The Trace Element	The Morning Show with "Harpo"	Classic 60's Music Mix	Jiving with JeannyMaree	
Arvo	In the mood with Laurelle	Jeanny-Maree's 2 for Tuesday	Your host with the "Most" Terry Post	Around the world with Tim	Friday round-up with RFM	Colin's History and Mystery Music	In the Mi with The Element
Late afternoon	Shut up and Drive with the "Element"	After School with Neesha and Chloe	Drivin' with Damo	In the back seat with Angela	Hot Hits with The Jackster		Dave's Blues Mix
Even	Mellow Monday's with Roger	Neville's Country Corner	Mary Anne's Thanks for the Memories	Thursday Night "LIVE" with "Chucker"	Marc's Boiler Room	Brians Party Mix - til late	
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Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons

*A Merry Christmas To All, And All The Best
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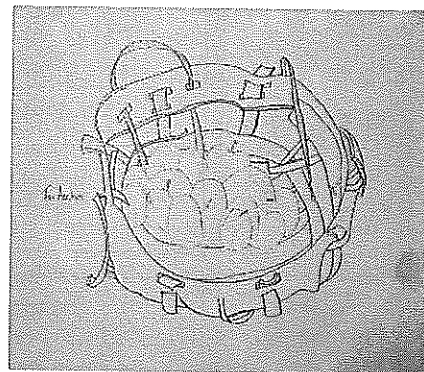
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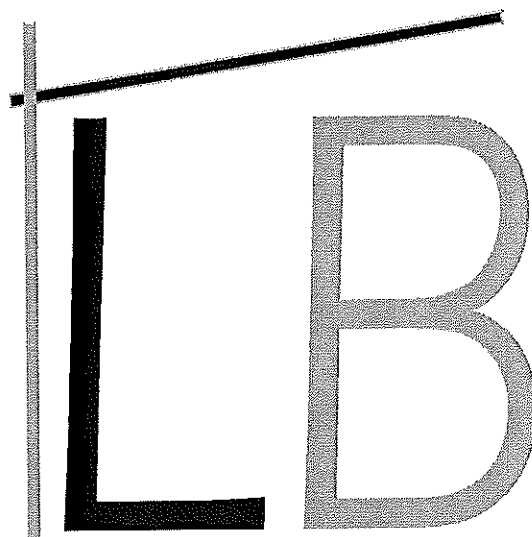


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*Citizen of the Year &
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Award Description:

Citizen of the Year:

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on or before the 26th January 2012.

Individuals Eligible for Award:

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible

Young Citizen of the Year:

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years of age on or before the 26th January 2012.

Individuals Eligible for Award:

This award is for a young citizen who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Nominations for Awards close 5.00pm Friday 16 December, 2011.

Nomination forms available from the Break O'Day Council Office, or email

Chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au

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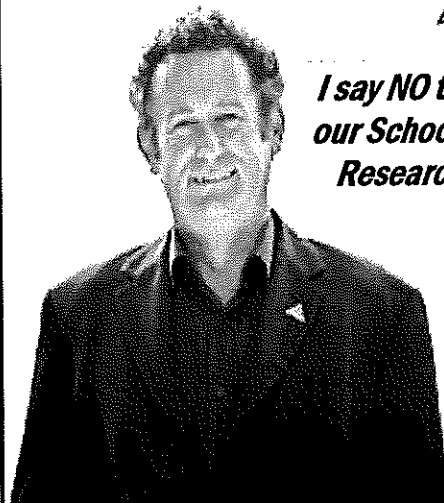
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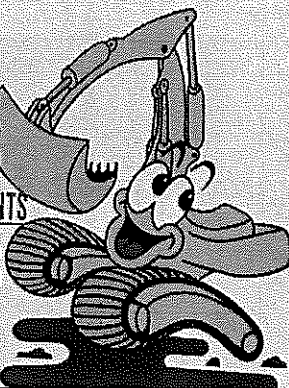
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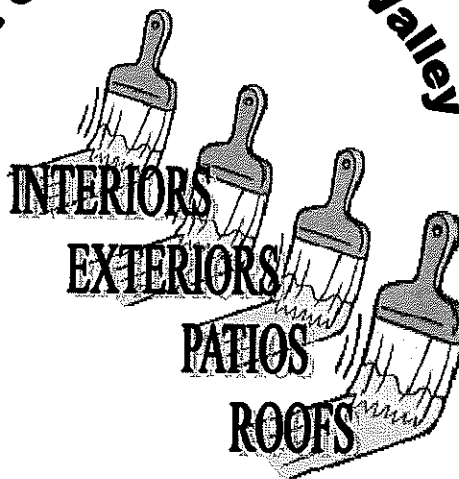
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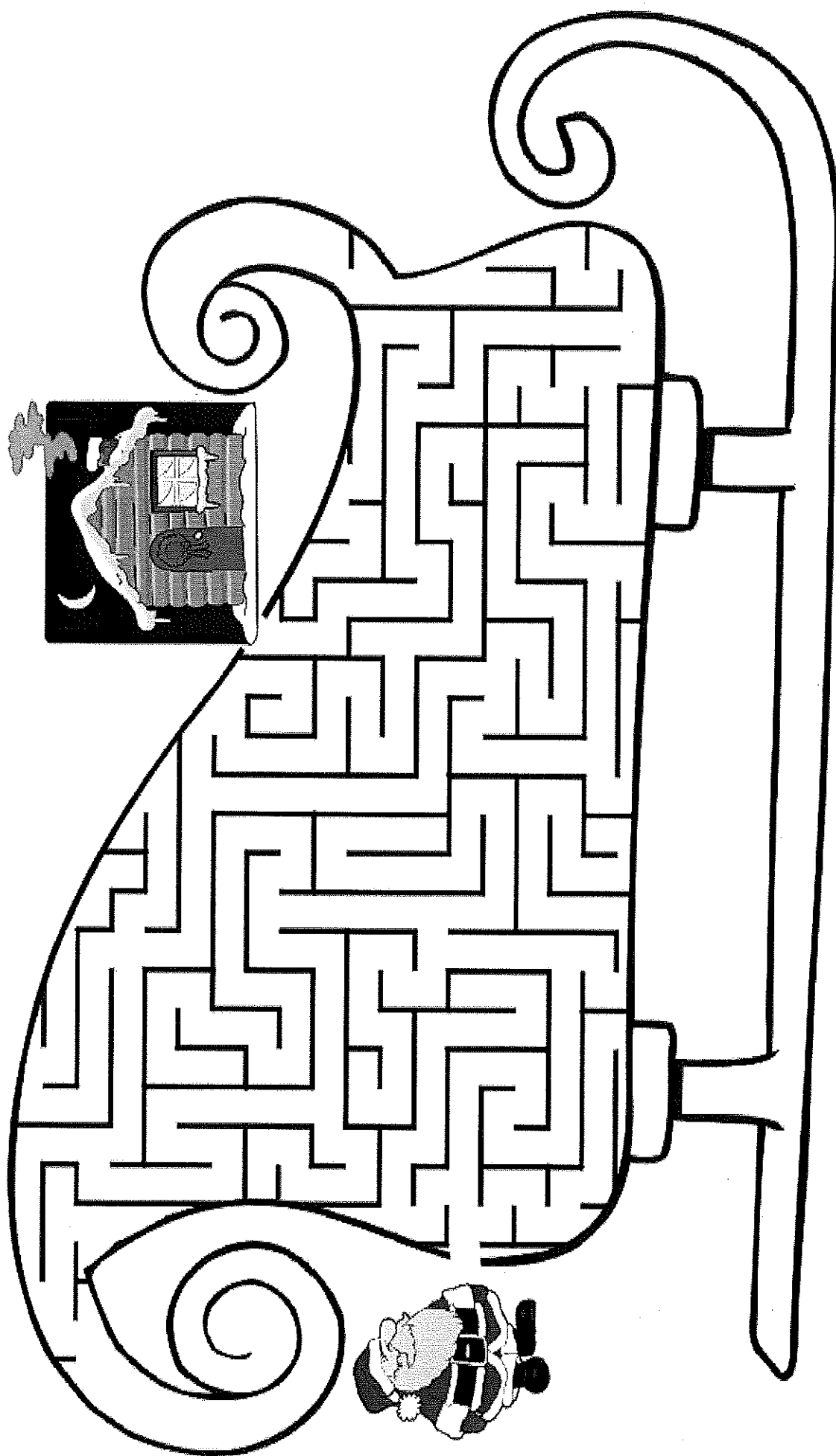
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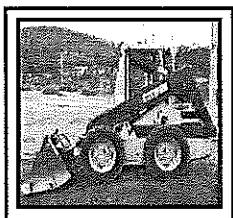
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Campbell Town: 9am every Sun.
(3rd Sunday –Family Service)

Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

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St Helens Every Sunday
8 am and 10.30 am
St Marys Every Sunday
10am
Pyengana: Kids Church,
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Salvation Army TUESDAY JAM

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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

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

January 2012		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	2nd	Lorraine Gill	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	3rd	Trish Pike	
Wednesday	4th	Lundy Vosper	
Thursday	5th	Heather Griffiths	
Friday	6th	Claire Bean	

MOW Contact		Phone: 0488 384 344	
Monday	9th	Debbie Barnes	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	10th	Pam Bretz	
Wednesday	11th	Lorraine Gill	
Thursday Dec	12th	Kaye Nailer	
Friday	13th	Val Spencer	Neighbourhood House

January		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	16th	Lundy Vosper	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	17th	Ruth Aulich	
Wednesday	18th	Liz Rice	
Thursday	19th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday	20th	Hannah Rubenach	

MOW Contact		Phone: 0488 384 344	
Monday	23rd	Val Spencer	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	24th	Lundy Vosper	
Wednesday	25th	Lorraine Gill	
Thursday Dec	26th	Heather Griffiths	
Friday	27th	Drew Adam	Neighbourhood House
Monday	30th	Val Spencer	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	31st	Ruth Aulich	

Christmas Services Anglican Parish

Dec 18 -

Carols and 9 Lessons St Helens 8.00am
Pyengana Christmas service 7.30pm

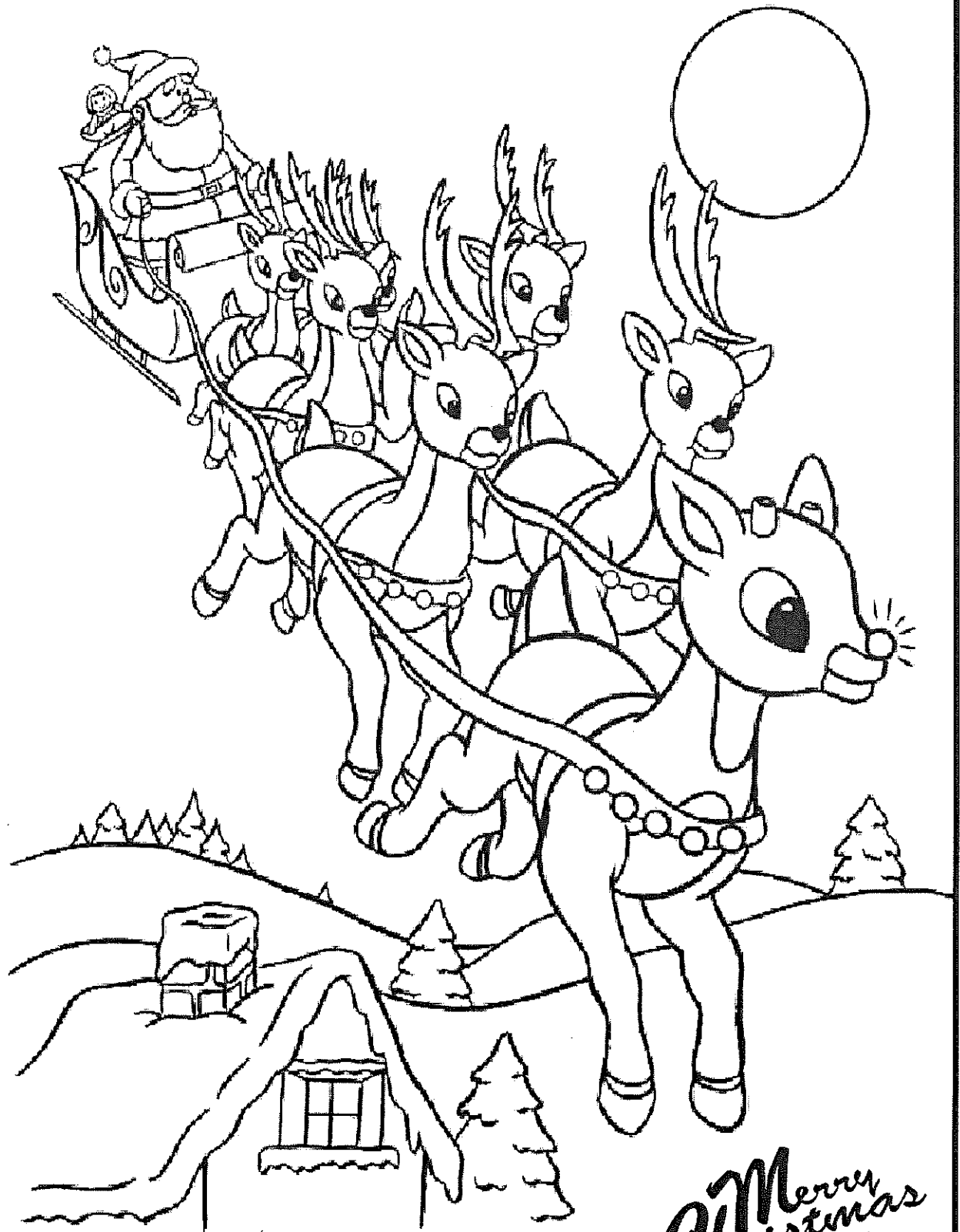
Dec 24 -

Midnight service at St Helens 11.15pm

Christmas Day -

St Marys 9am
St Helens 9am

Colour us in



*Merry
Christmas
to All*

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

December		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	19th	Lundy Vosper	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	20th	Ruth Aulich	
Wednesday	21st	Liz Rice	
Thursday	22nd	Lorraine Gill	
Friday	23rd	Drew Adam	
MOW Contact		Phone:	0488 384 344
Monday	26th	Val Spencer	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	27th	Lundy Vosper	
Wednesday	28th	Lorraine Gill	
Thursday	29th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday	30th	Drew Adam	Neighbourhood House

Church Services

Mass times for St Marys Catholic Parish & Campbell Town Parish.
December 2011

1st Sunday - Mass

3rd & 4th Dec
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
Fingal 11.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

2nd Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

10th & 11th Dec
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
St Marys 9.00 am
Fingal 9.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

3rd Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with communion

17th & 18th Dec
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
St Marys 9.00 am
Fingal 9.30 am
Swansea 11.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

4th Sunday - Christmas Day 24th & 25th Dec

Christmas Eve

Campbell Town 5.00 pm
St Marys 7.00 pm
St Helens 9.00 pm
Bicheno 8.00 am
Swansea 10.00 am

Mass times for St Marys Catholic Parish & Campbell Town Parish
January 2012

1st Sunday - Mass

31st Dec & 1st Jan
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
Fingal 11.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

2nd Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

7th & 8th Jan
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
St Marys 9.00 am
Fingal 9.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

3rd Sunday - Mass

14th & 15th Jan
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno L/W 9.00 am
St Marys 9.00 am
Swansea 11.30 am
Campbell Town 5.00 pm

4th Sunday - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

21st & 22nd Jan
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
St Marys 9.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
Fingal 9.30 am
Swansea 10.00 am

5th Sunday - Mass

28th & 29th
St Helens Vigil 6.00 pm
Bicheno 9.00 am
St Marys 11.00 am

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have to open late or close early.

If you're interested in assisting the school
and volunteering at the Op Shop, please
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St Marys Sports Centre Inc news Kackhander

Not much joy on the bowls green in regard to pennant in the past couple of weeks despite some pretty good efforts. At Swansea two rinks had good wins but over the closing ends we couldn't quite get over the line, missing out by five shots. A similar situation in the ladies as well. This weekend just gone we travelled to St Helens to play on the artificial surface coming home with no points at all. It is such a foreign surface and to adjust to it is very difficult indeed.

We now have a month's break from pennant. Currently we sit eight points out of the finals and we will need ALL our players to commit to the team after this break otherwise there is a real possibility that we might miss the finals that are to be played at St Marys as unimaginable prospect as that might seem. We can't let that happen, can we? In the ladies, St Marys is playing for a top two chance and will need to commit to the same cause.

Still on bowls and a reminder that the Clive Berwick Memorial Triples is set down for December 27th and a couple of places are still available so if you can still organise a team do it quickly, before you're disappointed.

The club wishes Shantelle and 'Little and Big' Chris Arratta all the best for the future in wherever life takes you. You have all been great for bowls and an asset to the club, and we hope you have enjoyed our company as much as we have enjoyed yours.

Once again the weather has curtailed golf activities in recent times. Some-one ought to tell some-one that's it's supposed to be summer...

This upcoming Saturday Dec 17th is the Aussie Christmas Function and promises to be another great do, organised by the catering committee. Again don't leave it too late to book your spot for the night otherwise you will be disappointed for sure. Oh yes, and come dressed as "Aussie" as you can, because there are prizes for the best dressed, among other things. Where are those boardies and cork hats...

I think it's time for a change. Me - (Kackhander) has been doing this now for about 20 years, taking over from Tee Up when she moved away (Ruth Gill).

If any-one tied up with the club would like to make a contribution to our great local paper in this regard it would be fantastic and a fresh new way of getting the Sports Centre News out there would be great. Think about it please.

To ALL OUR MEMBERS... Wish you all a safe, happy and prosperous holiday period and keep supporting the club. It's worth it.

Finally from the Sports Centre and me to the great crew at the Valley Voice, for allowing us the privilege of the 'back page' every issue once again. This is invaluable, enabling us the chance to get all the info out to the members all the time.

We wish all the Valley Voicers a very good and enjoyable break, not least the intrepid editor, Judy... Thanks.

Good hitting and rolling...

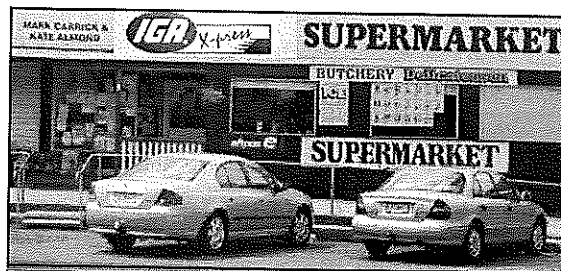
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and New year.*

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Sat 24th Dec 8am - 3pm	Fri 30th Dec 8am - 6pm
Sun 25th Dec - Closed	Sat 31st Dec 8am - 12n
Mon 26th Dec - Closed	Sun 1st Jan - Closed
Tue 27th Dec 8am - 6pm	Mon 2nd Jan - Closed
Wed 28th Dec 8am - 6pm	Tue 3rd Jan 8am - 6pm

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