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'NEWMAN STREET'

8am SATURDAY 2/11/13

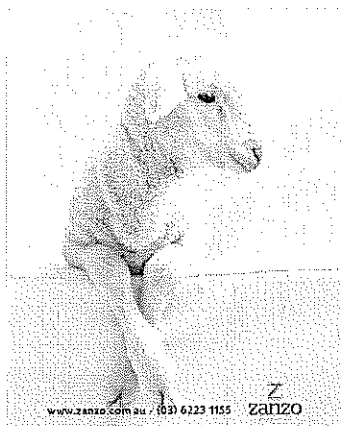
The residents of Newman Street, St Marys are organising a communal Garage Sale. All persons will be responsible for their own goods on the day.

\$5.00 per stall, funds being donated to the St Marys Lions Club.

If you are interested in having a stall please contact 0408 174 193 / 0407 908 058.

ST MARYS PASS

DIER advise that St Marys Pass will be closed 9am to 3pm weekdays for two weeks from Wednesday 6th to Friday 22nd November for repairs. It is hoped the work will be completed before the 22nd but that will be weather dependent. Elephant Pass will be open.



Celebrity lamb Bazza, rescued by Lynne Dawes on the road to Hobart, adopted by Tim at Newtown prior to Tasbash. Stolen from there, found his way back to the eastern shore, then reunited with Tim back on the western shore. Interviewed on Hobart radio station Ultra106five on Friday 18th, to discuss his traumatic adventure. From the 27th November until the 1st December Bazza is touring with Arch Bishop Harowa and his wife Dayleen as part of a nativity scene. Lovely pic by Zanzo.



Break O'Day Council Planning Authority approves Mangana gold fields.

At a special Council meeting held on 8 October 2013, Break O'Day Council granted planning approval for the re-opening of three mines in the Mangana gold fields.

The Argyle Mine, the Golden Entrance Mine and the Mangana Mine (located in Sailors Gully) will be redeveloped by Tasmanian mining services company Webb Mining, with the project creating up to forty jobs.

There will be additional work for contractors and the project is shovel ready for immediate start. There is a minimum of ten years mining work available from the project.

The proposal is for the mining and processing of a minimum of 50,000 tonnes of gold ore per year. This classifies the project as a level 2 activity according to Schedule 2 of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994.

Webb Mining has 29 years' experience in underground mining and engineering construction. The planning permit from Council represents the final step in regulatory approval, after the permit from the state Environmental Protection Authority and a mining lease from Mineral Resources Tasmania were granted.

Following the planning decision work is due to start on the project immediately, and the company will endeavour to employ Tasmanian workers during both construction and operation.

Webb Mining would like to acknowledge the support received for the project from the Environmental Protection Authority, Mineral Resources Tasmania and Break O'Day Council.

Council is excited by the project and welcomes the prospect of jobs and development which will benefit the whole community.

For further information please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

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Community Announcements

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meet monthly on the first Monday at 2pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc meet monthly on the last Thursday at 11am in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 10am in the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care room.

St Marys Ladies' Midweek Tennis meet at 9.30am each Wednesday. New players of any standard and beginners welcome. Child minding included – a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Ph Karon 6372 2382 or Dana 6372 2033.

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

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Wednesday 8pm at St Pauls Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. Ph Murdoch 6376 3335.

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. New members are most welcome.

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc meet every second month on the third Wednesday at 3pm at various venues throughout the valley. Ph Barry 6372 5752 (aulich@bigpond.com) or Jim 6372 2127. (jimhaas@bigpond.com) www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

The **Falmouth Community Centre** contact for booking club facilities is Cherrie Schier on 0417 887 941.

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

BINGO at the Cornwall Hall every Monday at 7pm, 2 jackpots each week. All welcome.

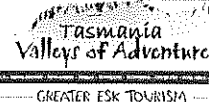
The **Chocolate Shop Singers** meet at the Mt Elephant Fudge shop St Marys every Thursday at 5pm for informal and fun singing. Everyone welcome.

The St Marys School Association Op Shop opens Mon-Fri, 10-3 and market Saturdays 10-12.30. Pre-loved items will be gratefully received during these hours or can be left at the St Marys Newsagency.

St Marys Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Friday 8pm at Holy Trinity. Mick & Shirl 6372 2909.

The **Cornwall Community Development Group** meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 7pm in the Cornwall Hall. All welcome.

October meeting postponed until 29 October 2013. Enquiries to the president on 0412 425 666.



St Marys Community Market. 1st Saturday of the Month - 9am to 1pm in the St Marys Community Hall. Ph Robina 6372 2022. bodregionalarts@gmail.com

Scamander Garden Club meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 1.30pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. Enjoy sharing garden activities. Ph Val 6372 2762.

Break O'Day Regional Arts general meetings are held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 4pm in the Supper Room of the St Marys Community Hall. All welcome. Michelle 6372 2056.

ST MARYS / FALMOUTH PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 10:30 – 12:30 at the Falmouth Community Centre

Does your child/children enjoy

- Painting and arts & crafts activities
- Riding bikes
- Playground play
- Exciting activities & celebrations
- Interacting with others?



Join us at Play Group for only a small charge of \$3 per family in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for children, mums & dads. Contact Tash Speers 0419 591 905 or Amy Faulkner 0417 152 337.

St Helens Al-Anon Family Group (Al Anon) helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of someone close. 2pm Sunday at St Pauls Anglican Church Hall St Helens. Ph Anne or John on 6376 4270 or Rose on 6376 3335.

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Op Shop is happy to receive your preloved clothing and goods Monday to Friday 9 - 3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be dropped off at the Centre. Come along, check it out and pick up a bargain. Deb Speers, Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.

Stallholders Market Inc is a non profit organisation that holds markets every Saturday from 8-12 noon in the Portland Hall St Helens. For bookings please email sthelensmarket@yahoo.com.au

Break O'Day Regional Arts

The **Annual General Meeting** for BODRA will be held in the St Marys Hall Supper Room on the 3rd December 2013 at 4pm. All positions will be vacant and all are welcome to attend.

Community Dinner. Despite the unfavourable weather, the B.B.Q. went very well. Donations to Samaritan's Purse amounted to \$50. Many thanks for your generosity. Next Community Dinner is on Saturday 16th November and will be Chinese. This will be the last dinner for the year, so come join us for a night of feasting and frivolity. Collection on the night will go to a local group to be decided on the night.

Community Announcements

The winner of the Woodcraft Guild Meat Safe was Murray Bennett of St Marys. The winning ticket was drawn by Ross Bean on Monday 21st October at 11.15am at the Coach House. Congratulations to Murray and many thanks to all members of the community for your generosity in supporting us by buying a ticket.

Wendy Brennan, Secretary
Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild.

Garage Sale. 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 2013 at 145 Scamander Avenue, Scamander. NOT BEFORE 8.30am thanks. Ph 6372 5127.

For Sale

Old 1940s style furniture, tatty but would suit serious restorer, pieces @ \$5 each. Ozito Thicknesser, has done less than an hour's work, \$100. Large metal storage box 1.8x50cmx50cm, hinged lid, lockable, suitable tool box for back of ute/truck, \$50. Ph 6385 2114.

1998 Hyundai Sonata V6. One owner only. Colour: Sea Foam. Registered until November \$5,000. Ph 6372 2155.

1 large TV unit (dark wood) 3 shelves down centre, 2 doors with shelving behind and 2 sliding out doors for DVDs \$250. 1 ladies' mountain bike \$15. 1 house gas heater \$20. 1 original Cornwall Coal mine Wagon Wheel. \$120. Antique 1946 dining room table (extendable) with 6 chairs and side board. Still have receipt in good cond. \$800. 1 large bar (carved wood), glass up top, shelving, place for a bar fridge and drawer, \$500 near new. Ph Eric 0408 699 456.

Moo poo, any quantity, finely screened - trailer load \$40, large trailer loads \$50-\$60, truck loads delivered. Ph Norm on 6372 2380.

Bullbar for Toyota '09 ute, \$500 o.n.o. Ph 0419 890 859.

Wanted

House cleaner, experienced lady with references \$16 p/h. Ph 6372 2584.

Gardening, odd jobs, family man \$15 p/h. Ph 6372 2584.

Community notices are free. Classified ads of 25 words or fewer are free for two issues and advertising is available from \$12 to \$50. Annual posted subscription is \$50.60 and annual online subscriptions will be available in 2014 at \$20. Articles may be left at the St Marys Pharmacy, emailed to vvoicerevisited@gmail.com or posted to 12 Groom St St Marys 7215.

Live simply so that others can simply live.

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Rates Reminder

Ratepayers are reminded that the 2nd instalment of rates is due on Friday the 8th November 2013.

Payment is required before this date to avoid interest and penalties.

Any ratepayers who are having difficulties making payment should contact Council's Rates Department on 6376 7900 to discuss alternate arrangements.

Des Jennings
General Manager.

Houses for rent.

Upper Scamander 3 bedroom on acres, available in mid November.

St Marys 3 bedroom basic home available in January. Valid references required.

Written applications to 12 Groom St St Marys 7215.

Call Lynne for details on 0427 560 565.

Due to the November long weekend the St Marys Hospital Auxiliary wishes to advise of the meeting date change from Monday 4th November to Tuesday 12th November @ 2pm.
Kevin Faulkner, Secretary.

Tim Morris MP
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Authorised by Tim Morris MP, Parliament House, Hobart, 7000



On this day in 1901 - Daredevil Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel. She was 63 years old.

Letters to the Editor Vol. 46 No .13

Letter to the Editor and Readers.

Response to Tony Story (Vol. 46 No. 12).

Wow, and thank you for your letter. Yes, Dr Story/Storey, is in fact Dr George Fordyce.

The Cottons of Kelvedon, Francis and Anna Maria (Tilney) Cotton, have a private family cemetery on the Kelvedon property; although I have not inspected this myself (on the to do list) I have been sent pictures. When Dr Story's health is in decline, it is noted amongst the Cotton family in their letters. I would be eager to swap notes at some time as I am keen to connect as much early Tasmanian information as possible.

If you have followed this anecdotal account from the start, it may be apparent that I was making private records to gain perspective of my family history in a touchy/feely informal way - but then I got hooked. I've followed my family's early roots from the Buckland, Springbay and Maria Island communities (and still going). Then, this wasn't enough because although the people were linked everyone (yep, everyone) was a character - perhaps because of the sparse population. I became fascinated and passionate with absolutely everyone's history and the community's evolution and ties.

Through historical papers, old newspapers, inquests, court hearings, wills, electoral roles, other historians, family members, personal letters and many hours in the archives, (with an increase in my glasses strength) the addiction started. Some minor events have been edited out for the Valley Voice, however in my family compilation I have a brief summary of all characters mentioned. I've traced the family trees of some to track the inter-familial junctions, where they had settled, and yes, to find the colourful characters.

Admittedly I'm no writer - just got the bug now.

I hope you'll submit your stories to the Valley Voice as your ties to the area are closer than mine.

When the Valley Voice was looking for input I tried to inspire a few people to write but they were either too shy or just unsure; so I bit the bullet and thought if I start hopefully a few more will come forward with more local content. I for one am looking forward to reading more material of that nature and I hope you will share yours.

Thanx for reading

Lynne Dawes, Seven Mile Beach.

Letter to the Editor.

Re: Half of all Tasmanians are functionally illiterate and innumerate: VV 12 October 2013

Mr Jensen's suggestion of moving students into better, larger schools "to afford specialist literacy and numeracy teachers that would benefit all students" does not address any of the root causes of this serious, complex and societal problem.

Firstly, education begins at home long before children commence school. Parents have a responsibility to help their children to learn and grow and function in the world they brought them into. You can have all the specialist

teachers in the world but if that child does not have a home where parents support and assist their learning, as I have seen first hand in my experience as a school executive officer, that child remains illiterate, innumerate and condemned to lifelong poverty, not only financially but mentally, spiritually and emotionally - condemned to a life of "low expectation" that they in turn pass on to their children and their children's children.

That "the education system in Tasmania has a history of low expectations" is not only a condemnation of the system but a tragic reflection on Tasmanian society as a whole. Where have these "low expectations" come from and what has created them?

Systems do not create themselves, they are created by people, so successive Tasmanian governments must share the blame as must we, the people who voted for them. Statistics show that Tasmania has the second highest teenage pregnancy rate in Australia - the first being the Northern Territory. Statistics also show that a high number of children in this state are classified as being disadvantaged - is this a result of "low expectations?"

It is a sad fact that literacy and its teaching all over Australia has suffered from the so called "literacy wars" where states and academics have fought over how literacy should be taught since the seventies. No national curriculum has meant that standards varied from state to state, impacting both teachers and children.

In 2008 when attending an orientation course at UTAS, I was asked not to answer the simple grammatical questions the facilitator put to the class because she was aware that I had been taught these things and that many of these young men and women who had just finished high school and were entering university did not know the difference between "its" and "it's". A sad indictment indeed.

Literacy is more than learning to read or simply functioning in this world we inhabit - it is the key to learning, growing, opportunity, understanding, tolerance and compassion, to a world of wonder, innovation, technology and many other things that enrich our lives as a person and a society. It is the key to the future.

Elizabeth Elliott, St Marys.

Letter to the Editor.

What an interesting paper you have; I learnt about Eric Bean, who sounds like he and his wife did a remarkable job. I read a beautiful story by Don Pike (my maiden name), saw how C&D Excavations are community minded, laughed at young photos of Out of the Woodwork and with the car photos, was delighted with the piece on the Asylum Seekers, not because they moved but because of the author's view point and kindness. Good to read about Rita and Ian; David Brewster has a nice way of talking but the teeth business was not a good subject for lunch time eaters! I hate a model or anyone being paid \$42 million. The woman who successfully sued re the auto cruise makes the mind boggle oh silly of silliest judgements!!! I'm grateful for the historical writings and research behind the scenes.

Peggy Bogar, Scamander.

Letter to the Editor.

On October 8th, the St Marys Salvation Army was privileged to partner Anglicare for the Mental Health Week celebration of the 13 community-based volunteer groups within and around our district.

The St Marys Salvos, also run by volunteers, was pleased to be able to test out our newest and biggest ever Jumping Castle! It's always good to see the children having fun and equally rewarding to see the faces of the parents as they watch the athletics of their bouncing boys and girls inside the castle.

Many people contributed to the day to make it successful and I would particularly like to THANK the volunteer members of the Tas. Fire Service and the SES, who helped with lifting and setting up the Castle.

Their patience and generosity with their time was very much appreciated.

Kind regards
Mel Norton, St Marys.

Letter to the Editor.

Diana Foster's idea of People Poles (V.V. September 26th) is brilliant!

How about their 'home' being on the block on the corner of Groom and Story Street? David Clement had a vision for this site being a memorial/historic sculpture park. It is ideally suited with the historic cottages still existing on Groom Street.

We have a similar idea as Diana for the three huge aged radia pines on Dalmaine Road. We have approached BODC about this. We envisage lopping the trees then cutting sections in the butts and painting murals in each section of the history of Gray: Dalmaine Coal Mine, Gray Post Office, the Gray School, the two churches and Tassie tigers at Thorne's Marsh.

Removing old historic trees in an area eliminates hazards and creates tourist attractions as is apparent at Campbell Town, Perth, St Helens etc. Every town has the right to preserve and display its historic identity. Speaking of which, we have another idea - a convict memorial cemetery at the river front by the old jail in Fingal similar to the Convict Cemetery at Glen Dhu, Launceston. Ideas need translating to action so where do we go from here?

Peter and Beverley Rubenach, Gray.

Break O'Day Regional Arts. Tasmanian Regional
9th October 2013



Dear Members and Friends,
The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching on the 3rd December 2013 and BODRA has been run for the last few years by a small committee of 4 members. I have decided to retire from the committee after more than four years so there is a need for other members to take up some of the duties in order for BODRA to survive.

BODRA has provided the insurance cover for numerous groups to operate and without BODRA there will be no public liability cover for various activities which are now

offered; also these groups will have to pay for hall hire from the council to use these facilities in the future.

The monthly market is run as a fundraiser for BODRA so there is a need for a new market coordinator, as well as someone to help organise adult classes in the field of the arts. All positions will be vacant at the AGM, so the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as Membership Secretary will be open, as well as the above positions. The youth company of RAYC has been a part of BODRA for about two years and three out of four committee members are also helping run RAYC.

Please help keep BODRA running by coming to the AGM on the 3rd December in the St Marys Hall Supper room at 4pm and offer your support in whatever way you can.

Thanking you all.
Robina Balzer - BODRA Secretary and Treasurer
POB 207 St Marys

The story of a small 'nutty' idea, growing into a huge fund-raising organisation in 10 years.



In 2003 after a night out, a guy called Travis Garone saw a Melbourne hospital's TV ad calling for men to have their prostate checked. In the traditional response to hints of rectal examination, Garone thought it hilarious. After googling "prostate cancer" he stopped laughing as he discovered it was the second most common cause of male cancer deaths and that early check-ups can save lives.

In a Brunswick Street bar, Garone and friend Luke Slattery decided, for Garone's 30th birthday that November, to challenge each other to grow the best moustache and end with a vote at a party. Slattery, then a sales rep for skateboard products, suggested they call the event Movember, with the emphasis on imitating the looks of cricketers Dennis Lillee or Merv Hughes.

30 mates had a fantastic night at a city bar, comparing their wonderful mo's. Garone's brother, Adam, saw that Travis and Slattery were on to something, and convinced the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia to adopt the nutty idea.

The following year, the Garone brothers, Slattery and friend Justin Coghlan started a campaign to have the public sponsor as many men as possible to grow moustaches in November. In 2004, 450 mo-growers raised \$54,000 for the foundation. The following year's tally of \$1.2m was the largest single donation the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia had ever received.

The 2013 Movember next month will hopefully top last year's 1.13 million participants who raised \$141m for prostate cancer and mental health causes. This year, Movember will support testicular cancer charities for the first time.

**MOVEMBER, a month to remember for blokes .
GROW YOUR MOJo!**

Theo Dingjan.
theo.dingjan@healthyhouse.org.au



Council supports community opposition of ambulance service vehicle replacement, 14 October 2013.

Ambulance volunteers and the community of the east coast are up in arms over the removal of a Toyota Prado emergency response vehicle from its post at Scamander and its replacement with a troop carrier of inferior safety features, and an ambulance that will be ill-equipped to handle the winding roads, sand dunes and challenging driveways in the area. The current system allows the Intensive Care Paramedic of Scamander to respond and reach any patient within a reasonable time, without having to return to Scamander to change vehicles if 4WD capability is needed.

The two replacement vehicles are both inadequate for the purposes of servicing such a large area and often difficult terrain, and do not suit the needs of the east coast community.

Community opposition to the removal of the Prado has been overwhelming, yet still the State Government insists on a 'one size fits all' approach, without regard to the unique needs of the east coast arising from geography, isolation, the nature of roads in the region and the huge area serviced by one Intensive Care Paramedic.

Ambulance Tasmania claims there is no data to back up indications made by volunteers and paid ambulance staff for the need of 4WD capability and the frequency with which it has been used during its service. Volunteers say this claim is invalid as this type of data has never previously been recorded or requested. Council supports volunteers in their request that this decision be put on hold for 12 months to allow these statistics to be recorded and the data then used to make a decision at the end of that period.

Ambulance Tasmania was scheduled to pick up and remove the Prado at 1pm today.

For further information please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Tania Rattray MLC visits Break O'Day to inspect proposed projects, 15 October, 2013

Tania Rattray, member for Apsley in the State's Upper House, spent 11th October touring Break O'Day with the Mayor and Council officers, inspecting key infrastructure projects for which Council is endeavouring to obtain funding.

The group inspected the Binalong Bay Causeway where access issues and the need to secure the causeway from closure was discussed, before moving on to the St Helens Sport and Recreation Ground, where discussions centred around Council's long term plan to meet the community's needs in this area. The group then inspected the St Helens Aerodrome where the focus was on the redevelopment of the airstrip, and examined the erosion at Jetty road, Stieglitz, before discussing Council's proposed

multi user track around Georges Bay, linking back into the waterfront at St Helens.

North and south bound slip lanes at the intersection of St Helens Point Road and Tasman Highway were also discussed, with Ms Rattray lending her support and indicating her willingness to assist Council in making this project a reality to provide a proactive, not reactive, approach to existing safety issues at this intersection. Ms Rattray expressed her support for the proposed multi user track around Georges Bay, as well as expressing interest in finding a solution to the issue of access to Binalong Bay via the causeway into the future.

After these site visits, a meeting was held in the Council Chambers with all nine Councillors where further informative discussion took place. The final site visit for the day was made to Cranks and Tinkerers Museum at the old St Marys Railway Station, where the proposed St Marys Arts, Culture and Heritage Precinct was discussed, in addition to the ongoing issues regarding the serviceability of St Marys Pass. The group also discussed the possibility of pursuing funding for an upgrade of the St Marys Sports Centre kitchen facilities.

Briefing documents for the strategic projects are available for viewing on the Council website. Council looks forward to working with Ms Rattray to further represent the community and ideally obtain funding to support and progress these important projects.

For further information or comment please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Why do the chooks start laying again in Spring?

As every good cook knows, the girls are reminding you to get cracking on your Christmas cakes and puddings. (Bet your Mum or Gran made them early so they could really mature – and besides you have more time now before the silly season). So pop into Purple Possum with your list of ingredients (not recipes) and we'll put together your order while you enjoy a tea or coffee. Or phone your order through and collect it the next day. We can even home deliver. You'll get the best ingredients in exactly the quantity you require with no wastage. And your family will feel particularly peckish about those delicious, rich cakes and puddings at Christmas!

Purple Possum Wholefoods & Café

5 Story Street St Marys. Ph 6372 2655.

Open Sundays from 11am 'til 3pm.

OUT OF THE WOODWORK. Secretary Wendy Brennan, 6372 2094.
www.breakodaywoodcraftguild.weebly.co

A warm welcome back to George and Leo who have returned from their overseas holidays. Many thanks to our ticket seller extraordinaire Lorraine Gill and all the community members who support us each year by purchasing one of our raffle tickets. On the subject of raffles, members would like to express their gratitude to Graham Derbyshire who won the original draw but kindly donated his prize back for a second raffle. We all hope that Lorraine is pleased with her cat door that members made as a gesture of our appreciation.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Tracy Macdonald whose continual guidance and patience has assisted me through the frustrating and hair pulling phase of updating our web page, and to Jacinta for the kind donation of plants for our memorial garden.

I have stated on numerous occasions that the Guild is ideal for restoring furniture that at times is considered beyond redemption. Hence, the picture of an old depression cabinet which still had its original glass intact but a body that was badly damaged. I think you would agree that its restoration has brought it back from the brink.

Guild's Home Hint: Chewing gum on cotton. Remove as much gum as you can with a knife scraper. Apply a few drops of tea tree oil to a tissue and rub over the chewing gum in a circular motion. Little gum balls will form that can be plucked from the cotton. Continue until all gum is removed.



The Guild is open from 10am until 4pm every day except Fridays and Sundays. Other times by appointment.

The Bleat.

Justification, what a word! We all do it, we all give reason for the things we do, especially when we are brought undone. Yet none of us can justify everything we have done in our lives. Oh we give excuses and apply padding to those things we have done to others in order to feel OK with the world, don't tell me you and you alone have not ever done something you regret or felt bad about. There is not one person who can say they are Whole-y (now that's a good word) or Holy, meaning having never caused another grief. I think back on all the things I did that gave my parents grief, not necessarily on purpose but I am sure I caused them dismay. I couldn't possibly justify myself in most cases, perhaps you are the same and when you think about it it brings some measure of sorrow to your heart. But in some cases Justification can be something that mends relationships and brings understanding so don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Justification becomes a habit, and not a very good one mostly, when we feel we have to justify the things we do or say - somewhere deep down we feel we are doing wrong. That is quite a burden to carry around. There is a way to rid yourself of the burden, instead of justifying confess to being thoughtless or just plain wrong and see the burden lift. Even more than this The Lord Jesus Christ can relieve you of all your burdens and Justify you before God, find a quiet place and speak aloud confessing to Him humbling yourself asking Jesus to take all your burdens. You don't need an audience, Believe and He will take your sin and burdens.

Now I said in the first Bleat I was not going to be religious and I still hold to it. The religiosity of rituals to me is found in lots of Churches, ritual that has no bearing on your relationship with God. See even now I am Justifying; we just can't help ourselves. So what is wrong with what I have written? Only this, that people's perception of who I am and what I am about may be looked on through other eyes with a different perspective, and be offended even when no offence is intended. But we can still try to be better people.

Please join me in trying, better that I should call you friend than

Rom 1:1

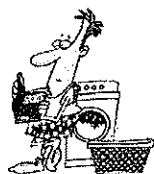
David Brewster

Chain of Lagoons

Ps. God Bless all who try to make their part of this world better.

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ST MARYS PACING CLUB

Hello all.

As I put this St Marys Pacing Club update to paper it is done so with great sadness as we recently lost two of our treasured life members in Mr Keith Johnson and Mr Eric Bean.

Both gentlemen worked tirelessly and gave countless hours towards the St Marys Pacing Club over many years, helping make our club the respected and strong club it is today because of their loyal contributions.

Mr Keith Johnson first joined the St Marys Pacing Club as a committee man in 1965, he was chairman from 1981-1994, became President in 1994-2010, received his life membership in 1994 and was awarded a meritorious award from Tas Racing in 2004. A total of 48 years of loyal service towards the club - a fantastic achievement which the Johnson family are no doubt extremely proud of. This year Keith's grandson Michael has stepped into the President's chair to carry on the family's involvement.

Mr Eric Bean first became a committee man in 1958 and in 1960 he became Secretary, a position he held until 2012 when he reluctantly resigned due to ill health. Eric received his club Life Membership in 1982 and was awarded a Meritorious Service Award from Harness Racing Tasmania in 1991. The proudest moment in his harness racing career would have been when he was named the 2008 Edger Tatlow Memorial Award winner which is harness racing's Brownlow Medal. Eric's wife Claire and family are also extremely proud of the contribution that Eric made to the St Marys Pacing Club - a total of 55 years' service.

I think it would be safe to say that there would not be too many sporting clubs in Australia where two individual men have made such outstanding contributions to their beloved club.

Keith and Eric were both highly respected members and will be sadly missed by all; New Year's Day Race Meeting will not be the same without them and both gentlemen will be fondly remembered with some wonderful memories of their life and times with the St Marys Pacing Club.

The organisation for the New Year's Day Race Meeting are going as planned with the usual attractions happening again. We have been allocated seven races by TasRacing with \$5,000 prize money. The St Marys Cup will have a stake money of \$10,000 so some of the state's top horses will again be competing for the cup prize money and trophy.

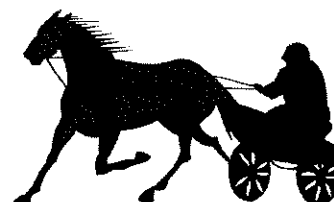
We are desperately in need of some race day volunteers to help out with the gate and Kiosk work and making up the afternoon tea plates. More hands will certainly make less work, we are seeking anyone who would be able to give an hour or whatever time you may have available during the day to give those long serving people a helping hand. Hopefully we can have enough help to be able to do up a roster system so that the workload can be spread around us all.

Until next time,

Craig woods, Secretary St MPC

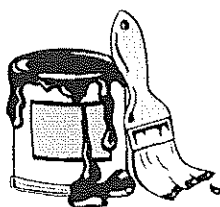
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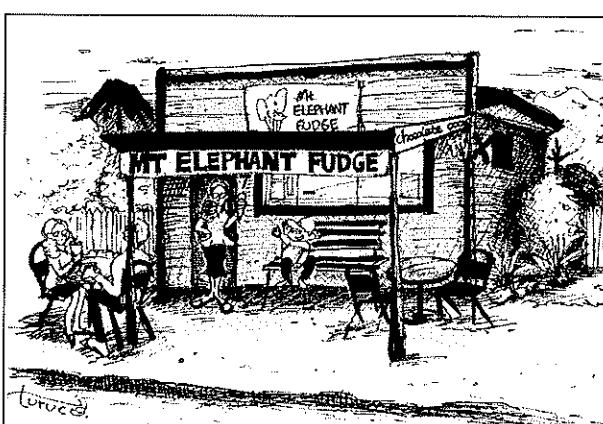
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HOW WE DO THIS (STRATEGIES) is by creating an atmosphere where blokes can open up, be honest, upfront and non-judgemental. We meet fortnightly.

We promote good health and well-being, nurture friendship, listen to each other's story, identify needs and, importantly, LAUGH and enjoy each other's company.

We also DO stuff like fishing trips, gold panning, camping and even some baking.

If we do the above well and are SUCCESSFUL (INDICATORS), we will feel good about ourselves, lively and rejuvenated, be more active, have a grin on our dial and we will let other blokes know about it - i.e. this blokes' group will grow.

If you are a bloke, like to know more about this group and are interested in being part of it contact Theo Dingjan at Healthy House on 6376 5242 or through the Fingal Neighbourhood House on 6374 2344.



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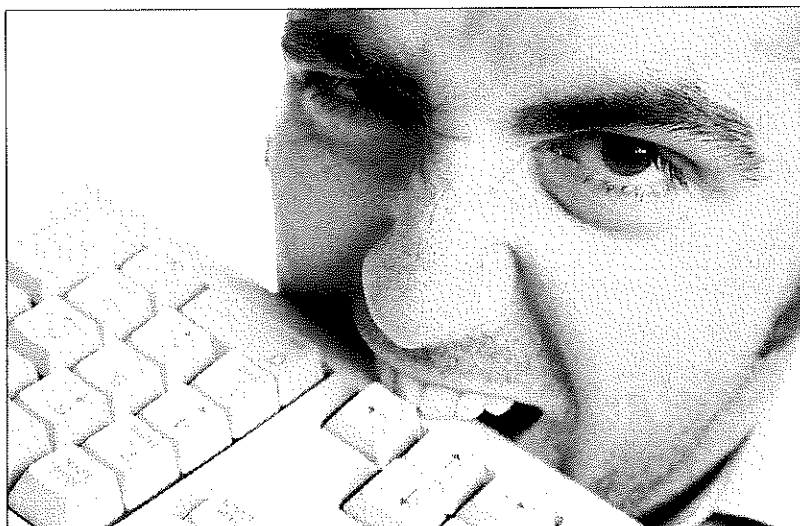
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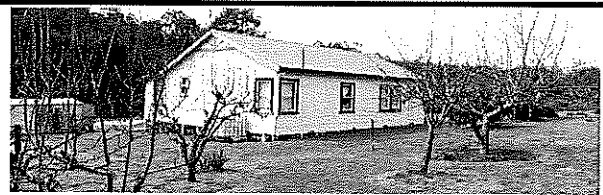
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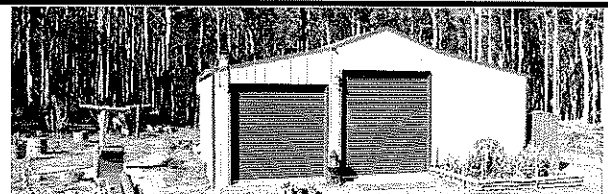
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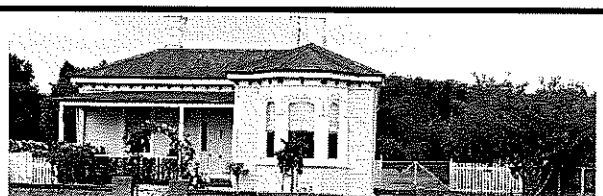
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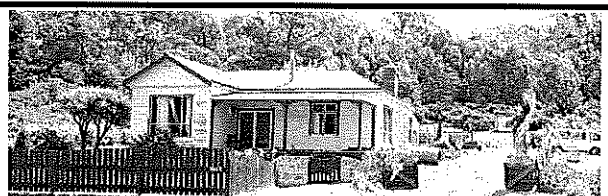
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Not much more than foot note in the history of Tasmania, Robert is not dissimilar to many young men and women from this small island in both his story and his fate... he left home to do a job and now lies buried in foreign soil.

2015 marks 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign, the time when another generation left home to serve on foreign soil. The 5000 Poppies Project was thought up by a small group of women in Melbourne as a way of remembering those servicemen and women, the intention was that by ANZAC Day 2015 there would be 5000 handmade fabric poppies on or around the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. Using social media including Facebook, a Wordpress blog and good old fashioned word of mouth, the whole project seems to have taken on a life of it's own, not only across Australia but on foreign shores as well.

When I heard about it I thought I might knit a poppy for each of three great uncles my family waved off to war, never to see again ... and that is exactly what I did. After a number of conversations, and a great meeting with a gentleman who has compiled a list of all those who enlisted in WW1 from Tasmania and their place of birth I wondered if we, as a community, could make a poppy for each service person who enlisted from the Fingal Valley and surrounds... that's 300 + poppies.

What I would love to do is to place them on our own cenotaphs for Remembrance Day 2014 then send them off to the national collection. I chose to stitch a piece of tape on the back of each of my three "special" poppies with the names of my uncles on them. I have chosen not to write their ranks on the poppies but that's just me ... it's a very personal thing I think. If the community thinks it's a goer, I have a knitting pattern and I know Rita Summers has a crochet pattern. If you are an internet user there is a blog called 5000 Poppies which also has some patterns. <http://5000poppies.wordpress.com/> Having been given a copy of his local 'List' by Bill Chugg we have some names to add to our poppies and my first instinct is to offer families the chance to make poppies for their relatives and then hope that the rest of us can pick up the names for whom there are no living relatives.

With apologies to Rod McGiveron... what do you think?

Wendy's Poppy.

Done in 4 ply on size 11 needles (old sizing)

Cast on 96 stitches

Rows 1... 3 garter stitch

Row 4 knit 3, twist right hand needle and fabric 360 degrees, knit 6 and twist again until last 3 stitches, twist again and knit 3.

This creates a fluted edge around the rim of the poppy.

Knit 3 rows

Knit two stitches together across 4th row (48 stitches)

Knit 3 rows

Knit 2 stitches together across row (24 stitches)

Knit 3 rows

Knit 2 stitches together across row... (12 stitches)

Knit 3 rows

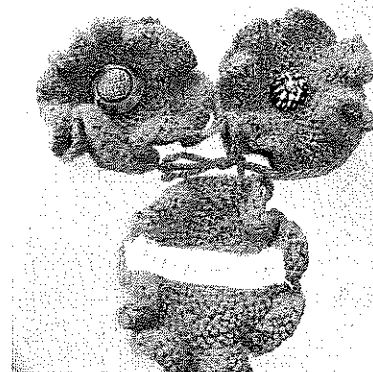
Knit 2 stitches together (6 stitches)

Cut wool about 10 inches long.

Thread thru stitches on needle and draw tight, stitch up seam.

I sew a black shank button into the centre but you could certainly use a 4 hole button or even embroider the centre. I'm planning to raid Mum's button jar for a couple of brass ex RAN shank buttons for the next couple of poppies.

Wendy Fowler, St Marys.



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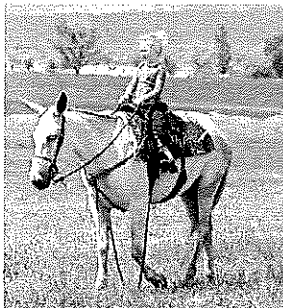
Church Ladies with Typewriters. 'Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands'.



When Christi Smith of Minneapolis adopted a rescue pit bull, she had no idea that she'd just brought a hero into her family. A week after adopting 'TatorTot' he began whining and barking and running between her and her four year-old son, Peyton. When Christi checked on Peyton she found that he was barely breathing and rushed him to the emergency room where doctors found his blood sugar had dropped to dangerously low levels. Because of dogs' keen sense of smell, TatorTot had probably detected the presence of ketones, which are associated with low blood sugar.

For letting Smith know that Peyton was in serious danger, TatorTot will receive a Heroic Dog Award from PETA, along with a special "doggie bag" containing a chew toy, a Nylabone, a comfy harness to wear on walks and a bag of vegan dog treats. Smith had planned on keeping TatorTot only until she found him a home but has now decided to make him a permanent member of the family.

"Dogs are more than our best friends - as TatorTot demonstrated, they're our family members and protectors," says PETA Senior Vice President Daphna Nachminovitch. "PETA hopes TatorTot's story will inspire people to head to their local animal shelter, because they're full of lovable, wonderful dogs like TatorTot." PETA's gift basket is an acknowledgment of the many rewards of sharing our lives with animal companions - and the importance of valuing their devotion by becoming the best guardians possible. PETA encourages anyone with the time, willingness, ability, and resources to care for an animal properly to adopt a dog or cat from a shelter, rather than contributing to the animal-homelessness crisis by buying from a breeder or a pet store.



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2025 - A SPACE ODDITY

I'd known George Demakakis since we were at school together. After we finished high school I qualified as a chef and eventually bought my own restaurant while George turned to crime; when the newspapers started referring to him as a 'colourful racing identity' I knew he was definitely shady.

I often ran into George at Randwick race track. I'd be there for a little recreational gambling. George, I assumed, was laundering thousands of ill-gotten dollars. We'd always have a drink.

I lost touch with George for a while when I could no longer afford to go to the races. By 2025 the economy was in dire straits; a recession teetering on the brink of a depression. I was in dire straits too - people don't dine out when they can barely afford to dine in.

George, however, was doing better than ever. In 2021 a couple of Swiss quantum physicists proved Einstein wrong when they discovered the secret to faster than light travel. George bought the FTL rights for next to nothing because initially nobody believed it would work, and he established the first inter-galactic tourist company. For an astronomical sum, George would show you the wonders of the Universe.

I wondered how George was surviving the Global Financial Disaster until I began to hear rumours that, for a price, he could arrange transportation to a place where life was immeasurably better than here on battered and beleaguered planet Earth. Some called it people smuggling; George called himself an Emergency Travel Facilitator.

There came a time when, after calculating the restaurant's projected earnings and coming up with a profoundly negative figure, I decided that I should go and see George.

I was doing battle with his improbably beautiful but completely implacable receptionist, who was determined to protect her boss from any intruders who did not have an appointment, when George emerged from an inner sanctum and greeted me effusively.

He ushered me into a lavishly furnished office and, steering me into the embrace of an enormous black leather armchair, produced a bottle of The Glenlivet and poured two generous measures. He placed a small jug of water on a table near to hand.

'Go easy with the water' he cautioned, as he carefully added a few drops to his glass. 'I get it flown in, weekly, from the Tasmanian highlands, and it costs more than the whiskey. Now, to what do I owe the honour of this visit?'

'Well George,' I began, 'I wondered how much you charge for a one-way trip to Megapie.'

'More than you can afford' replied George. 'And believe me, you don't want to go there.'

'Why not?' I asked. 'It looks pretty good on the documentaries. Way out by the Spiral Nebula; Earth-like, but more like Earth 200 years ago, before the pollution, before climate change flooded the Gold Coast. The natives seem friendly. What's wrong with that?'

'I've got a flight leaving for Megapie in just a few minutes' said George. He picked up a remote control device and activated a huge television screen. 'Watch and learn.'

We saw the interior of a large zinc-alum shed, empty apart from a very ordinary-looking helicopter.

'Come on George,' I said. 'I was expecting something a bit more high-tech than that. Don't tell me you send people to the stars in an army-surplus helicopter.'

'Yes,' said George. 'I do. But that's not the faster than light device. Those pillars you see in the corners of the shed that look like two stereo speakers are the things that do the job. There's a very good reason for the helicopter though. Don't ask me how FTL works - I don't think even the blokes who invented it really understand it - but you don't actually travel the distance between two points. That would take thousands of years, which is why it's been impossible up 'til now. What happens is you dematerialise here and you reconstitute somehow, instantly, somewhere else. There were a few embarrassments in the early days. We had people reconstitute under water, and once in the middle of a tree. Now we put the passengers in the chopper, aim it about fifty metres above ground level then send them through. But look, here they come now.'

About a dozen people filed into the shed, each carrying a small suitcase.

'Hand luggage only,' George explained.

I found, to my astonishment, that I recognised some of the short procession.

'Hey George, isn't that Tony Abbott and Scott Morrison? Talk about rats leaving a sinking ship. And who's the old white-haired bloke? He looks familiar.'

George chuckled. 'That's Phillip Ruddock. He made me an offer I couldn't refuse.'

'I'll turn this off for a couple of minutes,' said George, as he replenished my glass. 'For some reason, watching the actual transfer can make you feel slightly sea-sick. We'll catch them again after they land on Megapie.'

George fiddled with the remote.

'We'll tap into Megapie TV,' he said.

The screen illuminated to show a being facing the camera: short, round-faced, with big bushy eyebrows; he could have been an Earth native, except for a slight reptilian cast to his features. The helicopter stood in the background and I could see its occupants being herded into a vehicle of windowless sides and sturdy construction, giving the unmistakable impression of an extraterrestrial prison van. An English translation ran along the bottom of the screen.

'We will decide who comes to this planet,' the Megapiean was saying, 'and the manner in which they come.'

Bill Greer, Mathinna.

Who is Sarah Major? An Aram family mystery

Alfred and Sarah Aram had eight children. Simple, right? Wrong!

It seemed straightforward – at first. I looked through reels of microfilm to find out more about George Aram and his descendants, and came across eight children whose parents were Alfred and Sarah Aram. I wrote their names down, along with their birthdates. Someone directed me to the online Colonial Tasmanian Family Links Database, and what I found there supported what I had recorded. I entered the information in my family tree computer program, and moved on.

Then someone told me about indexed journals produced by the Launceston Genealogical Society. Apparently, research had already been done on the Aram family so I borrowed the relevant issue from the library. At that stage, I was mainly interested in where George Aram had been born and hoped I would find this information in the journal. In fact, I didn't discover his birthplace until quite recently (see a previous issue of this publication).



Minnie, daughter of Alfred James Aram and Sarah Harris.

When I read the relevant journal entry, I was surprised to discover that there were in fact two Alfreds (father and son) and two Sarahs. Confusing? Yes!

I also discovered that Alfred senior (i.e. Alfred James, son of George) had originally married a Mary Jane Linton, and that the second Alfred was their son. Alfred James then had five more children with a Sarah Harris. Despite my best efforts, I could not find their marriage date, although there was an estimated marriage year on the Colonial Family Links database of 1877. Mary died in 1882 from injuries sustained in a cart accident in Launceston*. By this time Alfred and Sarah already had four children.

The second Alfred (i.e. son of Alfred James and Mary Aram, and grandson of George Aram) then had three children with a Sarah Major. One of these children was Elizabeth May Aram, who was my husband's grandmother.

When I looked at all eight children's birthdates I could see why it was originally thought that they were all from one family. They dovetailed very neatly, with just enough space between each one to make it feasible at first glance that they all belonged together. However, their poor mother would not have had much breathing space between births ...

The biggest reason for the misinformation, though, was that the Summers clan always believed there was only one family. They also believed there was only one Alfred and

Sarah Aram, and told us that they had been killed in a jinker accident. The children had been raised by a Granny Major because of this. Elizabeth May herself believed she had many siblings, and told her children that Granny Major had done a wonderful job of looking after them all.

Was Granny Major really Granny Mager – who had originally been Elizabeth Thorpe, married to George Aram, and who then wed James Mager after George died? I suspect this is so, but I do not have any documentary evidence (yet). If it really was Granny Mager, she was actually grandmother to only five of the children, and great-grandmother to three.

Then, out of the blue, an Aram relative contacted me from Western Australia. He was descended from Emma Jane Aram** (sister of Elizabeth May), who had been brought up by a Mr. and Mrs. John Harris. Emma, known as Emily, had always believed they were her grandparents but they were actually her step great uncle and aunt. (John Harris was Sarah Harris' brother, married to a Jane Beswick).

Emily had been told a different story to explain why she was an orphan. She thought that her parents, i.e. Alfred and Sarah, had died in a house fire. She did not know she had other siblings.

Our Western Australian relative also believed there was only one Alfred and Sarah Aram. Even when I sent him my research he was unconvinced. Ian and I had also taken a photograph of a headstone in the Perth Anglican Church cemetery which clearly shows both Alfreds as separate entities. I sent this to him, but still could not sway him. Even separate death certificates were not convincing enough!

Despite now having all this information, and having straightened out much of the misinformation passed down through the family, we are left with more questions than ever.

Why were the children from two families raised by Granny Major and not by their own parents?

Had something so terrible happened that Granny Major could not tell them the truth, and instead allowed them to believe that a) they were orphans, and b) they were all from the same family?

To make matters even more complicated, I have not been able to find any birth or death record for Sarah Major, or anything about her family members. Despite extensive research by staff at Archives Tasmania, the only record of her name is on the birth records of her three children. Who was she?

And again – who was Granny Major?



Elizabeth May Summers, nee Aram, c. 1960's.

DEATH NOTICES

ARAM -On 9th September, at Long-ford, Alfred son of the late Alfred **Aram** of Breadalbane. Aged 73years.

[Examiner Newspaper, 11 September 1933]

DEATH NOTICES

ARAM—On 9th September, at Long-ford, Alfred, son of the late Alfred **Aram**, of Breadalbane, Aged 73 years.

Alfred Aram jnr - copy of death notice 1933.

In more recent times, the only extra piece of information I have been able to uncover about Sarah Major was that a Mrs. Sarah Aram was injured in a car accident at the corner of Howick and Charles Streets in Launceston on the evening of Friday 17 April 1931. She was a passenger in a car driven by Mr. E. Burne, along with his wife and son, when they were involved in a head-on collision with another car. She was injured 'about the head', as was Mr. Burne, who was also suffering from shock. Sarah, Mr. Burne and son Edwin were all taken to hospital. Sarah was later released and allowed to go home, but Mr. Burne was detained for observation. A Rev. C. Dugan was a passenger in the other car, which was owned by his son; all the occupants escaped with only slight injuries. Both cars were damaged extensively, according to the Mercury newspaper (18 April 1931).

Since Sarah Harris died in 1893, this must be the second Sarah. At the time of the accident she would have been in her 50's (an estimate only). If she was still alive in 1931, why did Granny Major look after her children? I also found that both Alfreds lived to a ripe old age. Why did they not involve themselves in their children's upbringing, or even make themselves known to them?

Maybe someone reading this article will know. If you do, please get in touch so we can unravel this mystery once and for all. We would also dearly love to find out who Sarah Major was and where she came from.

Hoping to hear from someone – anyone – soon!

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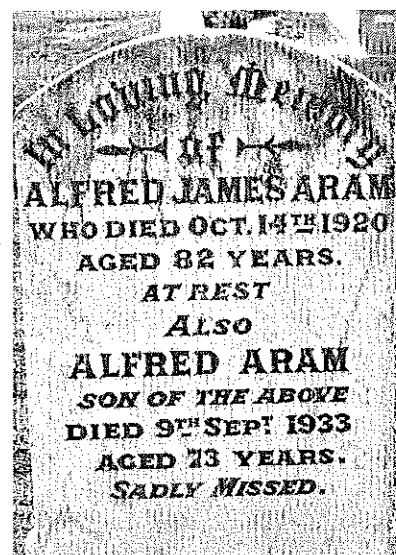
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*Mary Jane Linton - an inquest into Mary's death was held on 23 January 1882, and the verdict given was 'Accidentally killed by falling from a cart'. She was 40 years old. (Ref. POL709/1/19, p. 14 [1882])

**Emma/Emily Jane Aram - later known as Winifred Jane Colgrave and registered under this name at her death. Her ashes can be found at Carr Villa, Launceston, Tasmania under this name also.

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Headstone of Alfred James and Alfred Aram.

Minority government gets tick for fiscal management. 4th October 2013

Tasmanian Greens Leader Nick McKim today said Standard and Poor's rating agency had debunked the myth that minority governments could not be strong and stable economic managers.

"Standard and Poor's have blown a big hole in the lazy myth that minority governments are not good economic managers," Mr McKim said. "Tasmania's minority government has quietly and patiently navigated our economy through difficult times by consistently delivering cautious and restrained State Budgets."

"Standard and Poor's recognised that this minority government made strong and sometimes difficult decisions, setting Tasmania up for the long term. Our economy is undergoing a profound transformation, and there are now some very clear and indisputable signs of solid growth in new-generation industries. There is still a long way to go, which is why Tasmania must stay the course and not be lured back into the old, failed economic models. We simply cannot return to the old, lazy economic approach of using taxpayer money to prop up unprofitable and unsustainable industries that become too big to fail."

The world abounds with stories of the supernatural, but I guess not to the same extent in the context with animals. Typically, there was a story in Bernard O'Reilly's books - Cullenbenbong and Green Mountains (ghost story aside, both are fascinating, very exciting, true story reads). Even though both books deal with rural life - Cullenbenbong on the western side of the Blue Mountains in NSW, and Green Mountains in the hinterland of QLD's Gold Coast - they can be described as pioneer experiences. Experiencing life in virgin settlements and living alongside aboriginals in both places the O'Reillys learnt a lot about the spirituality and mysteries of different tribes. On the Gold Coast mountain plateau (1,300 m) the O'Reillys had to kill numerous poisonous snakes (Black Mamba, I seem to remember) in order to build a cabin. The best access in their first months was via a steep and dangerous track. They had heard that there had been a murder on this track and it was haunted, then discovered it was true. Their horse, pulling a cart or sulky would balk at a certain point and refuse to continue. Only by careful coaxing with the driver walking and holding the bridle would the horse go past the haunted spot.

Closer to home, a neighbour here on the east coast told us of an episode at his place many years back where he heard running foot falls and voices, and could put the incident down to a certain aborigine being chased by the "Traps" (police) in Tassie's early days.

Around four years ago we had to put our 18 year old cat, Minnie, to sleep at the vets. The Vet had asked did we want to collect the body. Consistent with our disregard for cemeteries and monuments etc. and that old Min was in our hearts where it counted, we declined. Some weeks to months later, I was sitting in our lounge room, just near an archway entrance from the hall, and reading something. I

noticed our 17 year old dog Mishka arrive from the hall and stop in mid stride just near me, but staring straight ahead.

Then, still staring fixedly ahead she took a couple of measured steps and went into Point (like a gun dog, muzzle level and stretched forward, tail raised and level) - and commenced a low growl rumbling up from the throat. I said, "What's the matter old girl"? - realising she was staring at a vision of old Min, because where she was focusing was where my wife used to have a small rug for old Min's favourite place right at the end of the settee. As I slowly stood up Mishka barked, and I said "It's all right old girl, it's only old Min come to visit". Instantly, the dog relaxed as the vision must have disappeared. Strange, first feeling when I realised what was happening was a numbing moment of the blood freezing as they say, but shortly after, one of pleasant surprise.

Made me think further on the reverence that people all over the world have for their childhood home. The bond with where they spent their childhood and where they grew up. What made the spirit of the old cat visit? Did I do the wrong thing in not collecting the body and taking it home? I've heard bible studying religionists say that such visitations are of the Devil and are brought on by people who delve in mysticism, tarot readings etc. (which I suspect in part, is true). But we don't do any of that and I was preoccupied with some reading matter at the time. The dog, not me, was shown the vision. A few years later, we made sure Princess the other (14 years old) cat and 17 years old Mishka were planted out the back. All our pets, as in heaps of homes, are extended family. Pets get to know their owners as only the owners know them and the bond is strong, is it not?

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**Council purchases proposed site for relocation of
St Helens District Hospital, 22 October, 2013**

At the Council meeting held yesterday, Break O'Day Council passed a motion to purchase a 3.4 hectare parcel of land within the St Helens town boundary, with a view to the block being used as a site for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital should it meet with the requirements laid out by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

St Helens District Hospital is due for replacement or upgrade under the State Government's long term plan, however with the current site prone to flooding and inundation with grey water, and also subject to a range of issues including inadequate car parking, poor access for patient delivery by ambulance or private vehicle, security and building maintenance issues, Council's view is that this should be brought forward as a matter of urgency.

A greenfield site presents an excellent opportunity for relocation of the hospital to create a facility that best services the health care needs of the community.

The purchased land allows for very good stormwater drainage and has access from Annie Street.

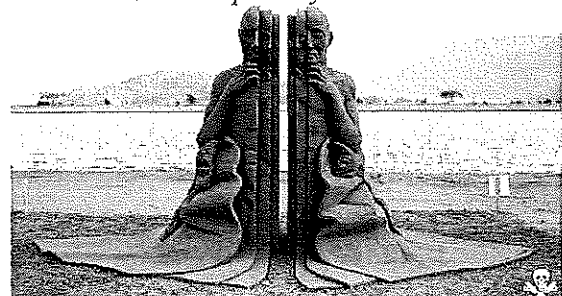
There would be opportunity for the co-location of existing St Helens ambulance, paramedics and allied health services at the site. The fully serviced block will provide ample car parking, and is close to the central business district of St Helens.

A relocated St Helens District Hospital with incorporated allied health services would provide a perfect complement to the St Marys Community Health Centre, which provides essential services for the community of St Marys, the Fingal Valley, Bicheno and surrounds. With two new mines slated for development in the Fingal Valley and an associated influx of hundreds of people predicted, Council strongly supports that both hospitals, each addressing specific but different community needs, should remain in service to the community.

In the event that the St Helens site does not fit the criteria of the DHHS for the relocation of the hospital, Council is confident that the site will remain an excellent investment for a future use on behalf of the community of Break O'Day.

For further information please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Sand sculpture by Carl Jara.



Constable John Connolly, of Spring Bay - concluding part 7 by Lynne Dawes.

(In my family stories I've continued on from children to heroes, tragedies, and celebrations - each has a most fascinating story to tell. I hope I have displayed fairness and created a sense of personality and of time and place, to my existing and newly connected relatives. However, for the Valley Voice part of my story / stories were edited for the reader, hoping to inspire the long term Valley locals to share their history and continue on, creating a sense of place for the newer residents. Thank you.)

John Cotton, Earlham of Orford, battled the Mary Connolly court case to be relieved by a Not Guilty verdict, but suffers again. His family, Francis and Maria Cotton of Kelvedon, and siblings offered him no confidence. The Cottons and the Mather families wrote in script regularly.

The Catholics had ostracized Mr Cotton, insulted and upset by his previous act of issuing the Catholic girls with Quaker bibles. Then came the unfortunate death of Mary Connolly, the rumors of her suspected planned poisoning, the illegitimate pregnancy, the care arrangements made for the child had it survived, and his uneducated usage and prescriptions of poisonous drugs; he seemed to withdraw from the public persona he once flaunted. He withdrew to his own world, occasionally writing letters to the Mercury Newspaper editor, on local matters.

In the same year as the Mary Cotton trial, on the 21st October, 1874 John's son Harold Tennyson, 6 years of age dies at Earlham. Anna Cottons (Francis's wife), letters to J B Mathers' family during this time makes reference that in 1874 her erring son (John) was at the graveside of his little son Harold, he acknowledged the hand that dealt the blow but Marion keeps weeping for her "murdered baby"

Also in 1874 in letters between Francis Cotton and J B Mathers: 'Mary Connolly, a pregnant servant of John Cotton at Earlham, died, apparently of poisoning by ergot of rye, and a charge was brought against John although no case was found, but the trouble may have led to an error in the treatment of the illness of his six year old son Harold who was buried at Kelvedon in December 1874.' Francis Cotton also commented that 'Catholics were against John because he had given the girls Quaker Bibles'.

Johns surviving children had adventures all of their own, both Howard and Edith save Mrs Arnolds' daughter from drowning, and were commended for their bravery. Edith in particular was praised for her mouth to mouth resuscitation methods. When asked how she knew what to do she replied that she'd watched her dad do this to the sheep. Sadly Howard drowned at age 23 on Boxing Day 1889. Both he and his friend Fred Coote drowned returning home from a regatta. Their bodies and the vessel named the Swan, were never recovered. Edith, John and Marion Cottons only daughter, marries Harold William Blythe, in 1888.

Constable John Connolly and his descendants:

William the eldest son (1850- 1917) moves to the west coast, becomes involved in mining and marries Carolyn Scott.

Mary the first born daughter (1852-1874) dies in child-birth at The Earlham of Orford,

Ellen the third born daughter (1856....) marries Richard George Hart.

Margaret (1858) stillborn.

Catherine/Kate (1861-1924), my great-great-grandmother, marries James Ferguson in 1877. James dies at 30 leaving Catherine with 6 children. She then marries J C Turvey in 1896. She dies at 64, in 1924. J C Turvey predeceased her.

John Connolly jnr (1863- 1929) travelled to New South Wales at 22, where he died at 66.

Alice (1865 -1945) marries James Albert Mcgrath who was one of six men drowned on a steamer attempting to cross from Maria Island to Triabunna. They were serving a summons on Diego Bernacchi at the time but on the return trip the whale boat overturned and all six men drowned. The boat was later found to have rotten planks and only some of the bodies were recovered.

Julia/ Jesse (1867 -1929) marries James Felix Gadd.

Richard/Thomas (1870 -1902) died at his home, Broken hill, New South Wales, aged 32

Samuel, John Connollys' youngest child and son (1873 -1940) marries Alice Ford. Alice's father was also lost in the Triabunna whaleboat accident. Samuel moves to west coast, mining as his brothers had previously. He and his family later move interstate.

Constable John Connolly dies in 1880 and his wife Ellen dies in 1916.

With reference to the first article: The baby removed from the burial ground as mentioned by the Judge in the Tapner / Connolly case was not the deceased infant of Mary Connolly, but another infant that was removed and disposed of elsewhere.



Triabunna School Children 1880

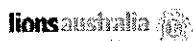
I hope I've encouraged others to contribute to the Valley Voice . I'm now off for a while to make some local discoveries.

N.B. My first year of school was at Orford Primary, as Triabunna (primary section) School was being upgraded and I then completed the primary years at Triabunna District High School. During my primary years we had a look at 'olden times'. We could bring in whatever we wanted for show and share, something old of course. One of my great Aunts gave me three photos to take along - one of Guy Fawkes town bonfire and two school photos. She pointed out a couple of the people in one of the school photos as relatives. I remember her pointing to Connollys, but as a 10 year old that name really meant nothing to me, now I wish I'd taken more notice. The School took them to copy, lost them somewhere and we never got them back. When I was researching I wondered what had happened to them, remembering some of these Connollys were in the photos. Records have them at Triabunna school. As this recollection is over 30 years old, I am not yet sure of the true and exact identities as they relate to the picture. Later into my research I was relieved to come across the photos in the archives. I now have copies of the photos once given to me as an olden time show and share.



GUY FAWKES bonfire

Thanks to Lynne for this series on John Connolly, we look forward to more interesting stories...Ed.



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Losers! Ditch the old ways of thinking ...

October 8.

In the period between 2003-2010, there was much debate about the conflicts between forestry and tourism futures for Tasmania. Pro-forestry representatives of Labor and Liberal parties would recite, smugly, the rhetorical question "What would we do with all the displaced forestry workers? Retrain them to serve lattes?"

Losers! The entrenched attitude that somehow forestry jobs were real and solid jobs, whilst tourism jobs were uncertain and flaky, has constrained our thinking about possible futures for Tasmania for decades. Sadly, we seem all set now to re-enter a new myopic age, with industrial forestry dragging on the public resources and public purse, with the promise of providing the real and solid backbone for Tasmania, forever. Notably, it's the same set of losers who are backing this promise.

A recent article by Andrew Jones in the Mercury (Time to trip cruise control) threw down some interesting challenges to what kind of tourism infrastructure Tasmania could consider to invest in. Andrew runs a successful travel business in Tasmania – Andrew Jones Travel. I have never met him and do not know his views on forestry or any other subject. Are his ideas pie-in-the sky? If so, how much more so than the plan for a multi-billion dollar pulp mill? Trends are changing rapidly and we need to reset our thinking.

Who could have estimated the success of Mona and its impact on brand Tasmania? It has put a massive charge back into the tourism battery. But for me, Mona is not the stand-out. An even earlier example of the transforming power of a tourism innovation is the development of the toilet block in the park at Campbell Town ...

People stopped for convenience, then came Zeps for the recharge; now Campbell Town is the place where everyone stops. It shows that you don't need a multi-million dollar budget to succeed, but you do need to understand your market and be ready to build on early success.

Cruise ship operators have discovered Tasmania as Jones says. The unique advantage for Tasmania is that within an hour of the dock, there are hundreds of unique and different experiences for the passengers to choose from. What are they? How do you get there? What can you eat when you arrive? How do we apply the Campbell Town experience?

Wotif founder, Graeme Wood, co-owner of the Triabunna chip mill site, has recently announced plans for a new commercial and tourism hub on the site. (Mercury: New life stirs at chip mill). It's only 45 minutes from Hobart airport to Triabunna. How could we let day visitors from Melbourne experience the wonderful cruising on the East Coast? A day trip from Melbourne to the Fairy Penguins of Phillip Island takes at least 9 hours and its boring, but thousands of visitors do the tour.

Does anyone remember that 5 Tasmanian convict era sites are now listed as World Heritage?

http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au/convict_sites.html

What are we seriously doing to build this unique advantage into the brand offering? A website just doesn't cut it.

There is a tidal wave of tourists building in China. Witness the number of Chinese tourists travelling around Tasmania last week. Does anyone know the dates of the main holiday periods in China? Interestingly, they are counter-seasonal with our traditional tourism peaks and could be instrumental in helping carry-over the winter curse. Where are the bilingual signs and tourist ambassadors to welcome these visitors?

I do not suggest that we pursue only a tourism future and ignore other industries, but if we are to invest public funds in public infrastructure, there must be an economic return for Tasmania. As most of our customers in any industry come from outside of Tasmania, those infrastructure investment decisions must also be based on a coherent strategy where the Tasmanian brand is pivotal. If I had to spend the next \$100 million of public funds to support emerging industries, I doubt I would spend it on a pulp mill or plantations. As for those imagined forestry baristas, why not? A hot latte on a crisp morning, authentically served in a majestic forest 30 minutes from Hobart would drag me in.

Well done Andrew Jones, I say!

By **Ben Quin**, the Managing Director of an Australian engineering and agribusiness company with interests in Australia and China. He lives at Triabunna.

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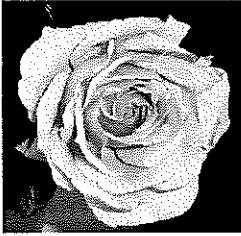
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World Architecture house of the year.



Images by Casey Valence and Christopher Frederick Jones.

The inner-city Brisbane suburb of Paddington now boasts the winner of the 2013 World Architecture Festival House of the Year. It's known as the Left-Over-Space House because it's on land left over between a neighbouring heritage dance hall, a workers cottage and a pre-existing cottage incorporated into the new building, making this a seamless indoor/outdoor house.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionalational/programs/bydesign/in-the-field3a-world-architecture-house-of-the-year/5012280>



The Say, by Cagerattler.

A few weeks ago I was talking to a person who was for a time quite heavily involved in the St Marys Streetscape. He was concerned that the Streetscape may well be delayed further. I hope that this doesn't mean that it will NEVER happen - that would be a terrible thing. Small towns like ours need to not be forgotten and over the years, not just here of course, but in lots of small communities things get put on the backburner.

The Streetscape goes back quite a way. Without researching dates and so on I'd suggest 15-20 years since the first design plan was done by a dedicated group of locals and a group of young planners from Hobart. The SMACD (St Marys Association for Community Development) team and the town planners of those days created what most people thought was a plan that would enhance this town as a place where people would not just want to 'pass through' but would be a place to "go to" or "stop at". Whilst a few improvements have been made here and there, the overall nuts and bolts of the original Streetscape or the more recent Streetscape concepts have not been implemented.

One of the major sticking points for any of it to work is of course the issues and red tape over car parking. The age old debate over angle or otherwise types of parking cars has to have a direct bearing on whether any street improvement plan can go ahead. I wonder if we could resolve such a sticky issue for the greater good or if in five years' time we will still be arguing over the same matters and wondering too if any street improvement plan, to make this 156 year old town a more attractive place, will still be under debate.

I also hope that someone from Council would like to fill us in on the current status of the Streetscape - whether it's scheduled, delayed, scrapped or otherwise... Gee it'd be nice to know wouldn't it?

One other quick mention... To the idiots who once again dumped their rubbish in the bush rather than putting it in the skip bin or spending a couple of bucks at the tip... **SHAME ON YOU.** I can't believe how stupid and thoughtless you are. I've seen two glaring examples of fresh rubbish being dumped around the Mt Nicholas tracks in the past couple of weeks and I hope one day you get caught and fined if you keep doing it.

GIVE IT A REST PLEASE...

What do you think ? Rod McGiveron.



St.Marys Cricket Club A Grade T20.

Since the last report,
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ST MARYS VS PYENGANA at Pyengana match report, 20th October 13.

We left St.Marys at 10.30 in the bus provided by our sponsor St Marys Hotel and headed to Pyengana with a full side for the first game. When we arrived we found them to be short of players so we kindly lent them two of our players so we could play for points. Thanks to Mick Campain for helping us out.

Pyengana batted first and were bowled out for 65. Some great bowling from Nathan Dawson 4/13, Gary Cooper 2/9 and Ben Mathew 2/15. In reply the Tigers scored 3/66 with 8 overs to spare, thanks to top scorer Craig Freiboth 27 and with support from Jye Baldwin 17 St Marys cruised home. Great start to the year fellas.

Training Friday 6pm @ the Rec. I have 16 registered players so far, so it's important if you want to play turn up or leave a message via text or Facebook so I can pick a side. Next game Scamander @ St.Marys 27th October 13. I was very impressed by the way all our players conducted themselves on and off the field and the great game they played for our first win. Well done boys!!!

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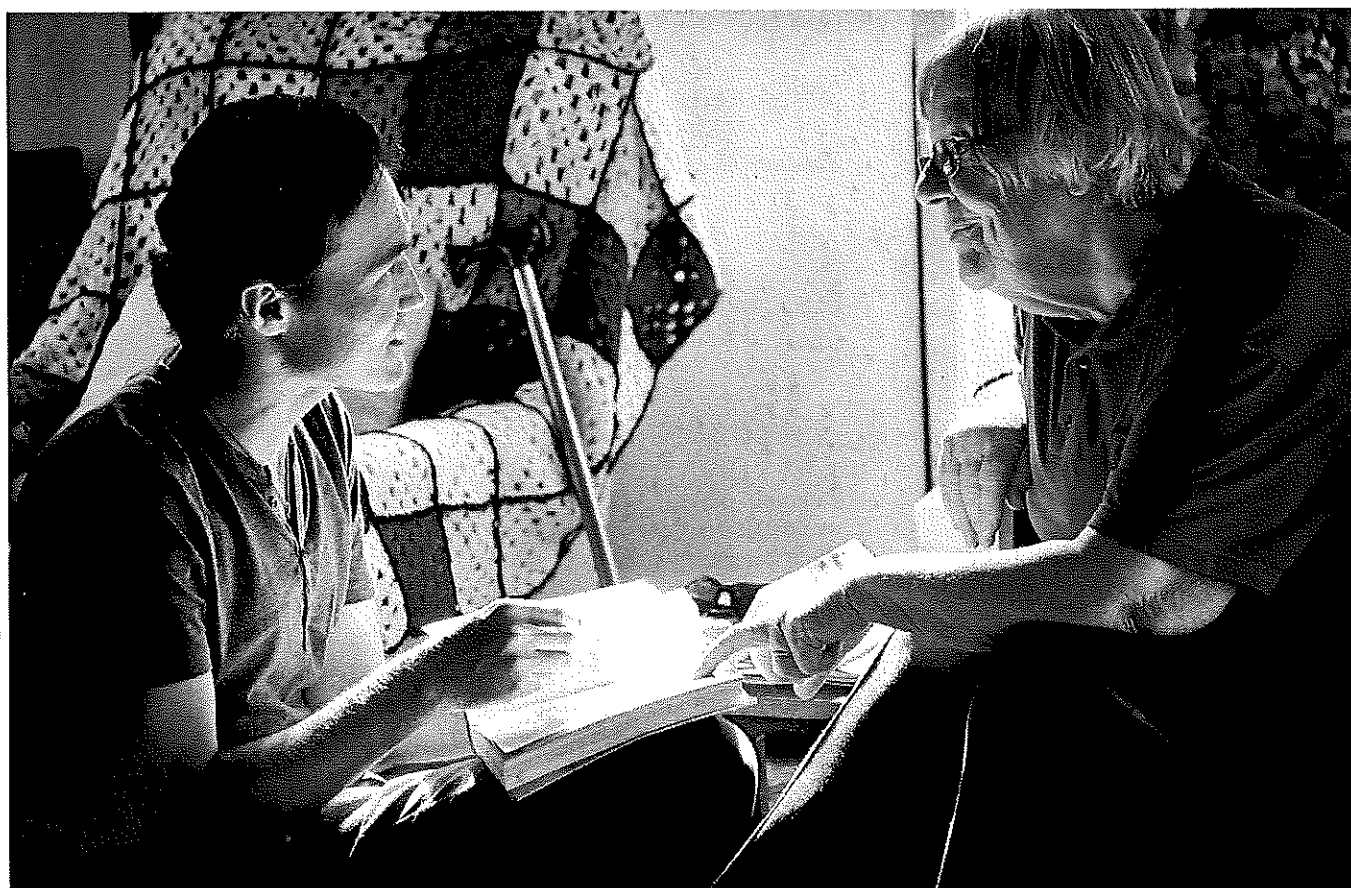
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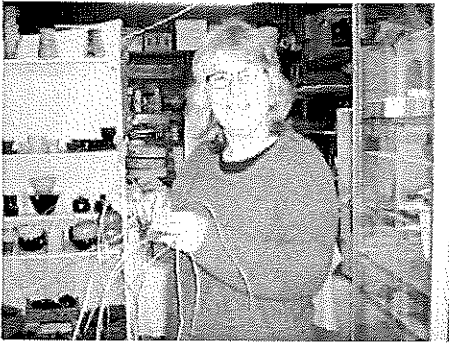
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ARTIST of the MONTH at the Suncoast Gallery 27b Quail Street, St Helens is JILLI SPENCER.



*L. Jilli is the Event Co-ordinator
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Basketmakers of Tasmania.*

*R. Jilli with some of her felt
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With around 20 years' experience in craft work Jilli, after studying at TAFE Tasmania where she gained an Associate Diploma and a Post Graduate Diploma in Art, Craft & Design, is now a part owner of a Launceston business. A Liffey mother and grandmother who loves camping, playing netball, gardening and walking St Helens beaches, Jilli creates ceramics, cards, basketry and textile works. Jilli has also taught in workshops and at TAFE Tasmania; she has exhibited at the Deloraine Craft Fair and throughout Australia. Come and see Jilli's works from the 20th October. www.facebook.com/tinshedpottery. Written by Suncoast Gallery Publicity Officer Peggy Bogar.

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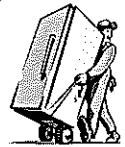


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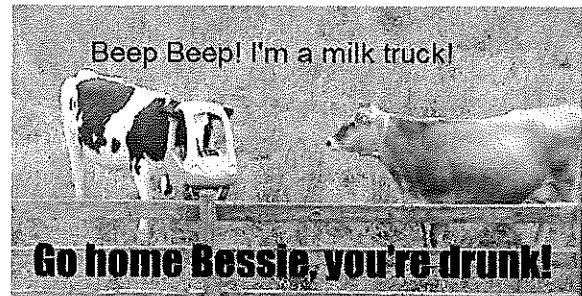
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Pigeon May Have Walked Home.

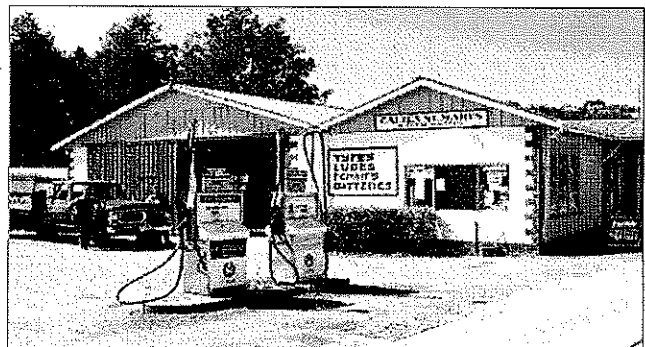
A New Norfolk homing pigeon owned by Mr E Drewitt has set up a 'slow' record on a flight from Queenstown to New Norfolk.

Released with 25 others on January 25th, the bird arrived at New Norfolk on Tuesday, after having taken 45 days for the trip, compared with the 2½ hours of the winning bird.

Mr Drewitt's bird was fat and is believed to have stopped at farms along the way to help itself to some of the abundant harvest.

At the annual meeting of the New Norfolk Homing Society a member suggested that the bird walked home to avoid the hawks which are prevalent on the West Coast route.

The Hobart Mercury Thursday 13 March 1947.



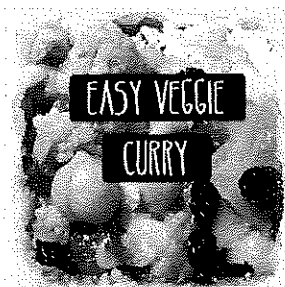
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Beyond the Trolley.

Easy Vegetable Curry.

This recipe was born one night when I was alone, looking for hearty comfort food, but with very few fresh ingredients.

It is one of those recipes where you can substitute pretty much every thing and it still turns out well. There's not a lot of curry paste so the flavour is mild enough for the kids. It's a one pot wonder - less washing up!

Easy Veggie Curry

Splash of oil
1 onion, sliced
2 heaped tblspns commercial curry paste - I like Rogan Josh or Korma for the kids
1 carrot, diced
1 small cauliflower, cut into flowerettes
1 tin chickpeas
1 tin diced tomatoes
1 tin of coconut milk
1/2 cup frozen peas
Currants, almonds or herbs to garnish

Over a medium heat, gently fry the onion in the oil until soft and sweet. Add curry paste, mix through onions, and gently fry until fragrant. Add carrot, cauliflower and

chickpeas and coat in curry paste mixture. Cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes, and as much of the coconut milk as you like (the more you add the richer and creamier it will be). Depending on how much of the coconut milk you add, you might need a little water or stock to cover veg mixture. Bring to boil and simmer for 15mins. Add peas and cook for another 5 mins.

Serve with rice and a sprinkle of currants, herbs or slivered almonds for pizzazz. Add a dollop of yoghurt.

Tip: Instead of cauliflower try potato, sweet potato, pumpkin or eggplant. If you don't have any of these, add a second diced carrot and 1/2 cup of brown lentils

www.beyondthetrolley.com/2013/05/recipe-easy-vegetable-curry.html#more



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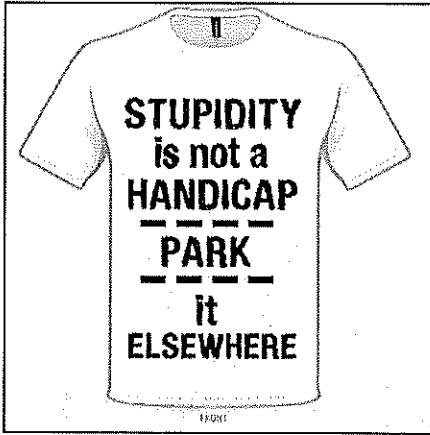


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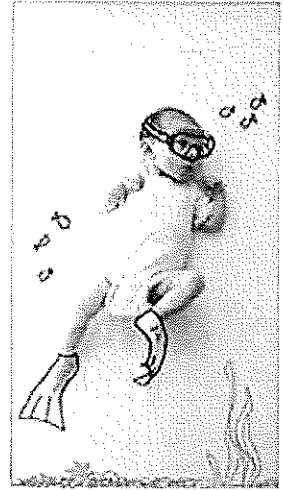
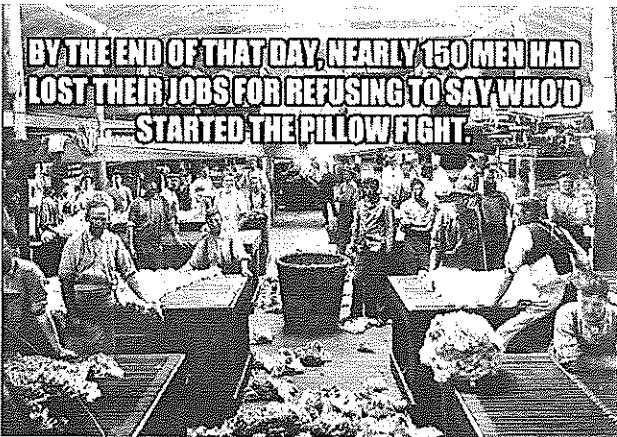
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Buddhist buys an ice cream, asks for change, vendor says 'change must come from within.'



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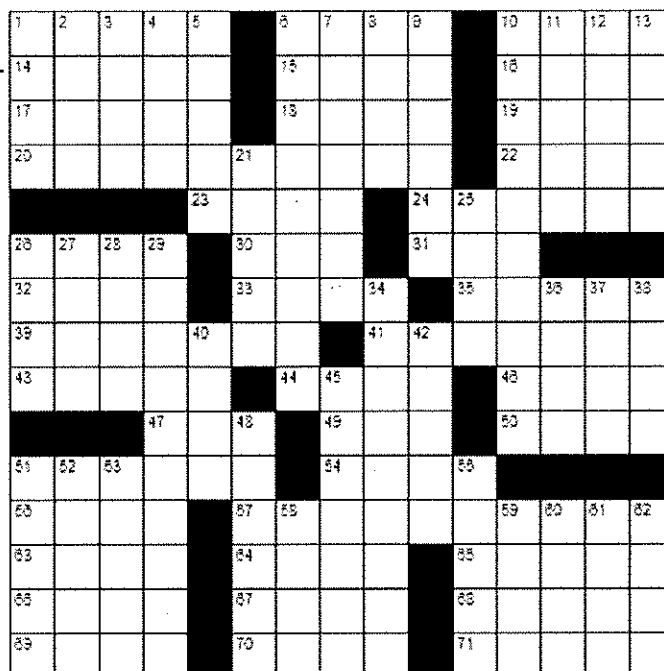
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ACROSS

1. Explosion
6. Water source
10. Chair
14. Not upper
15. Dogfish
16. Sort
17. Convex molding
18. Smudge
19. Weightlifters pump this
20. Plastic wrap
22. Adriatic resort
23. Long ago
24. A large dark-red oval organ
26. Balcony section
30. Greatest possible
31. A large open vessel
32. False god
33. Not nights
35. Shy
39. He fights blazes
41. A dais
43. Colonic
44. Fender blemish
46. Tall woody plant
47. Before, poetically
49. Hog's home
50. Pile
51. Seductive
54. Scrabble piece
56. Religious splinter group
57. Graniteware
63. Diva's solo

DOWN

64. Pear-shaped instrument
65. Unexpired
66. Teller of untruths
67. Biblical garden
68. Lacquer ingredient
69. Countercurrent
70. Exam
71. Shooting sport
1. Coalition
2. Great affection
3. Absent Without Leave
4. Peddle
5. A group of soldiers
6. A bathroom sink
7. Sympathy
8. King of the jungle
9. Most recent
10. Spontaneous abortion
11. Lofty nest
12. Any animal with no feet
13. Mortise and _____ joint
21. Chinese "bear"
25. Short golf shot
26. Vitality
27. Norse god
28. Pierce
29. Primary
34. Tender feeling
36. Filly's mother
37. Bright thought
38. Very intense

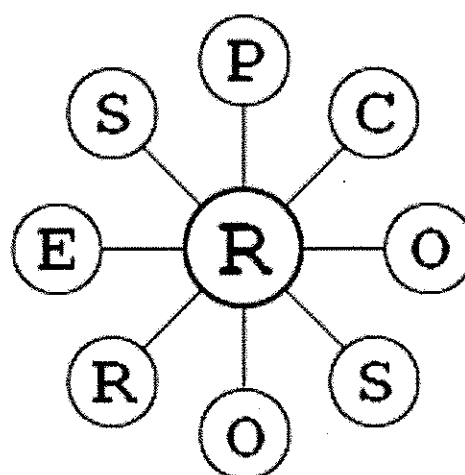


40. Assign a grade
42. Pizazz
45. Demesnes
48. Shoelace hole
51. Climb
52. Sensational
53. Homeric epic
55. Santa's helpers
58. Naked
59. Travel on foot
60. Away from the wind
61. Frost
62. Modify

*If women ruled the world there wouldn't be any wars,
just lots of countries not talking to each other.*

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Solutions next issue.



How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central letter R and no letter can be used twice. Proper nouns are not allowed but plurals are. There must be a nine letter word. Excellent 32, good 28, average 20.

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Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves
Parish House 6372 2252 /
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1st Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 6pm
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 11.30am

2nd Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno LWC 9am

4th Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 11am
Bicheno 9am

St Marys Salvation Army Sunday Joy 12.30pm

This is a bring-and-share lunch followed by a great time of friendship and fellowship. You are very welcome to join us and share our JOY! 0409 838 816

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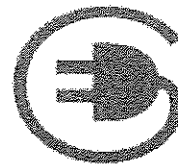
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Sundays
Ross 10am 5th Sunday
Campbell Town 9am

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St Helens 8am
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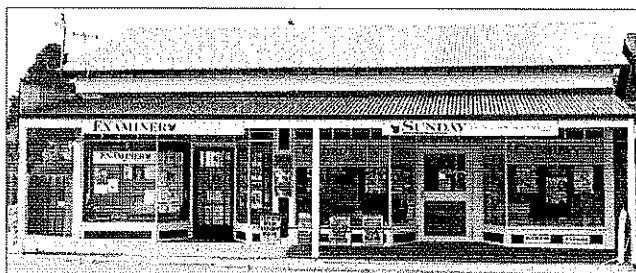
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The Catholic Parish of St Marys advise there will be no St Marys Mass on Sunday 17th November 2013. On 16th November St Helens Mass will be at 6pm, and Bicheno Mass on 17th November will be at 9am.



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2nd November, 2013

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**Produce & Jam
Pre-loved items
Devonshire Tea
Sausage Sizzle**

Monster Raffle: Drawn in December

Enquiries: Sr. Lorraine Phone: 6372 2252



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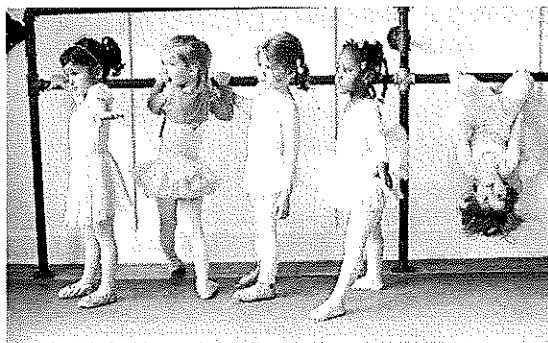
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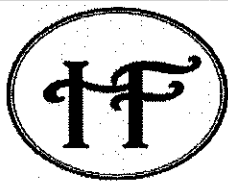
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October/ November	St Marys	Fingal
Monday 28th	Ruth Aulich	FVNH
Tuesday 29th	Karl Balzer	
Wednesday 30th	Valmai Spencer	
Thursday 31st	Lorraine Gill	
Friday 1st	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
Monday 4th	Debbie Barnes	FVNH
Tuesday 5th	Pam Bretz	
Wednesday 6th	Lundy Vosper	
Thursday 7th	Heather Griffiths	
Friday 8th	Lorraine Gill	FVNH



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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 24 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 25 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 63722111 for appointments.
- 28 Oct **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- TML Psychologist**– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- 29 Oct **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday– Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.** At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
- Continence Nurse.** For appointment please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.
- 30 Oct **Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide. Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 31 Oct **Relationships Australia**– Leanne McMurtie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- TML Podiatrist**– Annabelle. For appointment please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.
- 1 Nov **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 63722111 for appointments

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

- 4 Nov **PUBLIC HOLIDAY.** Normal doctor's surgery hours will resume 5/11/13. Please phone after hours contact numbers for during this time.
- 5 Nov **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
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- 8 Nov **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- TML Diabetic Educator, Physiologist and Dietician.** Appointments available by referral from you GP.

NOVEMBER'S HEALTH PROMOTION IS:



Movember (the month formerly known as November) is a moustache growing charity event held during November each year that raises funds and awareness for men's health.

Moustache's will be available to buy from the reception at the St Marys Community Health Centre for a Gold Coin donation .

Don't worry ladies there are **PINK ONES** for the girls!!!!

Moustache's will be available to purchase from the 1st November 2013

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Sewell
24/10/13- 25/10/13

Dr Cyril Latt
28/10/13- 8/11/13

PUBLIC HOLIDAY 4/11/13
Normal doctor's surgery hours
will resume on Tuesday 5/11/13

For appointments phone: 6372 2111
Please see After Hours Numbers
for during this time

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PATIENTS

Please be aware that Dr Latt's Surgery is currently fully
booked for appointments 1 week in advance as of
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If you are unable to get a doctor's appointment at the
time of ringing and you feel you need more urgent
medical attention *please inform the reception staff*
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Daily Doctor appointments are not always available but
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If in doubt- Call an Ambulance 000
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St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:50am-10:00am

10:00am-10:30am- Reception Closed

10:30am- 12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm- Lunch Reception Closed

1:30pm-2:45pm

2:45pm-3:15pm- Reception Closed

3:15pm- 4:30pm

For appointments please ring Reception during opening
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SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked
PRIOR to your medication/s running out or **IN
ADVANCE** if you are attending this practice regularly.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting periods can apply to see
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weekends, ensure you have enough medications in
advance.

PHONE SCRIPTS

Please be aware scripts are no longer
able to be done over the phone.



AFTER HOURS CONTACT NUMBERS

Please phone
GP ASSIST ON- 1300 780 011

AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or
EMERGENCY 000

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
6372 2111

Please RING before presenting after hours

PATHOLOGY SERVICE

No Pathology Service between
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If you require Pathology before 8:30am an appointment
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before by phoning 6372 2111

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3 course down to a one course meal. You don't even
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Are you interested or have further questions? Call the
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Kitchen Staff to see if you are eligible or Lesley
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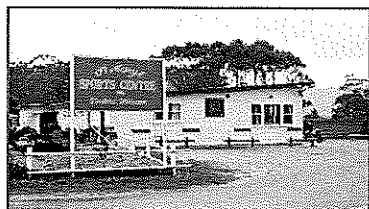
Meals are made on site at the
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and delivery available. Or
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DIABETIC CLINIC

Regular consults are available at the St Marys Community
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GP for a referral and GP North will contact you with an ap-
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ST MARYS SPORTS and SOCIAL CENTRE INC.



Winter hours:

Thursday 5.30-7.30, Friday 5.30-8.30, Sunday 1.30-4.30.

Bowls news. Our first game of the year was against St Helens in atrocious weather. St Marys won by 6 points, unfortunately due to a card error this is in dispute. This week against Bicheno we won by just one point. Well done St Marys. Bowls meeting Friday 25th October 7pm at the club.

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE.

Club Busy Bee, Sunday 27th October 11am. Please come and lend a hand. Ladies we will be tackling the club rooms so bring a bucket, gloves, cleaning rags etc. Men will be attacking the fairways, the rough and surrounds of the club house so please bring a whipper snipper if you have one. Sausage sizzle to follow.

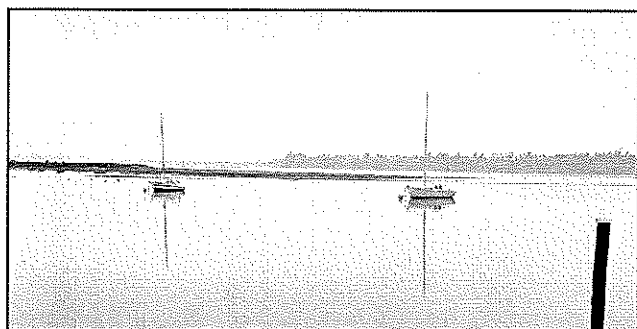
Motor Home Rally, Friday 1st November. All those assisting with the catering please be at the club by 3pm.

Black Rock Sunday, Sunday 3rd November 1pm. Yes it's back! Remember the fun you golfers used to have with this 9 hole stroke competition? You not only have the chance to win the coveted black rock, this is also a scallop run. That's right, 500grms scallops are up for grabs so dust off your buggy, polish the clubs and get down to the club.

Jag the Joker and Lucky Members draw, commencing Friday 8th November during Happy Hour. Win a carton when we draw your membership number during Happy Hour! You must be a financial member and at the draw to win the prize!

Responsible Serving of Alcohol, Monday 11th November 2pm-5pm. Good Sports will be running this course for us. Financial club members \$50, non-financial members \$60. If you expressed an interest in participating can you please confirm ASAP. Ring 0427010648 or re-enter your name on the board.

Annette Wines, Secretary



St Helens, August 2013.

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Promotions from 30th October to 5th November.

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Quilton Toilet Tissue 6pk	2.99
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