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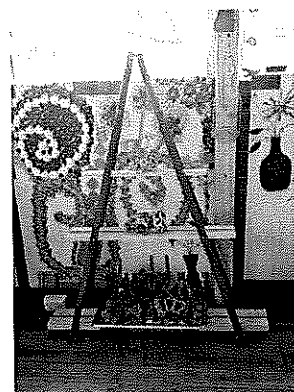
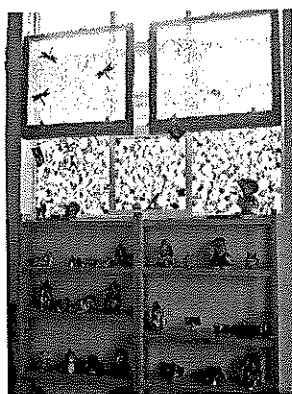
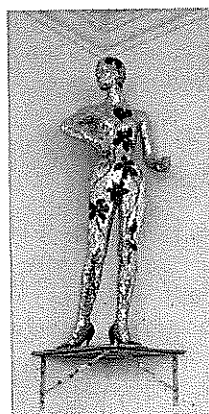
## Madd = Mudd comes to St Marys, welcome!

Heather and Steve Lye, pictured left with Henry, have purchased 40 Main Street, St Marys and are currently refurbishing/remodelling to open a working studio/gallery.

Heather, an experienced craft artisan and former guide at Port Arthur, and Steve, a qualified builder and jack-of-all-trades, have most recently lived on the Tasman Peninsula for almost 15 years; prior to that they lived and worked in New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand. They bring a wealth of experience and abundant enthusiasm, and a quick look around the gallery is all that is required to convince one of the quality of their work.

The working gallery/studio features glass (slumped), copper foil, needle felting work and supplies, jewellery, pottery, sculptures, wind chimes, children's clothing and other interesting items, presented in a warm, attractive and friendly environment. These treasures are sourced from recycled materials, local artworks are featured and there is an impressive display of original and unique gifts for all occasions. Creative classes will be held on the premises in the new year.

**Madd=Mudd is opening on Saturday 23rd November. Be prepared to be impressed!** Written and photographed by the Editor.



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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.

**St Marys Community Markets** are held on the 1st Saturday of the Month - 9am to 1pm in the St Marys Community Hall. Ph Robina 6372 2022.  
e: 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.

**St Marys/Falmouth Playgroup** is held 10:30-12:30 each Wednesday 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 Playgroup for only \$3 per family in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for children, mums & dads. Ph 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 Mon-Fri, 9-3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be left 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 8-12 noon in the Portland Hall St Helens. e: sthelensmarket@yahoo.com.au

The **Break O'Day Regional Arts AGM** will be held in the St Marys Hall Supper Room on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 at 4pm. All positions will be vacant and all are welcome to attend.

**GET Christmas Dinner** and last meeting for 2013: Tuesday 10/12/13 at Chrissy's Bistro, Fingal (meeting to start at 6:30 and dinner to be served from 7pm). Enquiries to the president on 0412 425 666.



**Fingal Valley Football Club Inc.** will hold their Annual General Meeting at 1pm at the Fingal Recreation Ground on Saturday 30th November 2013. Alira Aulich Secretary FVFC Inc.

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

## For Sale

Single bed innerspring mattress, never used \$50. Timber double bed head, suit ensemble \$50. Ph 0419 154 193.

Microwave \$20. Sharp Heat Pump Air Conditioner \$300 ono. Ph 6372 2440.

1000 litre overhead diesel tank \$100. H/d corner computer desk \$50. Ph 0407 944 158.

Pine kitchen dresser in excellent condition \$250. Ph 0439 722 120.

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

Large shelf display unit with LED lights 1800x1800x400 deep, large island counter with shelves 900 x 2500 long x 1200 high, \$500 each. Both are black & would suit shop or home. Call Jo on 0407 319 437.

1998 Hyundai Sonata V6. Colour: Sea Foam blue. Registered 'til May 2014. \$3,995. Ph 6372 2155.

Belkin wireless router N300, hardly used. Half price at \$50. Ph 6372 2155.

Mini pigs, \$200 each. Ph 6372 2271 between 6-9pm.

## Miscellaneous

**2 Houses for rent.** Upper Scamander 3 br on acres available in mid November and St Marys 3 br 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.

Congratulations to the Suncoast Gallery Raffle winners and thank you to all raffle supporters. 1st prize goes to Jesse J Reid of Campbell Town, 2nd prize Sarah Schmerl and 3rd prize Isabella Reid. Peggy Bogar.

**Retail Therapy with Judy of Bagdad Quilting Supplies** - On Wednesday, 27 November, Judy will again be setting up shop at *Gone Rustic Studio & Gallery* for a day! Fabrics, sewing supplies, gifts, patterns, craft books and more. Free tea and coffee all day; class with Judy at 7 pm. To preview Judy's products - <http://bagdadquiltingsupplies.com/> for enquiries and to RSVP, call Rita on 03 6372 2724, or drop in to 37 Main Street, St Marys between 10 am and 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

### Holy Trinity Anglican Community Outreach Dinner News

The community outreach dinner held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall on Saturday 16th November 2013 was the last dinner of the year and very well attended by about 34 community members. The theme was Asian style cooking and a veritable feast was provided by the church volunteers and members of the community. There was plenty of food left over to be taken to St Helens to provide about 15 meals for the homeless in that area. \$47

was raised from the gold coin donations and this money will be donated to Tom Ryan at the local Anglicare office (St Helens) and will be used to provide food parcels for people in the St Marys area leading up to Christmas.

A lucky door prize was won by Belinda, this was a grocery hamper kindly donated by Mark from St Marys IGA. There were a few other prizes won by other members at the dinner and a lot of fun was had by all. The children left some lovely chalk drawings on the concrete slab at the back of the church.

A BBQ will be held on 18th January 2014 so that we can enjoy the summer evening. All community members are invited to attend. If you have not been before, it's a lovely evening to spend with fellow community members sharing good food and conversation. Please look out for posters around town for further information as there will be no Valley Voice published during January, prior to this event.

A Christmas greeting from the Church Congregation "May the miracle of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and peace".

Janet Drummond on behalf of Holy Trinity Anglican Church

### Sadly St Marys Soccer Club has wound up.

Unfortunately there has not been enough membership or participation in recent years to sustain the Club. The remaining resources of the Club were distributed to St Helens Soccer Club, the East North East Sports Association and St Marys School.

There will still be opportunities for junior soccer players in the area. St Helens soccer club will continue with their Saturday morning program next winter.

Hopefully the St Marys School will be able to field a high school team again next year and older primary students can try out for the East North East team which plays in a tournament each year in Launceston.

Many people have helped and made a contribution to the soccer club over the last few years and may I take this opportunity to thank you all very much.

### Jack Foreman, St Marys



Volunteers are warmly invited to a free morning at the movies - come along and enjoy the magic of the movies with popcorn and ice cream followed by a light lunch.

Where: Portland Memorial Hall, St Helens

When: Thursday 5 December, 2013

Time: 10.00 am.

Get a group of friends or come on your own.

#### RSVP ESSENTIAL

For more info or to register for the event please contact St Helens Neighbourhood House on 6376 1134 or e: [admin@neighbourhoodhouse.org.au](mailto:admin@neighbourhoodhouse.org.au)

Transport may be arranged if needed.

On this day in 1942 Tweety Bird, aka Tweety Pie, debuts in 'Tale of Two Kitties.'

Letter to the Editor.

I have read and re-read Cagerattler's article in the Valley Voice (Nov.7th) regarding the proposed streetscape plans for St. Marys, and his sentiments seem to be at odds with those of the majority of St. Marys' residents and shopkeepers in particular. I was under the impression that very few, if anyone, actually desired the plan to go ahead mainly because of the drastic loss of car parking spaces that would be involved. So is Cagerattler backing this proposal or have I misunderstood him? Certainly the 'steps' between pavement and roadway at the front of the shops could do with modification to improve safety, but to my mind the rest of the proposal is totally unnecessary and would have been a waste of money - our money.

Also, it would be refreshing to be able to read something akin to Cagerattler's previous topics, without referring once again to the Elections. It is bad enough now having to hear all the hype regarding the forthcoming State elections, without back-tracking to the Federal result whether it is to our liking or not.

Sorry Cagerattler, but that is what I think.

Toni Brewster, Chain of Lagoons.

Letter to the Editor.

I was very pleased to see nearly 40 people come to St Marys Town hall on 10th November for the screening of "Mary Meets Mohammad". It was a great opportunity for people to become more educated on the asylum seeker issue occurring in Australia at the moment. Did you know Australia is the only western nation that has mandatory indefinite detention for asylum seekers arriving by boat? Did you know Australia receives only 0.3% of the world's refugees? Did you know that it costs \$450,000 a year to detain someone on Nauru or Manus Island, but only about \$30,000 a year if they were allowed to live in the community while being processed?

Many thanks to Melanie Norton and her wonderful team from the Salvation Army (Don and Stuart) for providing the electronic equipment for the screening, and thanks to the lovely ladies (I believe it was Michelle, Brittany and Wendy) who helped set up the chairs. Also, thanks to the Break O'Day Council for providing a fee waiver for the hire of the hall. Several people have suggested a local group should be formed that could find ways to encourage asylum seekers to come to our area - anyone interested?

Remember, it is not illegal to seek asylum, even if arriving by boat.

Hannah Rubenach, St Marys.

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- Mood enhancer
- Anti-inflammatory
- Respiratory health



*Rebecca White MP and Break O'Day Mayor Sarah Schmerl at the land proposed for the relocation of St Helens District Hospital.*

**Rebecca White MP inspects proposed hospital site in St Helens. 18 November 2013**

On Saturday November 16, 2013 State Labor Member for Lyons Rebecca White MP and Mayor Sarah Schmerl conducted a site visit to the parcel of land in St Helens that Council has recently purchased with a view to the site being used for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital. Upon inspection, it was clear to Ms White that the site would be an excellent location, with the large size of the parcel meaning there would be unlimited options for the future provision of allied health care at the site.

Mayor Schmerl will be writing to all stakeholders this week regarding a facilitated workshop that Council plans to hold in January 2014 to develop a vision for the site and assess the future health care needs of the community.

Any health organisations involved in health care provision in the area will be invited to share their views and give their input into the development of a vision for the future of the site to make sure the new project fits with community needs, and complements those services already provided at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Council, State Government and Tasmanian Health Organisation-North, with all parties agreeing that the hospital does need to be relocated and making a commitment to work together to find the right site.

The Memorandum of Understanding was announced to the community by Ms White and the Mayor on Saturday night at the St Helens District Hospital Auxiliary Ball and was very well received.

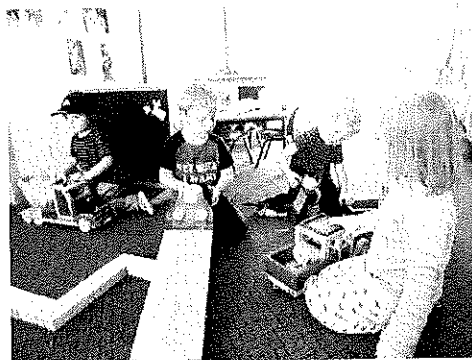
At the ball the Mayor also presented, on behalf of Council and the community, a donation of \$10,000 to the St Helens District Hospital Auxiliary to get fundraising for the important project off to a flying start. The Mayor spoke about the site and the changing needs of the community as the population grows older.

"The community is really getting behind the project, as they can see that the current hospital is not meeting their needs", the Mayor said.

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



The families and staff of **St Marys Child Care Centre and Building Blocks** would like to thank a wonderfully community minded local "Jill" for her kind donation of hand crafted wooden toys to our services. These are made by Graham Derbyshire and are available for order on 6372 2412 or at St Marys Market. As you can see the children had a great time using the new toys.



**Tanya Greenwood, Director.**



### St. Marys Cricket Club A-Grade T20

**Match Report - St. Marys vs St. Helens at St Helens 10/11/13.** Off to St. Helens we went on the hotel bus in sunny conditions to take on the St. Helens team. St. Marys won the toss and decided to bowl. In 20 overs St Helens managed 100 runs. Roger Salter 4/12 and Gary Cooper 4/14 were our best bowlers. Great fielding and catching were once again a highlight. In reply, the Tigers could only manage 78 runs with Turner on 28 and Roger Salter on 18 the best batsmen. A loss of 22 runs was heartbreaking considering we bowled 28 extras for the day.

**Match Report - St. Marys vs Pyengana at St. Marys 17/11/13.** In perfect conditions at St. Marys, we hosted Pyengana; we hoped to improve on last week's game and get back on the winner's list. Pyengana won the toss and sent the Tigers in to bat. After 10 overs we were struggling at 6/30 and not the start we had hoped for. At the end of the 20th over, we managed 9/74. Roger Salter top scored with 25, our only batsman to reach double figures. So with our back to the wall, the Tigers started bowling nervously, with wide deliveries and when defending 74, it proved very costly. We dug in, and wickets started to fall consistently. Pyengana managed to chase down our total in the 16th over, but had to fight to get them. Great bowling from Jacob Spilsbury at 5/12 saw him the pick of the bowlers. Once again, 29 extras were given away. Wayward bowling is starting to cost us wins and that is something we need to work on.

So fellas, I have the confidence in our team to turn it around, keep up the good work at training and things will start to go our way. I would just like to mention that it was great to see a number of spectators coming over and especially great to see our sponsors there. Also thanks to the St. Marys Hotel for supplying the players with a great afternoon tea.

**Next game: St Marys vs Scamander at Scamander on 24/11/13.**

**Chris Turner, Coach.**  
**0408 308 846**

### The Say by Cagerattler...

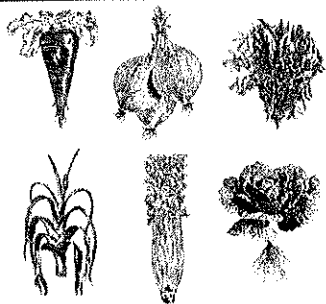
I try to look at things half full not half empty but I think two things need to be prioritised in the beautiful valley we live in. Both are related to local government - Streetscape and Camping Grounds (not forgetting Fingal). GET ON WITH IT!

It's annoying when things stall, even if only temporarily, but after all the work done by a dedicated crew of locals and Councillors it seems that it'll be a while yet before much more happens on the Streetscape in particular...Is it all to do with the row over parallel/angle parking or sufficient funding? Time is ticking people...We have major investment happening in the valley over the next few years through mining and tourism, and we need this to be reflected in the continual upgrading of the towns most concerned, Fingal and St Marys, not down the coast somewhere. I'd love a representative from Council to come out and say that the projects involved in Streetscape are still well and truly going to happen and that Fingal will not be forgotten either...let's hear it!

With the Camping Area improvements at the Recreation Ground over recent years the Council should take a lot of credit, well deserved for what we all knew was going to be a winner. There's still an awful lot to consider and do over there, and these issues can't be left forever; small steps can lead to huge leaps. Surely the same applies to Streetscape? Recently the Campervan people revisited and were catered for fantastically by the St Marys Sports Centre, which was great for their profile. It was a terrific weekend all round...this is how it can be done and now it's time for Council to look at the 'big picture' for our valley towns and market and accommodate for needs accordingly. After all isn't that what they're supposed to be doing anyway...?

**What do you think? Rod McGiveron.**

## Beaumaris Swap Market



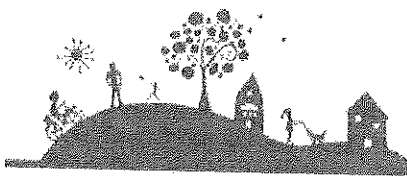
**Swap, Barter or Buy**  
**Homemade, Home grown, Handcrafted**

**Fresh produce, Fruit, Vegetables,  
Herbs, Bread, Conserves, Flowers,  
Craft and more.....**

**Beaumaris Park, 11 - 2 pm,  
1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month  
through Summer  
1st December Start with BBQ**

**Gold coin donation to have a stall  
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Plastic Bag free**

## STATEWIDE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE FORUM 'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES RAISING CONFIDENT CHILDREN'



The Break 'O'Day Child and Family Centre were delighted to host the Statewide Child and Family Centre Forum on Friday 8th November 2013 and what a fabulous community event it turned out to be! This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the extraordinary talent we have in our region. We hosted 160 attendees from around the state; they were welcomed to the Forum by local children who presented them with beautiful hand-made gifts. The day opened with an entertaining action song performed by community members, young and old. Marc Armitage was our first Keynote Speaker. Marc is a renowned Playbased Consultant from the U.K. and he shared some very insightful ideas to help us overcome barriers and provide more play as part of our children's day. Marc's experience encouraged us to understand what motivates child's play and how children form their own ideas and interests in their own way, and for their own reasons. We shared the idea that modern society is very regulation bound and often play is adult led, whereas given the opportunity, children will create their own amazing ideas and concepts. Prior to the forum we also hosted a Professional Development Workshop with Marc for 35 local teachers and child care professionals.

Our second Keynote Speaker was Dr Julie Green from the Raising Children Network. The Raising Children Network provides a comprehensive website for all Australian families. Julie discussed some of the key features of the website and how to access the practical, expert information to help us raise happy, healthy children.

Morning tea and lunch were catered by Donna from Leavenbank and we were treated to some very delicious food indeed! Li ying performed some beautiful Chinese nursery rhymes during the break and student reporters from St Helens District High School interviewed attendees on ipads.

After lunch we had a performance by local musician Lila Meleisea and the 'Life in Rhythm' Medea Park Residents. This outstanding performance received a standing ovation and truly celebrated what our theme of 'Connecting Communities' was really all about.

There were six workshops throughout the day and we had the opportunity to attend two of these. They all sounded so interesting it was difficult to choose which to attend! Our presenters were talented local community members who are passionate about improving learning opportunities for families:

- Kaelene Crossingham and Heidi Jones from St Helens District High School presented "Ignite the flame; spark the passion". This workshop explored how to implement outdoor play at home and in the wider community.
- Fiona Watts (LINC literacy), Marie and Shane presented "Connecting through Learning." We looked at how literacy levels impact day to day life and how connecting can help provide support and improve literacy levels.
- Lila Meleisea (professional musician and educator) presented "Rhythm workshop; everything PLUS the kitchen sink." Lila showed us that even if we are not musical we all have rhythm! We made simple instruments from everyday objects and were given the confidence to use rhythm and music PLAY with children.
- Nindara Wheatley (Aboriginal Education Worker) and Wendy Geale (St Helens District High School) presented "Strengthening Cultural Intelligence Through Play." This workshop offered demonstrative examples of engaging play areas which enhance early learning while maintaining cultural strengths.
- Cathy Parker (Building Blocks), Kym Clark (Early Childhood Intervention) and Tanya Greenwood (Northern Children's Network) presented "Play and learn with a difference; Connecting through Outreach." This was a practical workshop for support services or individuals to collaborate on group programs for young children in a community setting.
- Emma Porteus, Kirsty Grierson, Nicky Adams and Catherine Morse (Creative Connection Artists) presented "Creative Connections in Communities." These Artists in Residence from a number of Child and Family Centres offered a taste of their artistic approach to working with young children and their families.

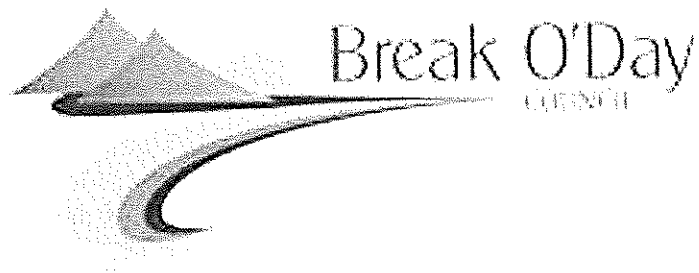
The day was a huge success and made possible by a number of contributors and local businesses:

- St Helens District High School for allowing us the use of the Gym, rooms and facilities throughout the day.
- Poss'M'agic, St Helens District High School, Building Blocks, Northern Children's Network and Break O'Day Child and Family Centre all helped to fund our Keynote Speakers.
- Tasmanian Early Years Foundation, Kaelene Crossingham, Tanya Greenwood and all the amazing staff at the Break O'Day Child and Family Centre - Centre Leader Petronella Dingjan-Bult, Community Inclusion Workers Jeanette Law and Abbie Simpson, and the tireless band of volunteers who worked so hard to make it such a successful day.

It was a tremendous testament to just how much we value our children and the positive impact our Child and Family Centres can have, not only on our children but on the entire community.

Siobhan Mead, Advisory Board Member of the CFC.

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# *Photo Competition Exhibition People's Choice.*

*Break O'Day Council recently conducted a  
Photo Competition.*

*Come along to the  
Portland Hall, St Helens*

*on*

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December*

*from*

*10 am - 3pm*

*and*

*Thursday 5 December*

*from*

*3 pm - 6 pm*

*to view all of the entries in the competition.  
Decide which one you like best and register your  
choice.*

*Break O'Day Council would like to thank all participants in the  
competition for their entries.*

## The Scamander Ramble, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

With 17 people in attendance our guide Henry Biggelaar led us by car through the Winifred Curtis reserve to where the horse propelled carriages crossed the fjord when they travelled from Falmouth along the sandy track, on the seaside of Henderson's Lagoon, to Scamander.

There were quite a few stories exchanged by some of those present, which all helps to collate the history of an area, then we proceeded to Scamander near the old bridge, and as some were feeling hungry we had an early lunch.

Many more stories were exchanged and Henry explained about the numerous bridges that had been built, the first being in 1865. Many more came and went until the bridge designed by A.W. Night was built in 1936 and still stands today, although it has been used by pedestrians only for several years. Of course we now have the existing solid reinforced concrete one.

After talking about the bridges we proceeded across the Night bridge to where the Walkers Hotel once stood, though today there is only a bit of retaining wall and the old well remaining. This was on the northern side of the river; on the southern side there was another hotel which had several licensees in its life, the best known probably being the Rawnsley family of Harry, Cleave & Max. This was demolished for the present day Scamander Hotel/Motel. Photos of the old hotels were perused and some people were amazed at the difference today.

One question we puzzled over was the history of Meneza's point? We all know where it is, but that's about it - as far as I know it was Johnny Meneza's Point but if anyone can shed light on this please contact Barry on [aulich@bigpond.com](mailto:aulich@bigpond.com)...

Barry Aulich, President SPH&EVHS Inc.



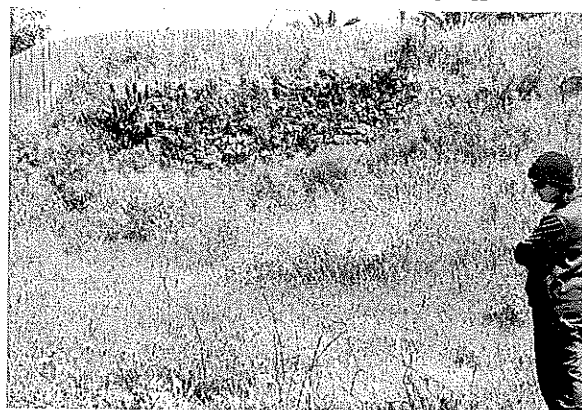
*Guide Henry talking to the group at Hendersons Lagoon.*



*The old well at Walkers Hotel Scamander.*



*Lunch at Scamander Bridge.*



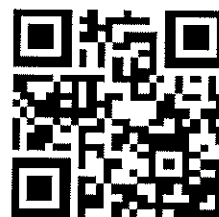
*Retaining wall remains of Walkers Hotel Scamander.*

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*Eleanor Roosevelt:*

*No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.*

### THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to all my family and friends for giving me such a lovely birthday party. It was so lovely to have all my family gathered together, as well as friends, for the occasion of my 99th birthday. Special thanks must also go to everyone at 'Daycare', for making another day so special, all my friends at 'Craft' for bringing out the lace tablecloth and a very special pavlova, and last but not least, Louise and her staff at the Pancake Barn, you all sang beautifully. Thank you one and all for the beautiful flowers, gifts, phone calls and visits to my home. You all helped to make this birthday so special, all the events made my birthday last for more than a week.

With gratitude and thanks,  
**Maisie Finney, St Marys.**



### OUT OF THE WOODWORK. Secretary Wendy Brennan, 637 22094.

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Firstly, we send our sincere best wishes to George, our esteemed cooper, for a quick recovery from his health issues.

Congratulations and thank you to the St Marys Hotel and its staff whose food and attentiveness made our annual Christmas party an occasion to remember.

Members have completed and installed the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House's notice board. We hope it not only fulfils its function but is also aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Thank you to the Hon. Rebecca White whose visit to the Guild to observe our setup inspired congratulatory glimpses of what we all have achieved by members' tenacity in persevering with sausage sizzles, commissioned work and grants.

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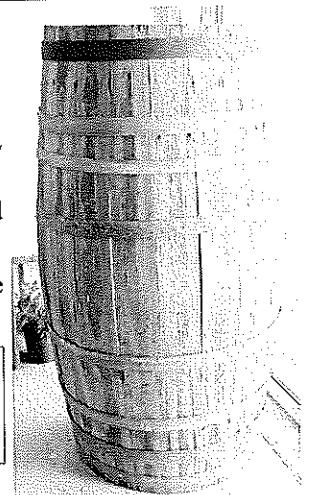
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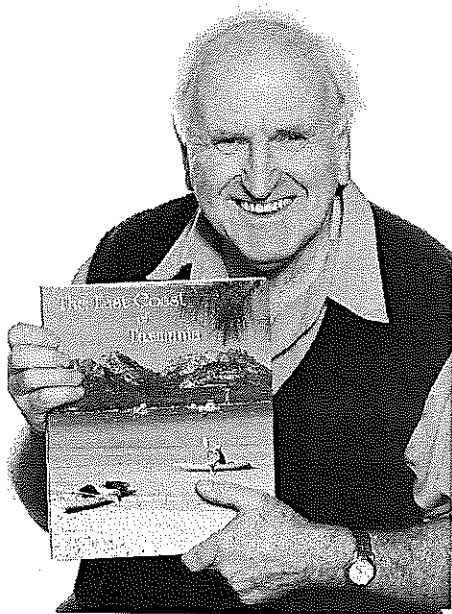
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### *The Intermediate Caper ... by Robespierre.*

So there I was, in July 1949 at Liverpool Technical High School (far western Sydney suburb) and just turned the magical age of 15 – I could leave school and get a job! I was jubilant!

The portal of freedom beckoned. The world was my oyster! But I hadn't reckoned on my eldest school teacher brother. Dick was at home at Canley Vale (Sydney suburb) for the weekend. He taught at Woy Woy Primary School, about 160km north of Sydney. I had got home early. Dick said "What are you doing home at this time"? "I've left". "What about the Intermediate Certificate and a career"? "Don't want it. Going to get a job". "No you're NOT! you're coming with me"! (on the back of his Velocette motorbike to Woy Woy and back to High School at Gosford). I sneaked a small tent, sleeping bag, billy, water bag and my push bike, and went bush. A few km's from our place at Canley Vale were hundreds of acres of bush, crisscrossed by "suburban" gravel streets waiting for homes to be built. I went via Wacka Hanks' place to put him in the picture, then cleared off and made camp. Some time later, with the billy heating saveloys for dinner, I heard the Velocette.

Wacka told me later that Dick thought I would be at his place but finding me absent, had got heavy with Wacka, ordering him onto the back of the motorbike for directions to me. Always street smart, Wacka, pretending confusion, took Dick around my bush block a couple of times to give me the message. Leaving billy and all, I broke camp and headed off. The best place I figured was under the Canley Vale Road bridge. Dick and brother Wally (my next eldest) figured that too. In the wee hours of the morning they came at me from both sides of the bridge rampart so that I couldn't escape. I went to Woy Woy, shanghaied - but not beaten. The winter of my discontent? No not really, just the loss of my tent!

Mrs. Bunker, a widow, and son Peter, took in school teacher boarders at their home on Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy. On school days I caught the steam train to Gosford and often attended Gosford High School and just as often played truant by leaving the train at Point Clare, a tiny rail station just before Gosford. Point Clare is where the poet Henry Kendal drew inspiration for his poem, *Bell Birds*. I spent many pleasant days exploring this mountainous region that indeed had "the creek falling", "channels of coolness" and the bell birds calling. In the early days at Woy Woy, I'd return to Canley Vale on weekends to work on the tomato and gladioli farm of Estonians Charlie & Hans Kiev, for pocket money.

Peter Bunker and I got on quite well, becoming good mates. The most amazing piece of coincidence happened during my stay (of around six months). From the hundreds of high school kids at Gosford High I had palled up with a Dick Waterer. At dinner one night I shared this news with Peter and his mum. They were astounded!! Staring at me, they said that a good friend of Peter's was "Dimpy" Waterer, Dick Waterer's brother! (and that Dimpy and Peter had been members of the same tennis club, for years). Pete let me ride (with no licence) his Ariel 500 motorbike on a disused air strip (loose ball bearing gravel top) and this became my introduction to the motorbike years. Five bikes in fact from an Excelsior two stroke, though to a 650cc Triumph Tiger 110, and well into my late twenties. His music appreciation was quite different to my limited populous stuff (eg. Red Ingle's 'Cigarettes & Whisky and Wild, Wild Women') but I respectfully listened to Pete's records of operatic tenors, on quality equipment. He would point out the different style of singing between Beniamino Gigli, Tito Schipa, Jussi Bjorling and others, and in spite of my predilection I found myself carefully listening, comparing and judging too. In a short time in fact I had become a firm fan of Gigli's and still revere his soft, woman-like quality of voice. Nina Nana lullaby – a firm favourite to this day.

Peter was manager of the tool shop at Bennett & Barkell in Sydney. They had a vacancy in the auto electrical shop for an apprentice, and I jumped at it. Regrettably, I was back in Sydney by then and after around 12 months, the skinny wage and the temptation everywhere for bigger money won out. A raft of menial jobs followed, including firing a boiler on a Steam Shovel (early version of the excavator) for nearly three years, then followed incredible experiences in many business ventures (tourism industry) culminating in export, right up until retirement. Those were the days when there was plenty of work for everyone, everywhere (in the bush - and the city), thanks mainly to the efforts of genuine leaders like Chifley, Lang, et al, who paved the way. People could, and did, start up their own businesses. And people could work in a region and a field of their choice. Post graduate choices (and other) meant GENUINE positions of meaningful pursuits, not Mickey Mouse made up, do nothing, fodder for employment figures. Australians enjoyed relative confidence and peace of mind. We would not have conceived the idea that our country would become afflicted with the highest youth suicide rate in the world.

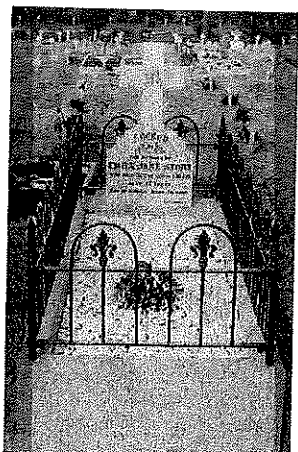
Yes, it was still the post WW2 labour shortage years, but it was much more than that. This prosperous climate went on far past any manpower shortage period. Politicians were at least part of the same social genre and there was genuine empathy with their constituents.

However, these social and economic standards that generally instilled confidence and a peaceful stress free life were eroded to extinction by around the late '70s. The planned rot began. Fabians - Hawk, Keating, Gareth Evans and others in line with their international Big Money and Bankster masters, began selling off our country to overseas interests without our permission, and, in many cases, knowledge. Keating, in the '80s, signed our future away on many "Agreements" (I'm told thousands) to overseas interests, effectively sounding the death knell to much of our manufacturing and rural capability. And they are proud of what they did. Any Fabian will tell you as much. And a corrupt and compliant media is currently covering the tracks with a sanitized version of the visionary wickedness of Keating.

Later, more on fun loving Fabians and their brave new world of Free Trade & Globalisation, and why our country is about to go the way of other looted countries. BAD times ahead.

**Don Pike, Four Mile Creek.**

**Life and Death in the Fingal Valley near the turn of the 19th Century © (and a brief note on the 'Resurrection of Nelson and George Story').**



*Emily's plot,  
Melbourne.*

On August 22nd 1889, John George Thomas and Margaret Makieg Story's first born, Emily Jane Story, died of typhoid in Melbourne aged 31. Seconded from her usual job at Alfred Children's Hospital to a converted parsonage to treat the victims of a typhoid outbreak, the Hobart Mercury stated on August 30th 1889, "There is no doubt that her close attention to duties hastened her end".

A valuable brooch and an 'address' were presented to her grief-stricken parents. A nearby street in North Melbourne was named Story Street in her honour.

As so often happens, a death is quickly followed by a birth, and on September 20th 1889 John Story, first born son to John and Margaret's first born son John Williams Story and his wife Mary Flora Story (nee Blacklock, formerly of Orbest), was born in Launceston.

Grieving parents John and Margaret went on from the funeral in Melbourne to stay with Margaret's sisters Matilda Foster (nee Williams) and Rosalind Williams in Sydney for some five months.



*The three daughters of  
Judge Foster.*

On arriving back home at Henbury with grief almost sorted, they were greeted with the news that their third born son, Nelson Christmas Story (born 25/12/1866)



*Nelson Christmas Story and  
George Thomas Story (Front).  
Margaret and John Story (R)*

had just died in a horse-riding accident returning from the Ben Lomond Picnic Races.

The Mercury of January 20th 1890 reports that Nelson 'was one of a large party which had been spending a few days on Ben Lomond. On Saturday afternoon they commenced their journey home and it appears, on coming to a fence, a jump was proposed, and Mr Story's horse, hitting heavily, fell and rolled over its rider. Mr Story jumped up exclaiming *I'm all right* but soon complained of severe pains ... became unconscious and breathed his last only half an hour later'.

The Examiner of January 20th 1890 states that 'the same horse has thrown him several times and on one occasion (Examiner January 14th 1887) broke his left leg above the knee ...' 'Great sympathy is felt in the district ... this being the second death occurring (in the family) within a short space of time'.

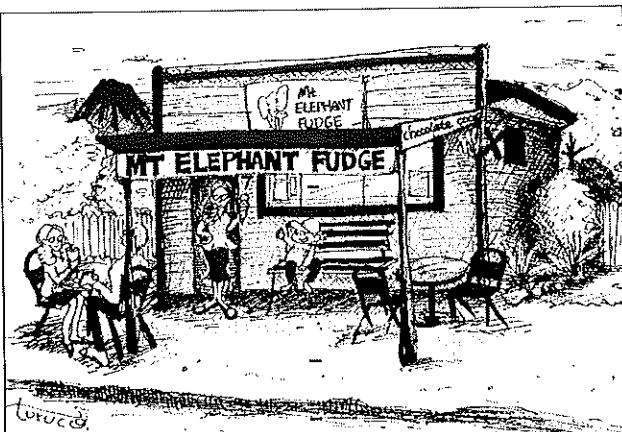
This untimely death was soon followed by a birth - that of Eva Louisa Kerkham at Tunnel on November 21st 1890, the sixth born of 12 children, and granddaughter to Richard and Eleanor Kerkham (nee Story), John's sister, formerly of Cullenswood.

On May 6th 1897, the second born son of John and Margaret, George Thomas Story, accidentally drowned aged 34 in the South Esk River. He had come home from his selection at Orbest 'to die' from pneumonia with complications. Previously, according to the Examiner of January 22nd 1891 'a young Tasmanian (George Story) whilst working (his selection) ... cutting spars ... inflicted a fearful gash in his foot. He crawled back to his hut ... put a stitch in it, manufactured a pair of crutches ... and set out for his brother-in-law's, Mr (John Fox) Blacklock's, eight miles distant ... Bravo Tasmania! - you deserve to succeed for your indomitable pluck'.



*The 'Resurrection' of Nelson and  
George.*

On first meeting Lindsay Story, a great grandson of John and Margaret in 2010, I speculated on the identity of the person buried beneath the broken headstone in the as then unrestored Story family plot in the Avoca Anglican Cemetery. Having been asked 'to step outside' I was surprised to get (not a fight) but a view of the missing section of Nelson and George's headstone ... leaning against a shed, it had been used for years as a grindstone to sharpen blades. The 'story' goes that Lindsay's brother Frank brought it home in his mini-moke Californian in 1966. It would seem that the late Frank Story, who liked a drink, had mistaken his throttle for a brake, ploughed through the family plot's wrought iron fence, knocked the headstone over and had taken it home to Hobart ... the rest, as they say, is history ...



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### The Bleat.

Last issue I told of childish adventure, not to brag or boast but to look back on a different world in another time. Just so you know, I was punished for my misadventure because for many years it played on my mind when I thought of the danger I had placed other people in. It haunted me. If you children are thinking of some mischief to get up to DON'T.

I wonder if anything I have related has meant anything to you? Will you do something to make your little bit of the world a better place? Please?

Will you do one thing for me? Help someone today, tomorrow or this week, because the rewards are enormous. You lift another person's spirits and they in turn do likewise. But even better than this, have you the guts to do something for someone you don't particularly like? I have seen people cross the street to avoid speaking to a former friend. And what is worse is they were supposed to be Christians. "Oh don't talk to me about them, they are all a bunch of hypocrites." True Christians are all the things they ought not be. They say this or that but do the same as the ordinary person in the street. Christians are not perfect, nor will they be while they are on this planet, but the idea is to try to be better.

"Yes I do that anyway without being one of them and a hypocrite to boot."

I have a question, how many of you do NOT believe in Jesus Christ yet you enjoy Christmas with family, the feast, the tree, the presents, the friends, the holiday from work or school, Christmas displays and lights? And for how many years? How many of us go by the calendar that supposedly started at Christ's birth, and you are not a hypocrite? I am not trying to insult you, I am just as guilty, when though, will we stop calling the kettle 'black'? Be a little black potty and laugh at ourselves, move on, if you live in the past, history will very likely repeat itself. The silly season is upon us - I dare you to be a little silly where it doesn't matter, have a joke with a friend but don't be stupid or break the law.

Love to you all, drive safely on the LEFT side of the road and Bless you.

(A sign beside the road says '100 people die on wet roads', how many I wonder die on dry roads? And is the sign an official road speed sign, considering it has other writing on it?)

David Brewster, Chain of Lagoons.

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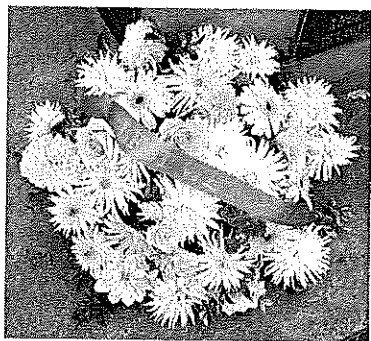
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## Remembrance Day St Marys 2013

### THE WELCOME

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"Before we left the trenches to go to the beach everyone had to wrap bags around their feet so as to muffle the sound. We looked a comical lot of soldiers I can tell you. We had no trouble at all and the planks on Watson's Pier were all covered with bags, so we got aboard pretty quietly.

When the old barge was full they tried to get her started, but she would not budge an inch, so we all had to get on one side of her to give her a good cant and she got off that way. She took us straight out to a ship and we embarked, never no more to set our foot on ANZAC. The very name seems to have a sort of charm about it, and it has been made famous by the Colonials. I can tell you most of us watched the old hills disappearing from sight; the hills among and on which thousands of brave men were killed, where good Colonial blood was simply poured out all for nothing, except a name which will make every Australian feel proud of his country.

A name which will never die, for never I should think did men fight more bravely, stubbornly and in such a self sacrificing spirit as our boys did there and against a stubborn enemy who fought well and fairly.

We also had to fight against natural difficulties which were far worse than the Turks themselves. We felt like cowards sneaking away at dead of night with bags around our feet.

We all waited patiently for the last man to get off. Our Battalion was practically the last of the old first division.

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As soon as the last parties were aboard, the mines were all sprung and warships opened fire on certain points and thus ended one of the most glorious and the same time disastrous campaigns as Great Britain ever had anything to do with and is ever likely to have. It was 4am on the 20th December."

Many thanks to the St Marys Memorial Services Association and to Envoy Melanie Norton whose narration of Flanders Fields was read with heartfelt poignancy.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild and the community of St Marys.

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*Sunday 15th December: Susannah Coleman-Brown*, extremely smooth, extremely sweet and extremely delightful jazz vocals and guitar.

*Sunday 5th January: Bec And Baptiste* (Fremantle/Belgium) plus *Life In A Bucket*.

*Sunday 19th January: A collective of seasoned Launceston musicians hit the coast - Sex Sex Sex*, polished punk rock, solid guitars, drums and vocal; *Yyan and McDougall*, multi-instrumentals, bass and vocals; *Ok Lorenz*, earthy upbeat percussion, folk rock vocals and funky bass lines; *Cam Locke*, solo guitar instrumental delights.

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On the 13/11/13, the hamlet of Gray in north-east recorded 258mm of rain in 24 hours.

Gray lies under Mount Elephant about 10 kms from Tasmania's east coast and cops more rain than other towns in the area. Peter Rubenach, who has lived in Gray for 46 years, says he would not want to live anywhere else.

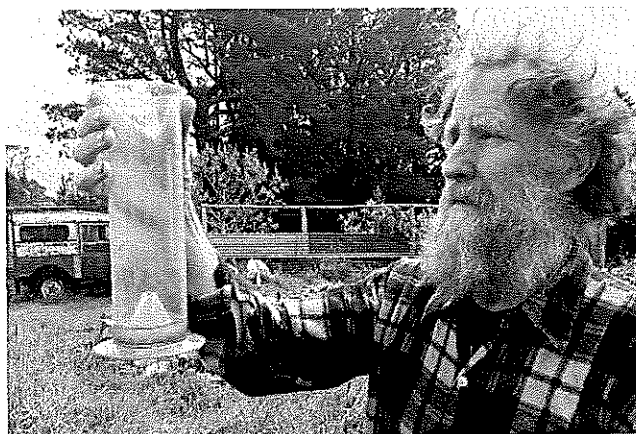
"It's beautiful and peaceful and usually quite safe from fires," he said. "It's home and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

Peter has a traditional rain gauge on his property, which he checks every morning for the Bureau of Meteorology. The latest downpour pushed his equipment to the limit. "Two more mm in the gauge and it would've run over," he said. Peter does not see the task of monitoring the regular rainfalls as a chore. "People phone us that are on the catchment areas of the river further down to know what's happening. They want to be prepared to move their stock."

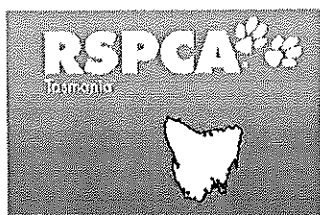
Gray resident Elaine Vulich isn't usually worried by overnight rain, but Tuesday night's downpour was enough to disturb her sleep. "The rain kept us awake quite a bit. It was pretty heavy at times and especially when it was splashing against the windows and on the deck, it was pretty horrific. Whether that's because we're in with the mountain and the ocean, I don't know, it just seems to all drop here."

While Gray received its 258mm pour, 25 kms away at Fingal just 20mm fell.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-11-13/residents-in-one-of-tasmanias-wettest-towns-happy-to-stay/5089824?section=tas>



*Peter Rubenach checking his rain gauge.*



### Three long-serving directors of Tasmania's troubled RSPCA will stand down in January.

President Paul Swiatkowski is one of three board members who will not seek re-election in January, along with Angela Ayling and Debbie McGrath.

Last week, the Tasmanian Parliament's Public Accounts Committee called for the organisation to restructure before receiving future government funding, describing its management processes as dysfunctional and unsatisfactory.

Dr Swiatkowski, who has been with the animal welfare organisation for more than 30 years, says the board shake-up is not an admission of wrongdoing by those who are leaving.

"I think it needs a range of professional business type people which may include lawyers, accountants and so forth to manage the business component," he said.

"In this case, having new people, new ideas just rejuvenates the RSPCA and hopefully gives it a new direction."

He confirmed allegations made during the parliamentary inquiry of criminality within the organisation have been referred to police.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-11-18/rspca-board-members-leave-after-damning-report-but-deny-wrongdo/5098458?>

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## 5000 Poppies Project

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the ANZAC Centenary, marking 100 years since Australia's involvement in the First World War. In 2015, there will be a large number of activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing. As part of the 2015 Anzac Commemoration, the 5000 Poppies project will be "planting" a field of more than 5000 poppies in Federation Square in Melbourne.

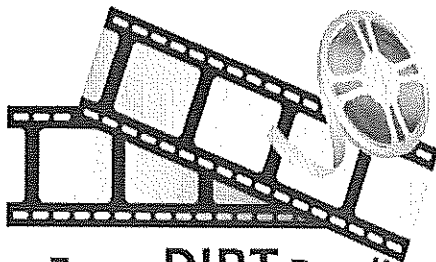
Rita Summers of *Gone Rustic Studio & Gallery* put out the call some months ago via Facebook and the *Gone Rustic* blog for poppies to contribute to this milestone anniversary. And what a fantastic response there has been so far! A total of 193 knitted or crocheted poppies have been handed in by residents of St Marys and Fingal, as well as crafters in Blackmans Bay and Bagdad. There is also evidence of other poppy-making activity around town, which is fantastic.

Since there was no designated drop-off point in Tasmania, Lynn Berry, co-ordinator of the 5000 Poppies Project, has listed *Gone Rustic* as the Tasmanian depot.

This is an ongoing project until 2015, so all crafters are invited to participate in this meaningful and heartfelt project. Anyone who is interested is invited to make one or more poppies. They can be crocheted, knitted, felted or sewn from any materials. Any shade of red can be used and poppies should be no more than 15cm in diameter. There is no entry fee and contributors are asked to provide their own materials. There is no barrier to involvement and no limit to the amount of poppies that can be submitted. However, donations towards postage costs would be appreciated.

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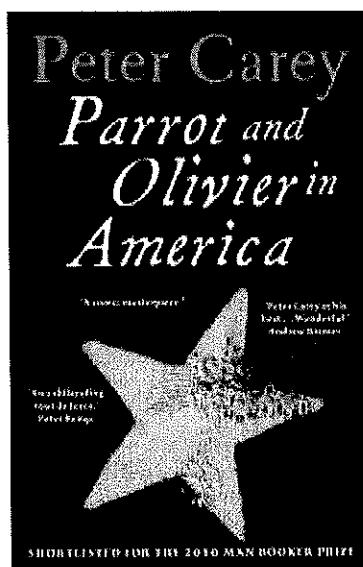
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State Parliament has moved to open up Hobart's Mount Wellington to development, with one MLC happy to see shopping on the summit. All but one Upper House MP have backed a Liberal plan to remove the Mount Wellington Park Management Trust's power to veto developments. Independent Apsley MLC Tania Rattray has never been up Mount Wellington, but thinks she would if there were shops at the summit. "It would be a fantastic opportunity." The Independent Member for Western Tiers, Greg Hall, hopes that will clear the way for developers to build a cable car to the summit. He thinks the South African city of Cape Town provides a model for Hobart.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-11-13/way-clear-for-mount-wellington-development/5088560>



## Book Review

This month the Mount Elephant and Beyond Book Group discussed Peter Carey's *Parrot and Olivier in America*. Peter Carey is a critically acclaimed Australian-born writer who now lives in New York. He is a two-time winner of the Man Booker Prize and this novel was short-listed for the prize in 2010. Earlier in the year the group read *The Chemistry of Tears* by the same author.

The novel's chapters are devoted alternately to the two main characters, Parrot and Olivier. At the start of the novel in 1810, Olivier de Garmont is the spoilt only child of an aristocratic family exiled to the countryside during the French Revolution. Early on, we are also introduced to a somewhat shady one-armed man the Marquis de Tilbot, a friend of Olivier's mother, the comtesse.

Parrot's story begins some years earlier. He and his father, an itinerant printer, seek work at an isolated printery in the southwest of England owned by a Mr Piggot. The pair's chief qualification for the job seems to be Parrot's small size and the reader soon finds out why. He is to run errands for Algernon Watkins who prints counterfeit French currency in a former priest hole accessible only via a chimney. The operation is masterminded by none other than the Marquis de Tilbot. The printery is raided by the authorities and set alight, and the printers including Parrot's father are arrested and executed. Parrot manages to escape by making his way across the moors with Tilbot

and later boards a ship for Australia.

The story resumes some twenty years later. It is 1831: Olivier is 25 and Parrot is 50 years old. Olivier is now a judge advocate but has drawn attention to himself by attending political lectures. Tilbot tells him he is in danger: 'The liberals see you and have no doubt you are a spy. The monarchists see you and know you for a traitor.' The answer, proposed by Tilbot and Olivier's parents, is a trip to America ostensibly to prepare a report on the prison system. Tilbot supplies a companion and secretary in the form of Parrot, whom he has enticed back from Australia with promises of exciting expeditions. Parrot is also accompanied by his lover, a French painter named Mathilde, and her mother.

Olivier and Parrot begin their relationship in mutual antipathy – Parrot resents the Frenchman and calls him 'Lord Migraine' while Olivier detests Parrot whom he knows has been sent to spy on him. But as events progress, the two develop a kind of friendship.

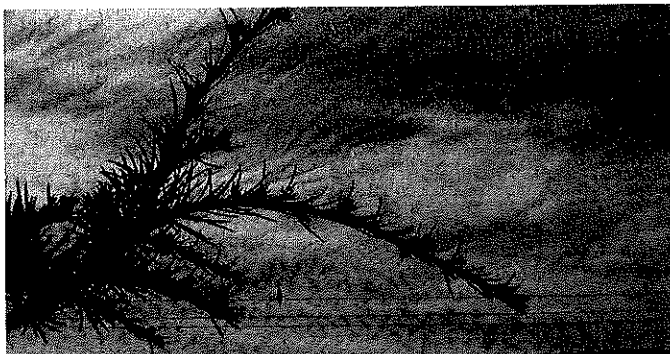
The character of Olivier is based on a real historical person, Alexis de Tocqueville, who wrote books on America's prisons and democracy during the 1830s. The new American prisons had attracted attention in Europe because of their intention to reform as well as to punish. During their tour of America Parrot and Olivier have many opportunities to study the prisons and to observe the workings of democracy. Olivier finds the Americans boastful and inclined to 'carry national pride altogether too far.' He finds them, 'the most turbulent, unpeaceful, least contented people...Clearly there is nothing less suited to meditation than democracy.' It is no accident that an American invented the rocking chair, 'that awful monument to democratic restlessness'.

Olivier's opinion of Americans alters when he meets Mr Godefroy and his daughter Amelia, but their love affair is doomed. Although the daughter of a democratic country, Amelia has visions of living in France as a nobleman's wife but Olivier knows that his mother would never accept such a marriage.

In the meantime, Parrot has encountered Algernon Watkins living in America, dreadfully scarred by the printery fire and married to the former Mrs Piggot. Parrot and Watkins collaborate on the production of a set of engravings depicting American birds and engage Tilbot as their European agent. Algernon Watkins' work recalls John James Audubon and his illustrated *Book of American Birds*. Watkins' wife shoots the birds and prepares them for him, threading them on wire to achieve realistic poses in the same way that Audubon did.

Some of the scenarios and the eccentricities of the minor characters remind the reader of Charles Dickens' works: there is, for example, the whole set-up of Piggot's printery and the flight across Dartmoor reminiscent of *Great Expectations*. The trans-Atlantic voyage provides another opportunity to introduce a new ensemble of offbeat characters. There is a Jewish impresario named Eckerd who discovers during the voyage that his new French opera star is not in fact a singer but a tragic actor. Nothing daunted, he will instead stage a play about the French Revolution - he will have one written by the time they get to New York. There is also the shrewd Mr. Peek, a banker, landlord, and insurance agent. Both these men are to figure in Parrot's alternative life, the life that he leads away from Olivier. *Parrot and Olivier in America* is a richly textured work with characters and storylines intricately woven together. Many readers find the first chapter almost unreadable but once over that hurdle, the story can be appreciated as a straightforward narrative.

Carey is a clever writer and sometimes a bit obscure but this novel is more accessible than *The chemistry of Tears* although not as enjoyable as some of his earlier works such as *Oscar and Lucinda*.



Lovely pic from Tracy Mcdonald.

Lindy Scripps

# Youth and alcohol

at home and on other private property



*The Sale or Supply of Alcohol to Youths (Police Offences Act 1935)* legislation regulates the supply of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years, on private property.

The legislation supports a responsible approach by parents, guardians, and other adults with parental rights, who choose to supply young people with alcohol.

[www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au)

## What does the legislation mean?

If you supply someone under the age of 18 years with alcohol on private property, and:

- you are not the responsible adult
  - do not have the permission of the responsible adult, and
  - do not supply alcohol in a responsible manner
- you will be breaking the law, and may be fined or face imprisonment.**

**A responsible adult** is a parent, step-parent, guardian, or someone with parental rights and responsibilities for a young person.

**Responsible supply of alcohol** means appropriately supervising consumption, ensuring food is available and limiting the quantity and type of alcohol.

## What happens if an adult doesn't act responsibly?

Fines for minor offences may be imposed by infringement notice. Significant fines or a jail term of up to 12 months may be incurred for more serious offences.

The current National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) *Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol* advocate that there is no safe level of consumption of alcohol for anyone under the age of 18 years.

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### Who is a responsible adult?

**A responsible adult** is a parent, step-parent, guardian, or someone with parental rights and responsibilities for a young person. Additionally a responsible adult can also be a person who has been authorised to supply alcohol to a youth.

**Responsible supply of alcohol** means appropriately supervising consumption, ensuring food is available and limiting the quantity and type of alcohol.

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### Can I still let my teenager have an alcoholic drink at home?

Yes, if you are a responsible adult for the youth **and**

- consideration is given to the age of the youth, **and**
- neither the responsible adult nor the youth is intoxicated, **and**
- the supply is consistent with the responsible supervision of that youth, **and**
- a responsible adult is supervising the consumption of liquor, **and**
- consideration is given to the quantity, type and time period over which the liquor is supplied, **and**
- food is provided for the youth to consume with the liquor.

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### What happens if my teenager has a party or gathering at home with alcohol present?

If there is a possibility that alcohol will be consumed at the party or gathering, then you must obtain permission from the responsible adult for each of the young people. The way in which you obtain the permission is up to you: it can be written, verbal or electronic, just make sure that it is legitimate and reliable.

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### What are my responsibilities as an adult in supervising the use of alcohol at a teenage party or gathering?

As the responsible adult, in addition to gaining permission, you must supervise appropriately. You must ensure that you are not intoxicated and that the young people do not become intoxicated. You need to provide non-alcoholic drinks and food. You need to be aware of the age of the young people, and the type and quantity of alcohol being consumed.

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## A Troubled Life, the story of Amelia Laing (1814-1891).

### Part 2.

It seems that Amelia found it difficult to stay out of trouble. On 11 September 1841, when she had been in Van Diemen's Land for just under two months, she was reprimanded for being drunk 'in the service of Waken', to whom she been assigned. The following month, on 26 October, she was given six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour in the 'female house of correction' in Launceston for being absent without leave. A few months later, on 31 December, she was assigned to a W. G. Walker Esq. in Launceston.

Just over a year after her arrival in Van Diemen's Land, Amelia was 'delivered of an illegitimate child', a daughter. Her birth on 3 July 1842 was reported by the Assistant Superintendant of Convicts at Launceston on 18 July. The child's father is recorded as being Amelia's future husband, John Harris, and she was given the name Emily Laing. Her baptism took place at the chapel of the Launceston Female Factory.

At the time of Amelia's incarceration in the Launceston Female Factory, the place was dreadfully overcrowded. It had been designed to house 80 to 100 women, but by the time Amelia arrived there were more than 250 women there. Because of this, it was impossible to separate the three classes of inmates in the usual way, so that hardened criminals were living at close quarters with those sent there for lesser crimes.

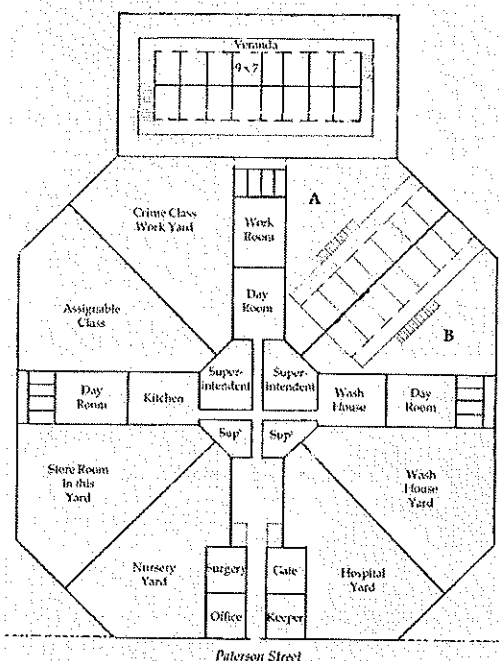
The women at the Factory were employed to do laundry and needlework, and the money earned from this went to the upkeep of the establishment. Those who held passes waited to be hired as domestic or farm servants. Many who were assigned to these positions were able to work out their sentence in good employment. They rarely got into any more trouble, and were able to make lives for themselves through marriage and/or setting up business. However, some assignees were treated very badly, even raped, and then punished for becoming pregnant by being sent back to the Female Factory. The men responsible were hardly ever called to account for what had happened.

In September 1842, about two months after Amelia bore her first child, an inquest was held at the Launceston Court

House concerning another child who had died at the Female Factory. The cause of death was given by Dr. Maddox as 'inflammation of the lungs, which he attributed to the 'prevalence of southerly winds for the last few days'. Thirty children in total were ill at the time of this child's death. On his testimony, and that of the attendant nurse and other witnesses, the verdict was given: 'died by the Visitation of God'.

The month after this child's inquest, there was a riot in the Launceston Female Factory. The women actually took control, defying the Superintendent and his assistants, and after 24 hours were still 'as resolute and determined as ever', being 'proof against the pangs of hunger'. Several constables tried to break into the room where they had barricaded themselves, but failed. Finally, with the help of about 30 men from the prisoner's barracks and an equal number of constables, they broke through one of the walls. The women reportedly 'fought like demons', but were eventually overpowered. Seven of the ringleaders were imprisoned and placed in irons, followed by transferral to Hobart Town on the "Lady Franklyn". The day after the riot there was another disturbance, and Dr. Maddox was slightly wounded.

In February 1843, a fire was accidentally started by some of the women who were trying to 'smoke out the bugs' from their bedding. A full investigation was carried out early in the week after this mishap, and those who had caused the fire were sentenced to 14 days solitary confinement. At the time of writing, it is not known if Amelia participated in any of these events, but she would certainly have



*Launceston Female Factory*

known about them and been affected by them.

Sadly, on 14 May 1843, little Emily Laing died of diarrhoea, aged (according to the records) ten months and twelve days. In the light of the high child mortality rate in the Female Factory nursery, perhaps this is not surprising, but it must have been a heart wrenching experience for Amelia. She is recorded as having applied four times for permission to marry her future husband, John Harris - twice during 1842, and twice during 1843. When they were eventually allowed to marry on 18 November 1843, their eldest child would have been more than one year old if she had lived. Perhaps they were finally granted permission on compassionate grounds.

On 25 February 1845, Amelia was given her ticket-of-leave, after she had been in Van Diemen's Land for four years and married for two and a half years. The couple had a total of six children together, and Amelia's life seemed to settle into a more even pattern.

However in 1873, 30 years after her marriage, Amelia committed larceny at Westbury and was sentenced to one month hard labour on 25 October of that year. Amelia would have been sixty years old. It is not known what her husband or offspring felt about this, but I can imagine that it would have been an unhappy time for them all. Although John Harris' grave is marked with a headstone, Amelia's is not.

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Penny Jennings  
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Andrews Church, Carrick, Tasmania, Australia

Cause of Death: Senility

Christening: 29 April 1814, Cults, County of Fife, Scotland

## More about the Rajah Quilt:

Website: National Gallery, Canberra-<http://nga.gov.au/RajahQuilt/>)

Book: Australian Quilt Heritage, by Margaret Rolfe

## Postscript:

As a result of the above research, Rita contributed information on Amelia Laing to a book published in May this year, called Patchwork Prisoners, by Trudy Cowley and Dianne Snowden. (<http://www.researchtasmania.com.au/index.php/publications/patchwork-prisoners>)



## Author Col Bailey says he has spotted the fabled Tasmanian tiger twice in his lifetime.

The Tasmanian tiger appeared to Col Bailey for the second time in 1995, while he was taking a leak in the bush.

"It shot out of some ferns behind me - I thought it was a cattle dog at first," he said. "But then I was face-to-face with the darn thing."

Mr Bailey said an old bushman had told him exactly which part of the Weld River Valley he would find the fabled creature.

"But I just went into lock down," he said. "I didn't even take my camera out of my pack. Now I've only got memory to back me up."

Mr Bailey said the encounter was the dramatic highlight of his memoir, *The Shadow of the Thylacine*, which is released next month. It will be the New Norfolk author's second work on the officially extinct carnivore, following the release of *Tiger Tales* in 2003. Mr Bailey has spent his life chasing the thylacine. He has trekked through acres of remote bushland to chance a glimpse of the beast's fabled hide, even chartering a helicopter on occasions to drop him in the middle of nowhere.

Mr Bailey said he first spotted the tiger along the shores of the Coorong, South Australia, which eventually led to his move to Tasmania. The 76-year-old has no doubt that the creature is still out there.

"Expanding civilisation has pushed it right back into the bush, to places where people can't really get to," he said. "About 20 or 30 years ago it was still hanging around settled areas, but logging and tourism have pushed the frontiers back further and further."

Mr Bailey said that the chances of sighting a tiger had almost died out with the old bushmen who hunted and tracked the animals themselves. "A lot of my experience came from the guys who tracked the animal in the bush," he said. "That's what really got me started. The new hunters coming on don't have the advantage of talking to

these guys. They've only got text books and media reports."

Mr Bailey said he last heard a tiger's call in 2008 - while he was travelling along the West Coast. He said that installing cameras in remote areas was not an effective way of finding one. "I won't have a bar of those cameras, the tiger's main weapon is his nose. He can smell people a mile off. The cameras are being set up by people, so he's not going anywhere near them."

Mr Bailey said he fears what people would do to the Thylacine if they found it.

"For the sake of the animal - we've got to protect it."

<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/1446044/author-sees-thylacine-twice/>

## Famous Footy Quotes.

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again." (Andrew Demetriou)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious." (Adrian Anderson)

"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw." (Dermott Brereton)

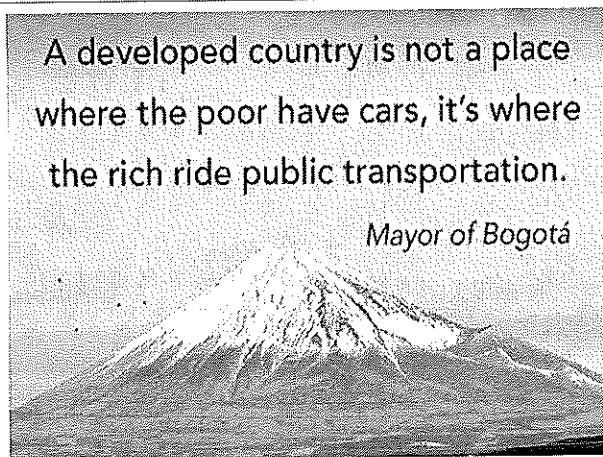
"You guys line up alphabetically by height," and "you guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle." (Barry Hall, Sydney Captain at training.)

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first."

A developed country is not a place  
where the poor have cars, it's where  
the rich ride public transportation.

Mayor of Bogotá



## Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program

*Ana, of Ana's Hairdressing Salon, St Marys, is hoping the community and local businesses will get behind her effort in a bid to help Aussie kids in need.*

Something touched Ana's heart as she watched a young girl remove her wig in front of millions of viewers on National TV, and she decided there and then that she could do something to help.

Ana's Salon is cutting hair for the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program, part of Variety - The Children's Charity. The program provides children who have Alopecia areata (hair loss) with specialised wigs which are fitted to their head. They are secured with a suction mechanism so the children can swim and play without the fear of it falling off.

There is currently no known cause or cure for Alopecia areata.

As the wigs are made from real human hair, 16-19 donations are actually needed to make just ONE wig, and at an average cost of \$3,500 each, are financially prohibitive for many families.

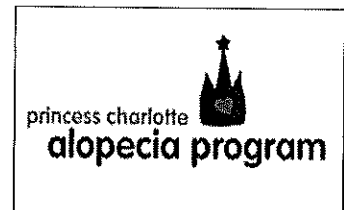
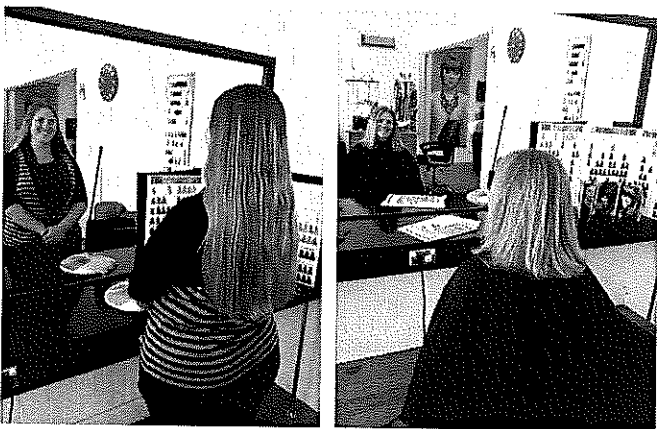
Donations of hair are integral to Variety being able to continue providing wigs to children whose families are not able to meet the expense, allowing the children to get back their independence, confidence and self esteem. So if you have long hair, male or female, and would consider donating it to the cause, contact Ana on 0448 532 531.

You will receive a free hair cut from Ana for your trouble.

Hair needs to be at least 30cm long, not be artificially coloured, and no grey or white as the wigs are for children.

Ana asks that you please support this wonderful program.

Judy Spilsbury. (On behalf of Ana's Hairdressing Salon)



*Pictured left is one of Ana's first customers, Anita McKimmie from Bicheno, in her 'before and after' shots. Photos by Ana Hayes.*

Leading up to this year's Alopecia Awareness Week (13th-19th May), Sunrise featured a story on the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program, spreading awareness of alopecia areata and encouraging the Australian public to donate hair and funds to support the program. Founder Matt Adamson, with daughter Charlotte and her friend, Zoe, spoke on the morning show with great passion about alopecia areata and the program. We're so proud of them!

<http://www.princesscharlottealopecia.com/LatestNews/SunriseInterview.aspx>



### How you can help

There are many ways that you can be involved and support children with alopecia areata.

- **Hold a fundraiser to help raise funds to purchase wigs for children**
- **Donate your hair to be made into a wig**
- **Become a nominated hairdresser to cut the hair of people wishing to donate their locks**
- **Help raise awareness and fundraise for PCAP in your school or organisation**

**PLUS so much more!!**

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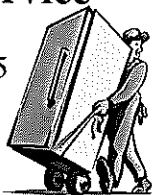
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**For more information please call Vic Cato on 6372 5509.**

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St Marys - come along to Frodsley for Shashlik & Champers!**

## Eddystone Point Lighthouse.

Even though the main lights of Cape Otway, Cape Wickham and Deal Island were established in the notorious Bass Strait, north bound ships were still being wrecked by coming in too close to the northeast coast of Tasmania. The chief hazards were Victoria Rocks, Georges Rocks and Black Reef. In 1875 a hazardous rock was discovered just below the water line off St Helens Point and it was decided to erect a lighthouse. The local granite was tested and found suitable for the construction of a tower and by 1879 plans had been prepared and agreement reached between the colonies over the sharing of costs. Still nothing further was done for another 10 years, even though the wrecks continued.



*Tenders for Construction of the Lighthouse and Buildings. The Mercury, Saturday 8 January 1887, page 1.*

"Three tenders were opened for the erection of Eddystone Lighthouse as follows:- W.J. Duffy and Co., £14,287, to complete in nine months, P. Cronly, £14,876 10s. 2d., to complete in 21 months and W. Cheverton, £14,474, to complete in 30 months. It was stated that the estimate of the board's engineer was £11,500, and the Government's estimate £18,000. The difference between lowest tender and the second lowest was £187, but the difference in the schedule of prices was considerable. Mr. Huckson, engineer to the board, recommended that Mr. Duffy's tender (the lowest) be accepted. On the motion of Warden Sadler, seconded by Warden J Stanley, this contract was accepted."

*The Proposed Eddystone Lighthouse. The Mercury, 25th January 1887, page 2.*

"Mr. Duffy whose tender for the erection of a lighthouse at Eddystone Point was accepted by the Marine Board lately is not allowing the grass to grow under his feet, as yesterday afternoon the S.S. Warrentinna left the wharf for the scene of operation. Beside Mr. Duffy the contractor, and Mr. Clymie the engineer, there were on board four stonemasons, 12 pilemen, 12 labourers, two carpenters, a blacksmith, and that most necessary of all functionaries, a cook. Provisions for three months have been taken, and all the necessary paraphernalia for the erection of huts for the men, with tools of every description for quarrying and building, with the exception of a crane for lifting stones from the quarry which will be sent down on the next trip of the Warrentinna. Three horses, and all the needful preliminaries for starting work at once were also taken, so that the barren point of Eddystone will be converted into quite a bustling little village. Mr. Duffy has done all that forethought could devise to ensure the comfort of the men, and to prevent all vexatious delays so that operations may be commenced at once; and it is greatly to be desired that no unforeseen circumstances may prolong the completion of this necessary work, which will, indeed, be a boon to all mariners passing round the East Coast. Mr. Duffy's contract is for nine months."

*Stonemasons Strike For More Money. The Mercury, 6th August 1887, page 2.*

"From Messrs. W. J. Duffy and Co., the contractors for the Eddystone Point Lighthouse, asking for a further extension of their contract, as the masons employed by them had struck for an increase of wages from 12s. to 13s. per diem, and it was the contractors' belief that this was only a step to a demand for a further advance of 14s. per diem. The Master Warden pointed out that the contract was accepted and the time fixed by the Consolidated Board, and this board had no power in the matter, but that at the expiration of the contract any reasonable excuse for extension of time would no doubt be taken into consideration. Mr. Huckson, architect of the Eddystone Point lighthouse, reported favourably on the works at the lighthouse. The tower was finally built and first exhibited in 1889."

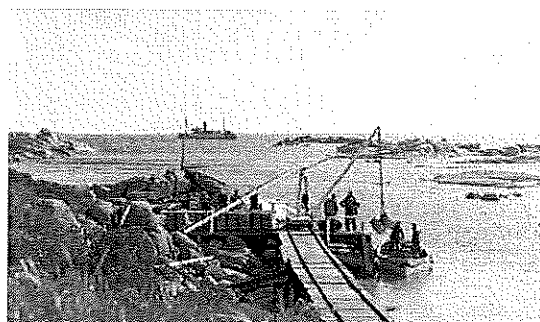
Kathleen Stanley in her book 'Guiding Lights' states: "Though officially described as white granite and as pink granite painted white, the shaft of the tower has never been painted on the outside and retains its original grey colour. The door is approached by an imaginative and beautiful flight of steps in the form of a flying buttress."

The light was serviced by sea and over the years the landing areas took a battering, with jetties having to be rebuilt several times. Land access was difficult due to the terrain and sand drifts. Even today the road to Gladstone is unsealed and fair to middling. Ansons Bay, slightly to the south, could be reached if it was possible to cross the Anson River. 1928 saw the inauguration of a direct service from Gladstone to Eddystone by mail-car. Heavy storms in the early 1920s upturned the flaghouse, damaged the tramway, the jetties and the boats, and flooded the tower.

By the 1930s day-to-day stores were being obtained by car in Gladstone. Wireless communication was installed in 1935. The auxiliary light, which used to light Victoria Rocks, was taken out of commission at the time of electrification. Bathrooms were installed in the keepers' cottages after the Second World War which meant that "families no longer had to bathe in zinc tubs in front of the kitchen fire".

The tower celebrated its centenary in 1989.

<http://illw.net/index.php/eddystone-lighthouse-tas>



*The SS Cape York bringing supplies to Eddystone Point lighthouse, 1948*

## St Marys Reunion Weekend Post Mortem

**Was it a success?** The wedding dress fashion parade was outstanding, the girls were beautiful and you could see many a teary eye in the hall.

**Was it a success?** So many times I saw people recognise someone they knew from the past that led to a hug, a handshake and even the odd tear.

**Was it a success?** How many people did you see wandering around the town looking at all the photos?

**Was it a success?** I, like so many others, felt like I belonged to a close and caring community that pulled together for an important and memorable event.

**Was it a success?** There is a pretty special lasting monument that celebrates a significant landmark in the town's history.

**Was it a success?** I ate some of the best cakes I've ever tasted and the savoury tarts were spectacular. I'm pretty sure no-one went hungry or thirsty.

**Was it a success?** I didn't hear one single complaint.

**Was it a success?** How many great memories came flooding back at the High School?

**Was it a success?** By all accounts the businesses that opened did well on the day and the Hospital Auxiliary made a few dollars.

**Was it a success?** Late in the afternoon Jack Bullock offered me his hand and despite him not being well still gave me a hearty handshake and said, "Great day Harry, it was a great Day."

That'll do me.

Pat yourself on the back St Marys.

Harry Veldums, Event Coordinator

*Pictured below: All the local youth who modeled in the wedding parade on Saturday.*



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### ***Why men are seldom depressed.***

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

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You almost never have strap problems in public.

You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

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The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24th in 25 minutes.



## The Suncoast Gallery at 27b Quail St St Helens is pleased to present Marian Leggate as Artist of the Month.

Marian's exhibits will run from the 20th November to mid December.

"Jill of a few trades and master of none" she calls herself but on examining her talents I found this not quite the case. Born in the Mallee region of north west Victoria, Marian was raised on a farm and 'free-ranged' around in the scrub.

Marian took a Raku Workshop on pottery in Port Morsby; it became an instant desire and with friend in tow she made a kiln and got busy. She has improved to the extent that after doing a ceramics course at Ipswich Tech she has taught this and other artistic skills, even to well know artists and craft makers.

Basketry became an interest after attending Elizabeth Drake-Brockman's workshop.

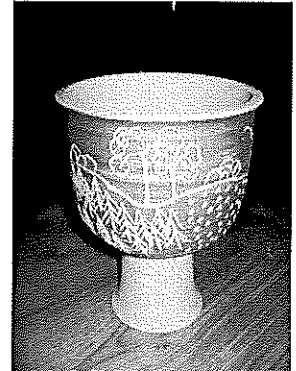
Driven by a desire to create beautiful items Marian draws upon her wealth of knowledge

and not only makes pottery and baskets, but soaps and parchment paper. She likes being a part of the friendly Suncoast Gallery and is pleased to come from a long line of ancestors who were craft minded too, but more out of necessity.

Marian enjoyed working with youth who were taught the basics of oil painting, paper making and batik, among other subjects. Being a generous soul, she is treasurer for the Scottsdale Anglican Church. If you want something done ask the busiest person you know ... now don't all ring Marian at once!

Volunteers are needed at the Suncoast Gallery. Honest and reliable people please contact Elsie on 6376 1663. We'd love your help.

**Written by Suncoast Gallery publicity officer: Peggy Bogar.**



Dab stained areas on garments with equal parts lemon juice and water. Your clothes will be good as new, and smell nice too. Add one cup of lemon juice during the wash cycle. The natural bleaching action will zap stains and remove rust and mineral discolorations from cotton T-shirts and briefs. Your clothes will be brighter and smell lemon-fresh.

### It's not my dog...

'It's not my dog' protested Billy Steers to the Municipal Animal Control Officer, more usually known as the dog catcher. Billy was trying to ignore the border collie that was circling him excitedly, looking up at him expectantly as if she badly wanted to tell him something and couldn't understand his seeming indifference.

'She seems to know you pretty well,' said the dog catcher.

'All dogs like me,' said Billy.

'Funny that she ran in here, though,' said the dog catcher. 'I've been chasing her all the way from Johnson's chook farm and she bolted straight up your driveway.'

'Must have been the first place she saw,' Billy stepped sideways, attempting to distance himself from the dog, which followed him and sat on his foot. 'She's not my dog.'

'Pity' said the dogcatcher. 'Terry Johnson's got half a dozen dead chooks up there' - Billy removed his foot from under the dog - 'and he'd have lost more if it weren't for that dog. A quoll got into one of the pens and this dog jumped the fence and chased it off. Not only that, the gate was knocked open during the commotion and some of the chooks got out. This dog herded them back into the pen and sat there, wouldn't let them out. Terry saw the whole thing through his kitchen window, but as soon as he came out of the house the dog ran off ... I arrived not long after and Terry gave me \$50 and asked me to give it to the dog's owner, if I could find him.'

'Oh,' said Billy, 'I must have misunderstood you earlier. I thought you were looking for unregistered dogs. This really is my dog.'

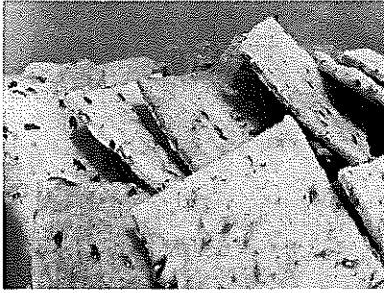
'Prove it,' said the dog catcher.

'Watch this!' said Billy. 'Go get your bowl Tess,' he commanded. The dog raced off out of sight around the corner of the house to return, moments later, with a red plastic bowl labelled TESS, and placed it at Billy's feet.

'Okay' said the dog catcher. 'I'm convinced. This really is your dog. Here's your fifty bucks.' He handed Billy a fifty dollar note, along with another piece of paper. 'And here's an infringement notice for one hundred dollars for keeping an unregistered dog.'



**Bill Greer, Mathinna.**



## Beyond the Trolley.

### Linseed Crackers

These are a really good, healthy cracker - not too much salt, no sugar, yummy on their own, great with cheese.

- ¼ cup linseeds (or poppy seeds)
- ¼ cup almond meal or LSA mix
- 1½ cups plain flour
- ½ teaspoon of baking powder
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 tablespoon rice bran oil
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 160° and place all dry ingredients in a bowl. Rub together until mixture resembles a coarse meal. Stir in milk gradually - you want to be able to knead mixture into a soft dough. Divide dough into quarters. Sandwich one ball of dough between two sheets of baking paper and roll out with a rolling pin until 2mm thick. Cut into squares and lay on lightly greased baking tray. Place in oven and bake until crisp and golden.

<http://www.beyondthetrolley.com/2013/03/wednesday-recipe-linseed-crackers.html#more>



## Actual Court Transcripts.

*Attorney:* What is your date of birth?

*Witness:* July 18th.

*Attorney:* What year?

*Witness:* Every year.

*Attorney:* This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

*Witness:* Yes.

*Attorney:* And in what ways does it affect your memory?

*Witness:* I forget..

*Attorney:* You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

*Attorney:* Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

*Witness:* Did you actually pass the bar exam?

*Attorney:* The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

*Witness:* He's 20, much like your IQ.

*Attorney:* How was your first marriage terminated?

*Witness:* By death..

*Attorney:* And by whose death was it terminated?

*Witness:* Take a guess.

*Attorney:* ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

*Witness:* Oral...

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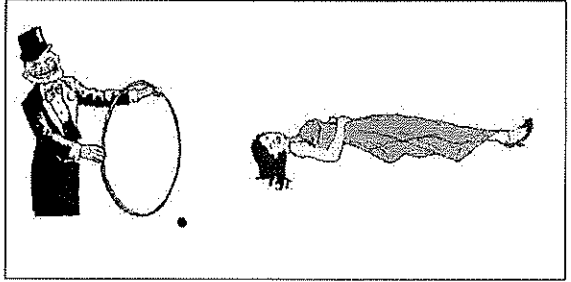
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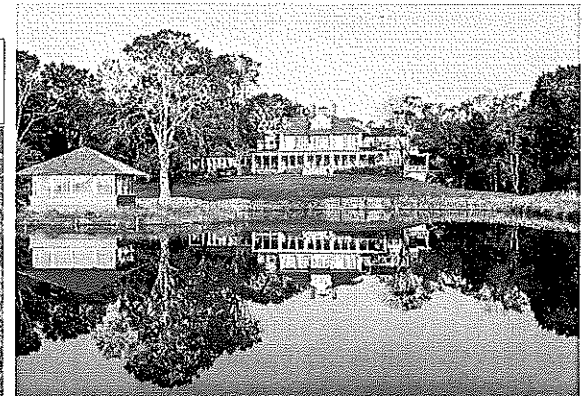
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Put your nose on the black dot and watch the girl passing thru the circle ....



The colour orange was named after the fruit.



Emilie Marie Bouchau's 40.64 cm (16") waist.

Peddle-power lawnmower.

Richard Gere has listed his "Strongheart" North Haven manor for \$US65m.

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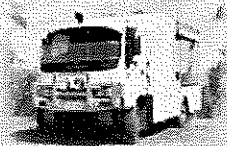
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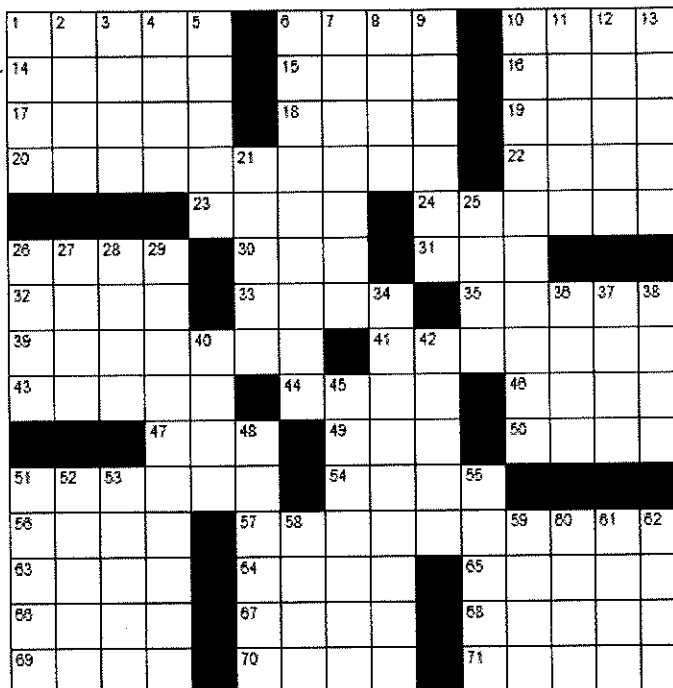
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# ACROSS

1. Take exception to
6. Close
10. Put away
14. Overweight
15. Bronzes
16. Every single one
17. Sea eagles
18. Wings
19. Devil tree
20. Deckhand
22. A Freudian stage
23. Gulp
24. Homestead
26. Indian music
30. Beer
31. An uncle
32. Beasts of burden
33. Jewellery
35. Foreword
39. Bed covering
41. Spoke
43. Small finch
44. 365 days
46. Transmit
47. Not her
49. Weep
50. Collections
51. Provoke
54. Chop finely
56. Shopping center
57. Loud
63. Dogfish
64. Religious splinter group

# DOWN

65. Marsh plant
66. Lady's escort
67. Found in some lotions
68. Anklebone
69. Border
70. Alley
71. Mixture of rain and snow
1. One who accomplishes
2. River of Spain
3. List of options
4. Applications
5. Relaxes
6. Steadiness
7. A grouping of elements
8. Two-toed sloth
9. Sleeping sickness carrier
10. Solemnity
11. Corrupt
12. In base 8
13. Cetacean mammal
21. Cognizant
25. Send forth
26. Steals
27. Spindle
28. Equipment
29. Kill in large numbers
34. Warrant
36. Tall woody plant
37. Lease



## Church Services

### Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves  
Parish House 6372 2252 /  
0409 172 741

#### 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

### Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse 6376 2405  
St Helens 9am  
Fingal 11.15 am

### Anglican Parish

of Northern Midlands  
Avoca 11am 2nd Sundays  
Fingal 2pm 2nd Sundays  
Mathinna 2.30pm 4th  
Sundays  
Ross 10am 5th Sunday  
Campbell Town 9am

### St Marys Salvation Army Sunday Joy 12.30pm

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### Break O'Day Anglican Parish 6376 1144

St Helens 8am  
St Marys 10am  
St Helens 10.30am  
Pyengana 7.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  
Community Dinner @  
St Marys

Part of the menu for the touring English cricket team:

- Lamb and pea kofta kebabs with mint yoghurt
- Piri-piri breaded tofu with tomato salsa
- Quinoa and cranberry breakfast bar
- Pumpkin seed and goji berry breakfast bar
- Mung bean curry with spinach
- Apple, kale and cucumber juice
- Agave nectar
- Buckwheat pancake

At Sunday JOY

We WELCOME all

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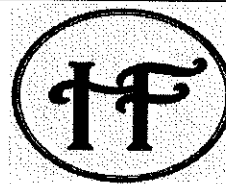
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# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Cyril Latt  
20/11/13- 6/12/13

Dr K. Rawnsley  
21/11, 26/11, 29/11, 3/12, 6/12/2013

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 20/11/13

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* who will put you through to the Nurse on duty.

Daily Doctor appointments are not always available but if the need arises we can prioritise.

If in doubt- Call an Ambulance 000  
Thank you for your cooperation

## 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 times. Appointments will not be taken at other times.

## PATHOLOGY SERVICE

No Pathology Service between  
12:00-1:30pm or before 8:30am daily

If you require Pathology before 8:30am an appointment must be made with the Nurses Station the day/night before by phoning 6372 2111

## INR TESTS

A doctor's appointment is required if you are having an INR test. Please let reception staff know when making your appointment that you are having an INR test. This requires a 5 minute doctor consult.

## 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 the doctor. Scripts are unable to be done over the 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

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE  
6372 2111

Please RING before presenting after hours

## PODIATRY NORTH

Community Podiatry Service

At the St Marys Community Health Centre

Please see your Health Professional for a referral or call Podiatry North for appointments direct on: 6331 5155.

## RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

General enquiries 1300 364 277

Relationships Australia is a leading provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities. We offer services around the country that include counselling, family dispute resolution (mediation) and a range of family and community support and education programs. Leanne visits St Marys CHC Thursday's fortnightly.

## 'MOVEMBER'



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 1/11/ 2013

# ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

## WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 20 Nov Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- 21 Nov Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- Meals on Wheel Appreciation Dinner- \$10/ head 11:30am-4:00pm in the Day Room.
- DOE Psychologist- Karen Gee
- 22 Nov Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- 25 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.
- TML Psychologist- Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- Continence Nurse. For appointment please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.
- 26 Nov 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
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 27 Nov Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- TAZNEACH- Antenatal Clinic with Katie. For appointments please see your GP.
- Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

- Physiotherapist- Naomi Ide. Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- 28 Nov Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- Relationships Australia- Leanne McMurtie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
- 29 Nov Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 2 Dec 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.
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 2:00pm in the Family Room
- 3 Dec Child Health Session with Sue Gofton every Tuesday- Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388
- Physiotherapist- Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- 4 Dec Day Centre- For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Podiatry North- For appointments please phone 6336 5155
- 5 Dec TML Podiatrist- Annabelle. For appointment please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.
- Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 6 Dec Social Worker- Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- TML Diabetic Educator, Physiologist and Dietician. Appointments available by referral from you GP.

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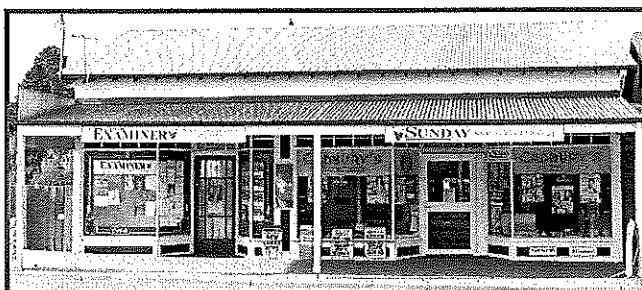
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November/ December	St Marys	Fingal
Monday 25	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
Tuesday 26	Karl Balzer	
Wednesday 27	Pam Lynch	
Thursday 28	Valmai Spencer	
Friday 29	Drew Adam	FVNH
Monday 2	Debbie Barnes	FVNH
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Wednesday 4	Valmai Spencer	
Thursday 5	Heather Griffiths	
Friday 6	Lorraine Gill	FVNH

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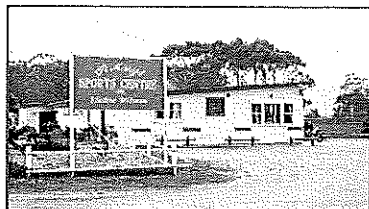
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# ST MARYS SPORTS and SOCIAL CENTRE INC.



Opening hours:  
Thursday 5.30-7.30, Friday 5.30-8.30, Sunday 1.30-4.30.

**BOWLS NEWS:** Due to a wash out and then a bye we have no results to report this week. Next game is against St Helens at home. Good luck bowlers!  
Championship draw is on the board.

**RAFFLES:** We have three great raffles going at the club. One, \$120 worth of body care products, is being run by the bowls ladies. The second is our annual Christmas raffle; 1st prize is a Rinnai portable gas barbeque, 2nd prize is a basket full of Christmas goodies. The third raffle is for a \$500 set of bowls which have been donated to be drawn on Clive Berwick Bowls Day.

Please come down to the club to get your tickets or keep an eye out at the shop as they will be on sale there some time soon.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE:** The committee did discuss the matter of capping membership for couples, however it was decided we couldn't do anything about it for this season. We will take a look at it again next season. Should anyone be having problems paying membership fees please see Jim to organise an instalment arrangement.

**BLACK ROCK SUNDAY:** What a great day for playing golf this week! Another good turn-up with Kodi, Rhet and Calum taking out the competition. Diesel won nearest the pin and Sandi won the coveted Black Rock. It's on again next Sunday, see you there at 1pm.

**JAG THE JOKER:** Jackpot now at \$140. Plonk and Jacque both won \$20 over the past two weeks, however no luck for either with picking the Joker.  
Tickets \$2 during happy hour Friday night.

**LUCKY MEMBER DRAW:** Jack and Tamatha both missed out on taking home the carton as neither were at the club when their numbers came out. Best get down to the club for Happy Hour if you're a paid up member.

**RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL:** We had a good turn up for this course which was run by "Good Sports". Thanks to all who attended. Jim has a roster behind the bar so please talk to him regarding volunteering. We hope to have all regular hours covered and ready to go by the 1st December.

**CATERERS' COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thurs 21st November at 2pm.

Annette Wines, Secretary

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## Promotions from 20th to 26th November.

Butchery	Per kg.
Rump steak	10.99
Ingham gourmet chicken portions	4.99
Lethborgs pickled pork	9.99
Beef stir fry strips	13.99
IGA chicken thigh fillets	10.99

## Only \$1.99 each

Nestle block chocolate 118-200g
Masterfoods squeezezy sauce 500ml
Schweppes/Pepsi soft drink 2L
Black & Gold sliced bread 680g
SPC canned fruit 410g

## Shelves

Cottee's cordial double concentrate 1L	3.79
Spree Ultra laundry powder 1kg	2.99
Kellogg's Rice Bubbles 410g/Corn Flakes 725g	2.99
Arnott's Family Assorted biscuits 500g	3.49
Kraft Vegemite 600g	7.99

## Promotions from 27th November to 3rd December

Butchery	Per Kg.
IGA fresh whole chickens #12	6.99 ea
Lamb BBQ chops	8.99
Ingham fresh chicken drumsticks	2.49
Round steak	8.99
Blade roast	7.99
Shelves	
Cadbury favourites 300g	5.35
Nescafe Blend 43 250g	8.99
Pedigree canned dog food 700g	1.99
Devondale long life milk 2L	1.99
Arnott's Assorted Creams 500g	3.99

## Coolroom/Freezer

Devondale butter	3.49
Juicy Isle fruit drink 2L	1.49
Peters Light & Creamy Ice cream 1.8L	4.99
Pappa Gs Family Pizza 445g	4.99
Streets Magnum Ice creams 4pk	6.49