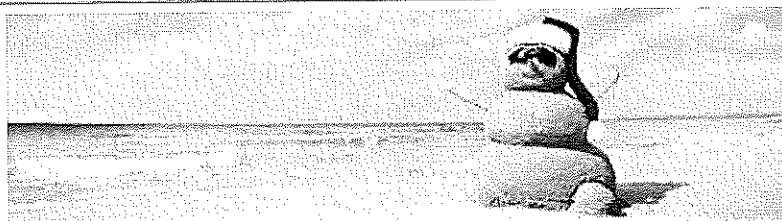




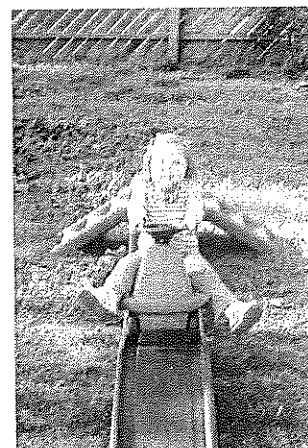
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The Valley Voice staff wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and a wonderful 2014!

Santa paid an early visit to the children at the St Marys and Falmouth Playgroup, article on page 9.



East Coast Vet Clinic.

Savanna's Christmas Appeal for the pets of vulnerable and disadvantaged families...

If you can spare a tin/packet of dog or cat food, treats, bird seed or toys please drop it in the basket.

All items donated will be delivered to Anglicare for distribution to families with pets in time for Christmas. They expect to help 200 families with food parcels this Christmas period. 60 to 70 % of these families have pets.



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Community Announcements

St Marys Hospital Auxilliary 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. Ph 6376 2969.

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Wednesday 8pm at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. Ph Murdoch on 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 on 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** is happy to receive pre-loved items (not electrical) weekdays 10-4 & Saturdays 9-12pm (as volunteers are available - new volunteers welcomed). Small donations can be left at the St Marys Newsagency. Support your local school and pick up some great bargains. Coordinator Janet Drummond. Ph 0404 562 320.

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

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

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.

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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 preloved clothing and goods weekdays 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

Next **GET** meeting - 10 February 2014. Enquiries to 0412 425 666.



Beaumaris Swap Markets are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the summer months at Beaumaris Park from 11-2pm. Swap, barter or buy fresh produce, herbs, bread, flowers, crafts and more. Plastic bag free, gold coin donation for a stall (bookings required). For info call Laura on 6372 5687.

St Marys Market is held on the first Saturday of the month (excluding July & August) @ St Marys Community Hall from 9am to 1pm. To book a table for 4th January 2014 please call Michael Smith on (03) 6372 2056 by Thursday 2nd.



BODRA AGM was held on 3rd December 2013 and the new Committee for 2014 is as follows:

President:	Joe Saunders
Vice President:	Hannah Rubenach
Secretary/Treasurer:	Michelle Kaal
Membership Secretary:	Jan West
Market Coordinator:	Michael Smith

BODRA President wishes to formally thank all outgoing Committee Members for their tireless work over the past years and wishes them well with their future endeavours.

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

Assorted girls', ladies' and men's clothes, sizes 8-18, all in very good condition, priced from \$3-\$15. Ph 6372 2164 after 6pm.

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Raspberry seconds \$12 kg, orders taken now for upcoming season. Ph Jack on 6372 2034.

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

Round bales, garden mulch or bedding, \$50 each with free delivery in St Marys area. Ph 0407 944 158.

2001 Triton Dual Cab Ute with canopy. Automatic, low mileage, selling due to ill health. Registered. \$7,990. Ph 6372 2380 / 0407 042 433.

Hay, small squares cut in late December, \$5 per bale. Ph 0447 151 871.

Dining suite of 4 wooden chairs with padded seats and one wooden table in good condition, \$160. Ph 6374 1033.

St Marys School uniform items worn for term 1 & 2 only. 4 x size 8 polo tops \$10 each. 1 x size 8 rugby top \$20. 2 x size 8 jackets \$30 each. Please call Rachel 0419 887 398.

THANK YOU from the St Marys Salvation Army.

The following people have been selfless in giving of their time and energy in many and various ways and I am immensely grateful to:

Don and Val Brown, Bruce Glatte, Wendy Dawson, Vicki Howard, Stuart Kerr, Roger Norton, Hannah Rubenach, Wendy Bantick, Hazel Jones, Pamela Mayes, Paige Singline, Graeme Bell, Rosa Byard, the Mount Elephant Pancake Barn, the St Marys Coach House, the St Marys Newsagency, Mt Elephant Fudge, the St Marys Hotel, Rick and Gaynor Stillman, all the JAM parents and the people of St Marys who kindly donate via the donation tins in various settings.

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These rates remain the cheapest in the valley and east coast areas, and our bi-monthly circulation of 480 copies per issue ensures maximum coverage. Classified ads and community notices remain free.

Thank you for your support during this past year and for your anticipated continued support. Please contact the Editor with any queries.

Community Banks Edge Closer

Our community bank project is going well with a surge in interest and pledging over the last two months. Thank you to all those people who have indicated that they would like to support community banks in the area.

We are now on the \$530,000, over twice what we had twelve months ago. The steering committee is working to ensure that we have between two and three hundred people who have pledged by the time we get to the community survey stage. At the moment 180 people have pledged their support for the banks which will spend half their profits in our communities, helping groups.

From comments made during conversations with local people, it is apparent that many people have been waiting to see whether the steering committee would remain committed to the task of raising pledges. The increased rate of pledging has led to the steering committee revising targets and bringing forward dates for the next stages in the project.

Regularly attending both markets in St Marys and St Helens has given an increased level of community awareness and visibility. Development officer for Bendigo Bank, Sammi Charles has been busy on her fortnightly visits and Rural Bank's David Robertson has been looking after those people with farming, viticulture and aquaculture interests in the area.

Only people with a connection to our area are permitted to pledge their interest in purchasing shares.

Readers are able to get pledge forms from Eastlines, St Marys Post Office or from steering committee members at the markets in St Marys or St Helens.

In January, watch out for the pig at the Regatta. Pledge forms will also be available at the Regatta or the St Helens Athletics Carnival. The next steering committee meeting will be held in St Marys.

Heather Butler, Chairperson, Steering Committee
St Helens/St Marys Community Bank
0407 366 086.

Letter to the Editor.

Reon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter and Beverley Rubenach for the wonderful hospitality by way of a Christmas lunch invitation which was forwarded each year. We will miss not only the great company, but the wonderful food that was always in plentiful supply. We hope that the New Year offers all the family good health, happiness and time to reflect on all the good they have done for this community that was very much appreciated by many.

Wendy and Reon, St Marys.

Letter to the Editor.

Many thanks to Jan Sparkes for the wonderful Christmas lunch which she provided. The spread was beautifully presented and the food delicious, all catered for by her two lovely daughters Cathy and Janet.

Many thanks again for a great day.

Lorraine Gill, Cornwall.

Letter to the Editor.

It is saddening to think we have a certain few people in our small town who have gripes about our bunting and Christmas trees. (It is only a couple of weeks.)

Every year there is a small group of people who volunteer their time but as usual there is a large number of people that are ready to whinge, moan and offer suggestions, but never help.

Congratulations to the few remaining Lions members - Paul and Lochie Aulich, Ricky Ward of Scamander and Fred Haas, who took the time to brighten our town.

On a brighter note it looks great that the Tennis ladies, Aulich children, Hotel and other people have decorated some of the trees in the main street.

If anyone would like to decorate a tree, please feel free to do so.

Disappointed.

Carol Faulkner, St Marys.

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The St Marys People Poles Project, by Diana Foster.

Now it has the support of Break O'Day Council, the People Poles Project for St Marys is ready to start moving early in 2014 and will be looking for organisations and individuals to contribute to the scheme and form a "working group".



The idea is to erect, throughout town, a series of "People Poles"; simple, lightly carved and painted figures reflecting the history and diversity of St Marys and the Valley, similar to the ones that are very popular along the waterfront in Geelong, Victoria. So put your thinking caps on, come up with ideas, and be willing to contribute in any way you can - the project will need you!



St Marys Cricket Club



Match Report 8/12/13.

St. Marys Vs Pyengana at Pyengana

Off to Pyengana we went with the team short of regular players. Sent in to bat the Tigers were bowled out for 92. Top scorers for St Marys were Baden Alexander (27) and Jacob Spilsbury (21). In reply, St Marys fought to the end to go down by one wicket. Best bowlers, Roger Salter (3/14) and Jacob Spilsbury (2/22). Thanks to Mick Campaign and Leigh Spilsbury for filling in.

Match Report 15/12/13. St. Marys Vs Scamander at St Marys

At our home ground donning our new uniforms, we took on Scamander in sunny conditions. After winning the toss, we sent Scamander in to bat. Scamander made 127 off their 20 overs, the highest score on our ground this year. Our best bowler, Jye Baldwin (2/8). In reply, the Tigers started well with Craig Freiboth and Roger Salter scoring freely, wickets started to fall, but we hung in there with Scott Bentley top scoring (52) and Bradley Mitchell (16); we fell short by a single run. A great run chase by the fellas but to lose was disappointing. To the credit of the team, we never gave in and gave our spectators an exciting game, with a thrilling finish.

Club Note

The team now has their club uniform, and how good does it look on the field? We now look like a team, thanks to C&D Excavations, St. Marys Hotel and Caltex St. Marys for making it happen.

The McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day

Our club has been chosen to play a day of cricket on February 1st 2014 to raise money for The McGrath Foundation. Juniors will play a game in the morning, followed by the feature game between St Marys and Pyengana - posters will be out and about soon with details.

Chris Turner, Coach.

0408 308 846.



Merry Christmas

Dr Jeff Parsons and staff at East Coast Veterinary Clinic would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for this Festive Season no matter how you choose to celebrate it! Also at this time we wish to thank you for your continued and valued support during 2013. For 25 years we at the **East Coast Veterinary Clinic** have taken great pride in being able to provide what we believe to be exceptional and professional veterinary care to the animals

here in this beautiful part of Tasmania and surrounding areas.

So much has changed over the years, and we found ourselves facing many challenges and yet here we are still doing what we love and bringing compassionate and affordable care to all species of animals - pets, livestock and wildlife alike! This has all been possible of course due to our wonderful, supportive customers who continue to entrust us with the care of their animals.

This year we celebrated our 25th Birthday as the East Coast Vet Clinic and 18 years in our clinic at **67 Quail Street, St Helens**! A testament to our dedication and hard work and also trust and faith from valued customers!

So, on behalf of myself Dr Jeff (Vet and owner of ECVC), Jenna, Leanne and Tracey, our wonderful, experienced and dedicated Vet nurses, we would like to wish you, your family and 4 legged friends a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year and hope that you will continue to entrust us with your Veterinary needs in 2014 and beyond as we strive to continue to provide affordable and professional care to our pets and all animals here on the East Coast of beautiful Tassie!

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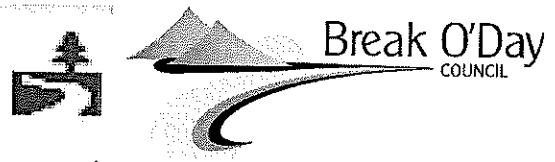
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Church Ladies With Typewriters: The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Break O'Day and Dorset Councils to work together to seal the road between Priory and Musselroe Bay.



The Mayors and General Managers of Break O'Day and Dorset Councils met recently to discuss the upgrading and sealing of Ansons Bay Road and North Ansons Road from Priory near St Helens, to the intersection with Musselroe Road, the turn-off to Musselroe Bay. The upgrade of this road has been a matter for discussion over many years and has come to the forefront now as more projects and developments are progressing in the north east. The unsealed road measures 50 kilometres in Break O'Day, with a further 11 kilometres in the Dorset local government area.

Dorset Council is already considering another related road upgrade in support of the proposed Musselroe Bay ecotourism resort; the Council is currently working with the Department of Economic Development and the project manager of the resort proposal to consider sealing the road from Gladstone to Musselroe Bay, and also from Gladstone to Waterhouse.

Economic consultant Dr Robert Noakes has been engaged by Break O'Day Council to prepare a business case assessing the feasibility of the Priory to Musselroe Bay proposal; the business case will consider the linkages with the Musselroe Bay ecotourism project, the proposed Piano Coves golf links and resort development south of St Helens, the Bicheno and Orford Solis golf course developments.

Sealing the road would provide numerous benefits to both the local community and the tourism industry. It is anticipated that a sealed road would facilitate the Wukalina to Larapuna tourism development proposed for the Bay of Fires, as well as providing a sealed tourist link road and a flood proof transport route into St Helens.

Dorset Mayor Barry Jarvis said that "community and Council have been discussing this issue for decades, so it is extremely pleasing to see real action finally being taken to progress this issue once and for all". The Mayor of Break O'Day echoed Mayor Jarvis's sentiments. "The residents and Council have anticipated the need for this road to be sealed for many years, and now that we're having development in our north east area the time has come to make it a priority", Mayor Schmerl said.

Both Councils would be delighted to see this important tourist road between Priory and Musselroe Bay sealed to open the area up and improve accessibility for tourists wanting to explore the iconic Bay of Fires, allowing them to travel the full length of the north east coast and discover what this part of Tasmania has to offer.

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

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everyone a safe and a happy
Christmas and great New Year!**



A Canberra-based think-tank is recommending the Federal and Tasmanian Governments stop subsidising the state's native forestry sector.

In a report obtained by the ABC set to be published this week, the Australia Institute has criticised successive governments for pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into the industry.

It also attacks the forest peace deal, saying it has cost taxpayers roughly \$420 million since 2011. Much of the money meant to go to help diversify Tasmania's economy, it says, has instead gone to propping up industry players.

It also finds that every \$1m created by the forestry sector accounts for only about four jobs. It contrasts that figure with about 20 jobs created for the same amount of expenditure in the private education sector.

The report also finds dramatic gaps between how Tasmanians think of forestry, and the available data about the sector's size.

Forestry and logging directly employ just 0.4% of Tasmania's workforce, although 543 Tasmanians surveyed thought the figure was about 19%.

Tasmanians also thought forestry accounted for roughly 30% of gross state product. The actual figure is reportedly 0.5%.

It identifies a "resource curse" in Tasmania which has seen undue emphasis placed on primary industries such as forestry. The report recommends that the governments slowly withdraw subsidies for native forest logging and invest instead in services. It suggests money be redirected into the tourism and food industries.

Lead author Dr Andrew Mackintosh from Canberra's Australian National University also blames the political focus on forestry for Tasmania's poor economic performance.

"ABS data makes clear that even in the unlikely event that attempts to support the forestry industry were to succeed, they would create far fewer jobs than if the same effort was put into expanding other industries," he writes. "Despite the fact that forestry employs a trivial proportion of the Tasmanian workforce, state policymakers seem convinced that the success of the forestry industry is essential to addressing the low rates of growth, employment and output per worker which have seen the Tasmanian economy slip even further behind the economies of the mainland states."

"If Tasmanian policymakers continue to place the interests of the dwindling forestry industry at the heart of their plans for Tasmania's economy, then the gap between the Tasmanian economy and the mainland economy will only continue to grow."

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-12-16/report-urges-governments-to-stop-wasting-public-money-sup/5158838?section=tas>

The Valley Voice staff extend their deepest sympathies to Trevor and family on the sad loss of Mary.

THE BLEAT

I want to thank you for the kind comments you have afforded me, tho' all are not of the same mind. (A good thing to be sure.) This being the last message before Christmas I bless each and every one of you and know you endeavour to rise above the dull mundane things of life.

Everyone is busy and full of cheer at this time of year. Will you please take time to spend half an hour or more with someone who is lonely? Giving lip service is of no consequence but sharing some time with some person who needs company is valuable, even donations to charities helps, but they are not as valued as kindness. I have seen people in the valley doing great things and I commend your efforts, but some have not yet stirred.

Take care with whatever you are doing over the Christmas break, drive sensibly to or under the speed limit on your own side of the road, concentrate, lights on at dusk and dawn especially if your vehicle is a dark colour; you may be able to see perfectly but other people can't - it's too late once they hit you so use some common sense. Slow down when the road is wet, you only need a tiny amount of spilt fuel or oil on a corner and the vehicle will go straight on and off the road.

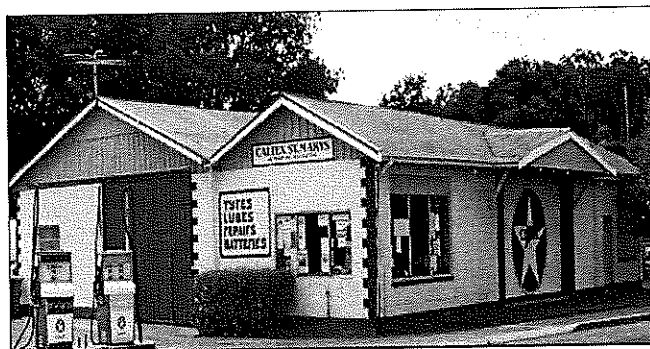
When I was young speed was of the essence, if I was going somewhere it was fast. I learnt over time if I allowed a bit more time I would arrive at my destination in a better frame of mind, and as a bonus the steady foot on the accelerator now gets me to Launceston and back saving about three litres of fuel, just under \$5 worth. Better in my pocket.

Be careful not to over eat, there is bound to be more food tomorrow, and if you drink know when to stop, pace your drinking of alcohol. Don't let today be your last day on earth, or the first day of life in hospital.

Dire warnings aren't they? But who tells you these days? No-one. I suggest everything has to be too politically correct. I am not politically correct nor do I care to be; the plain truth will do me every time.

Regardless of all this please enjoy yourselves. Thanks to Wendy for the space in the 'Voice'. Love to you all.

David Brewster, Chain of Lagoons.

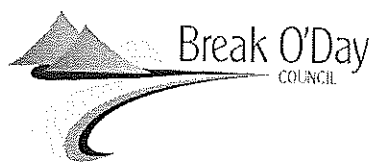


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Today's



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e: kiamachurches@hotmail.com.

Be Prepared for New Adventure!

ST MARYS / FALMOUTH PLAYGROUP

Wow, what a wonderful and fun-filled year we have had this year at St Marys / Falmouth Playgroup. How quickly has this year flown, we are not entirely sure where it has gone... We thought that we would take the opportunity at this time of year to thank the wonderful parents and children who continue to support such a program. It is pleasing to note that our numbers have grown significantly this year with 30 children attending our group.



This year has been action packed with various activities such as Teddy Bear's picnic, Get Active in Sports week, Dress up theme week and many more, and last but not least our very successful Christmas break up party which was held on Friday 13th December. What a fantastic event it was with Santa arriving on the Fire Truck followed by the giving of gifts to our children and then a fantastic BBQ feast. Thank you to all the parents who did their bit to assist in this great day!

We would like to express our gratitude to the Falmouth Community Centre for once again allowing us to be members of this fantastic facility, to the Falmouth Fire Brigade for the donation of meat for our Christmas BBQ and Shannon Hibberd for driving the fire truck on the day, Santa Claus for visiting us during his busy schedule, Cathy Parker from Building Blocks for her attendance each month and Jon Chandler from St Marys Police for his visit throughout the year and also at our Christmas break up. The children sure did love all the bells and whistles.

Once again, a very big thank you to our wonderful children and their parents for their support throughout the year. We look forward to recommencing on the 5th February 2013, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous fun-filled 2014.

We also welcome any new members in 2014!

Tash Speers & Amy Faulkner

I would like to thank my security blankies Judy Spilsbury and Ray Walker for (almost) keeping me sane throughout 2013 as I started learning how to produce the Valley Voice. I want to thank the readers for their patience and suggestions, and my regular and valued contributors. I also need to thank Heather, Jill, Keri, Sonya, Wendy and Irene, without whose help it just couldn't happen. I need to thank my proof readers Judy, Ingrid and Maisie, and the delivery crew of Jackson, Liam, Jacob, Erinn and Chelsea for their invaluable assistance. My sincerest thanks to you all. Wendy Dawson, Editor. ☺

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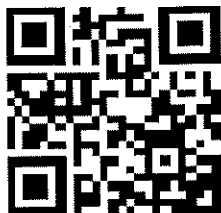
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Further information

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The Say, by Cagerattler.

Last week I was walking around town and was disturbed to see how overgrown the parks and general public areas were, and wondered what any visitors would have thought as they passed through or stopped for a spell. At one time I was a greenkeeper and know that this is the peak growth period of the year, but it's also leading into the busy season and our Council has to be ready for this.

In contrast it seemed that the coastal areas were not to any great extent as overgrown in the public areas, as evident earlier in the week.

On a slightly similar theme we talked at work about who is responsible for nature strips. Two or three different opinions came forth, all with valid points, but after issues recently dealing with workplace safety and occupational health and safety matters a whole can of worms appears i.e. legally, if whilst in the process of mowing your (Council owned) nature strip you injure person/s, property of even yourself. As one of my workmates said, he found it difficult to understand why you wouldn't want your strip to look its best and this was one of the few places that council maintains these areas...fair point indeed and as a couple of others said that if an indemnity existed to protect the householder, ratepayer or renter they'd have no issues mowing sometimes largish areas adjacent to their house. Is this the case though?...Is there an indemnity for such work and if not can our council seek to address that? For the record I generally run the mower over the small bit outside my property but given recent pedantic rules and regulations (bordering on insanely ridiculous over the top rules on less serious risks) it made me wonder more about mowing and the real risks involved with that in a public area.

On the main point though, regarding the parks, Town Hall area and roadside verges not associated with properties, I hope the BODC will try to be a lot more vigilant than of late with this very basic and fundamental service that our rates must surely partially finance. Thankfully in the past few days some of this work is being addressed prior to Christmas...that's good.

Finally, as this is the last Valley Voice for the year, I'd like to thank Wendy Dawson, our hard working editor, in her first year in the job for being so amazing to deal with. She's been great.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas/New Year break, not least Wendy and her fabulous crew, and all things being equal, see you in 2014...

What do you think? Rod McGiveron.

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Firstly, all members wish John McGiveron a speedy recovery and hope that he will be well enough to join his family and friends in the customary celebratory traditions of Christmas.

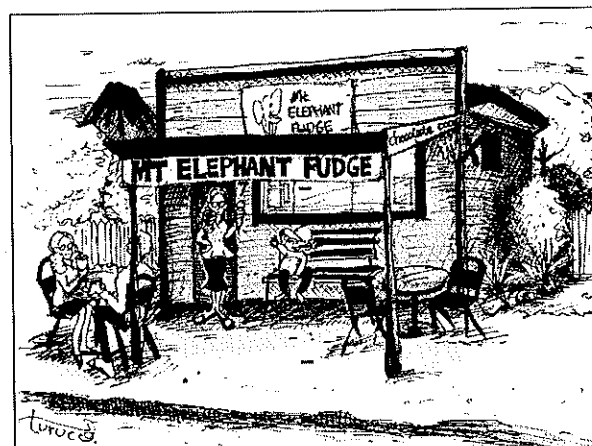
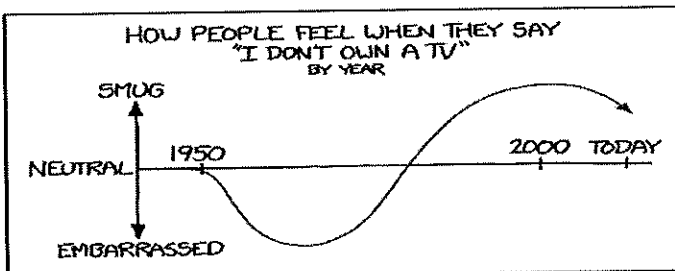
Many thanks to Stuart Kerr and Richard who made sure the "Sizzler King" still had his habitual place at the great St Marys Markets when they came to his rescue when Sizzler's faithful delivery truck failed to perform. They both understood the delicacies of the haute cuisine sausages and made sure they arrived with no bruising.

On a serious note it was very much appreciated as all monies raised by our "most hated most eaten snags" are put back into our club.

Finally, we wish all our community a safe and happy Christmas. We all hope that the New Year is filled with good health and happiness. As the song goes...

"A merry day Christmas and a happy New Year we all hope this is a Christmas without any tears".

The little girl in the photo was Diana Foster.



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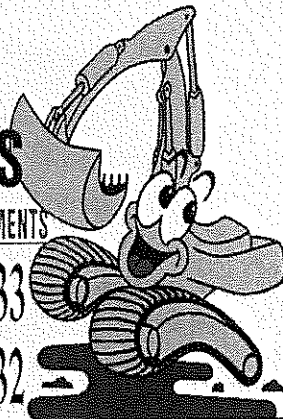


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Medieval Feasting at Gray, by Michael Warner.

The first weekend of December saw the populace of Ynys Fawr descend on St Marys Markets in the morning and continue on to Gray for a day of Arts & Sciences followed by a three course feast and singing into the early hours.

The local chapter of the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA), played host to more than twenty members from across the state. They participated in activities from the period 600AD to 1600AD, while wearing Medieval costume, made by themselves or with help from other members.

Some of the activities included pewter casting, weaving of belts and trim, archery, design of Coats-of-Arms, as well as feasting, talking and making merry around the campfire until the early morning.

We would like to thank Michael Smith & Michelle Kaal for the use of their property, and the St Marys District High School for the loan of chairs, both of which helped to make the event possible.

The SCA is a world wide hobby organisation for fans of medieval and renaissance times, 600AD~1600AD. The SCA is all about recreation (fun) and re-creation (history) of costume, crafts, foods and fighting arts, with deference to modern laws and sensibilities. We meet at least once a month for archery, (wooden) sword practise and general socialising. We have feasts and tournaments regularly, and join in the feasts and tourneys of our parent group, the Barony of Ynys Fawr, in Hobart and elsewhere in Tasmania.

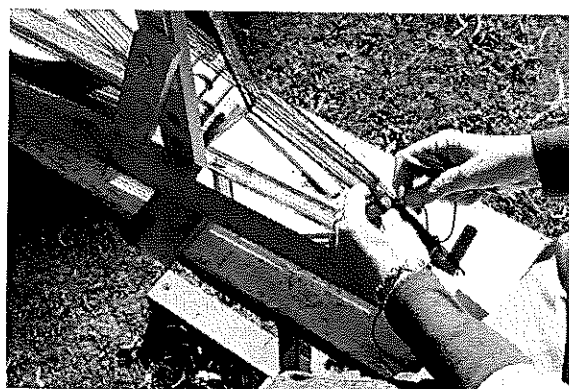
Everyone is welcome to join in: all you need is the interest, some medieval clothes (we can lend you some to start out) and to show up.

For more information, call Michael Warner, on 0412 479 011, or check the SCA Tasmania website ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org

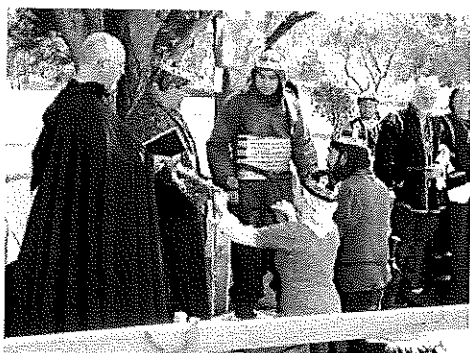
Photos by Lillian McRostie and Michael Warner.



Feasting at Gray, December 2013.



Weaving on an inkle loom, October 2013.



The Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr swear fealty to King and Queen of Lochac, October 2012.



Baronial court in progress, December 2013.

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The Suncoast Gallery News

We thank you for your support this year and wish you all a Happy Christmas. The photo of Break O'Day Mayor, Sarah Schmerl, shows her smile of delight at winning the superb shawl in our raffle. Sarah looks forward to wearing it on formal occasions. Glenys Anderson (of Binalong Bay) has other pretty colours in the shop with adults and children in mind.

Our Artist of the Month has been fun and we hope to continue with it next year. Please come in and have a look at our good supply of varied articles. We are delighted when customers buy locally. Attractive handcrafts include cards - yes, Christmas cards too, and jewellery, paintings, heat packs, knitted clothing and toys. You can find booties, pottery and bookmarks. There are tea cosies, oven mitts, books and scarves.

Oh do come and see, we are at 27b Quail St. behind Wombat Burrow.

By Peggy Bogar, publicity officer.



Art-Deco: Mandalay Flats

18 The Esplanade, St Kilda, 3182. Built: 1935. Original/Current use: Apartments, number of floors: 3.

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http://www.walkingmelbourne.com/building594_mandalay-flats.html

Animal Times

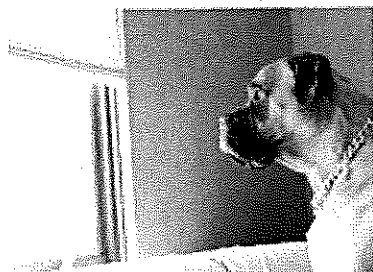
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- Hire a dog-walker to burn off some energy.
- BE CALM YOURSELF! If you need additional assistance, talk to us on 6321 8999.

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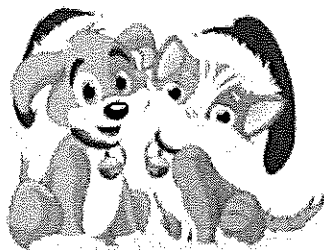
Like many other shops in St Helens, we'll be keeping the doors open till 8pm on Friday the 20th December. Happy last minute shopping!



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No Room, part two.

The 60s and 70s were years of turmoil - years of demonstrations and protests - years of enlightenment and awakening. I became a passive protestor at the world of injustice and I remained a model Anglican. Then in 1974 at the local Footballers' Ball I met Peter, a fellow fringe person - a soulmate. It was mutual love at first sight.

The fact that he was a Catholic didn't matter a jot! We set our wedding date for less than four months after we met. Our wedding plans were progressing perfectly; the ceremony was to be at Cullenswood church with both the Anglican minister and the Catholic priest agreeing to jointly officiate. Living in our romantic world we forgot segregation existed until two days before our Big Day when Peter received a phone call from the priest to say a problem had arisen. Suffice to say religious division still reigned and the two men had conflicting ideas about their roles in the marriage service. This short notice disruption caused us to consider eloping but we knew it would cause heartache for our families, so we compromised. On our wedding day we placed a sign outside the Cullenswood church which read 'Sorry! Changed church. Now at Catholic church six kms up the road.' All our guests found the place and we had a good wedding day, but like my father felt years previously segregation turned both Peter and me off religion, but not off God.

Meeting and marrying Peter solved the mystery that had intrigued me since my school days - what did Catholics really believe? Upon being educated I found absolutely no grounds for religious segregation! Religious segregation had however been entrenched in Peter as a child. As a six year old he attended a Catholic school in Margaret Street Launceston. There was a Protestant boys school in the vicinity. This saw the two groups on a collision course every morning and afternoon, as they walked the same route. Both groups instinctively called a Holy War. It was a dignified war with strict battle lines drawn on the corner of Margaret and Elizabeth Streets, Catholics on one side of the street,

Protestants on the opposite side. The troops were evenly matched in the ways of weaponry. Peter's army usually fired the first shot - 'Protestant dogs jump like frogs in and out of the water,' they yelled. The enemy retaliated! 'Catholic dogs jump like frogs in and out of the water.' The victors were the army that shouted the loudest. Once victory was acknowledged everyone ran for the safety of home. Instead of doing homework, recruitment drives for the following day's battle was attended to.

For Peter and his army a greater enemy roamed the streets of Launceston than the rival six year old boys. So formidable was this foe Peter sought adult help. One Auntie gladly provided him with the appropriate ammunition and thus properly equipped Peter and his stalwart volunteers tracked down their enemy - the Salvos. The unsuspecting Salvation Army members were easy targets for they regularly marched up and down Margaret Street, playing their musical instruments and singing loudly and joyously. During the Christmas season they congregated to bless the community with Christmas carols, making themselves sitting ducks. Peter was confident. He and his six to seven year old brigade members were the victors; all they needed to do was out-sing the Salvos with his special Auntie Jean's song:

*Salvation Army free from sin
All went to Heaven in a kerosene tin.
One played the trumpet, one played the drum,
One had a pancake stuck to his bum.*



Things change with time but we still remain basically the same fringe people. Recently I found a prophecy given to us by a man we had never met, at St Helens on 5th November 1988.

At times you have felt like Moses crying upon a mountain in the wilderness - like Noah preaching righteousness and no-one listening. It has been a lonely road and you have known separation. At times you have felt like the strange ones and others right, but the Lord has seen your obedience. You have known a strong need to build a hedge around your family. God is going to strengthen that hedge. He is going to enlarge it to include others who want to come in. He has also put a ring of fire around your whole family. It will be with you wherever you go so you need never fear as you do the work of the Lord. People will come to be ministered to. You will have only one concern - that they be brought into a deep knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible as the word of God. You will send them forth with a blessing to fellowship and work wherever the Holy Spirit leads them. You will work with and teach children. The home will be an important place for ministry. Many children will pass through your home. Some will be broken and you will help restore them.

This prophet did not know we were home schooling our children and holding weekly home church, inviting strangers we met at the beach or in the street to come and worship and share a meal. Shortly after the prophecy about 10 other families began home schooling (we were no longer called by locals 'the strange ones on the hill', or if we were we now had company!).

In 1989 we went to the Solomon Islands and after talking to church leaders and government officials a Christian school was established in Honiara that still operates.

In 1990 we spent four and a half months travelling in a bus we had converted to a mobile home, promoting home schooling in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Northern Territory. We were the first white people to be invited by aboriginal elders to visit their community, where our children performed puppet shows for their children.

It just goes to show what can be accomplished if we just 'have a go'. It proves God has room for everyone. Just like that group of people in Bethlehem 2012 years ago, God has a special purpose and plan for each of us - both collectively and

(continued) individually.

Our prayers this Christmas - that no one need hear the words 'No room'. Our own home here at Gray is not grand; a 'stable' compared to many homes but it is open to those God sends - 'Welcome, come in'.

We love the motto 'Live simply so others can simply live.' May God bless you and keep you this Christmas.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come,

Let Earth receive her King.

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Beverley Rubenach, Gray. November 2013.



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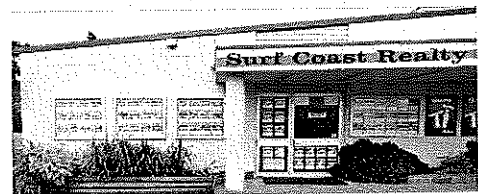
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**Council to remove
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Service are planning to remove two shacks from the Gulch area at Binalong Bay; the shacks, including sheds and outhouses, were built on public land around 1960.

The shacks were first identified for removal in the 1990's by local and state government in the interest of making the area around the boat ramp available for public recreation space. Council is planning to demolish and remove the shacks and remove some introduced vegetation, while retaining the native flora.

The third shack, closest to the foreshore and locally referred to as 'Titley's Shack', will be retained and Council plans to open discussions with the community as to how to best preserve and use the shack into the future for a historical purpose, such as a visitor information centre.

Parks and Wildlife Service have assessed the site, and will monitor the demolition. If Aboriginal artefacts or midden material are identified the works will cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office will be contacted for advice on the management and protection of this material.

Asbestos removal on the site has already been completed, and the demolition will be carried out in such a way to ensure that the appropriate vegetation is left at the site, including several large blue gums on the southern road boundary line which will be retained for their natural value and to provide screening to the area. For further information please contact Anita Lewis, Planning Coordinator on 6376 7900.

For quotes please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578.

Famous Footy Quotes.

"Luke Hodge - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago." (Dermott Brereton)

"Chad had done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator." (Mark Williams)

"That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it which was identical." (Dermott Brereton)

"He scored that goal after only 22 seconds - totally against the run of play." (Dermott Brereton)

Garry Lyon: "Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?"

David Swartz: "On what?"



Robert Pershing Wadlow (1918 -1940) was born and grew up in Alton, Illinois. Wadlow reached 8ft 11.1" (2.72m) in height and weighed 439lb (199 kg) at his death at 22. His great size and his continued growth in adulthood were due to hyperplasia of his pituitary gland, which results in an abnormally high level of human growth hormone. He

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Ron Barassi talking about Gary Cowton "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Barass, I don't know and I don't care.'"

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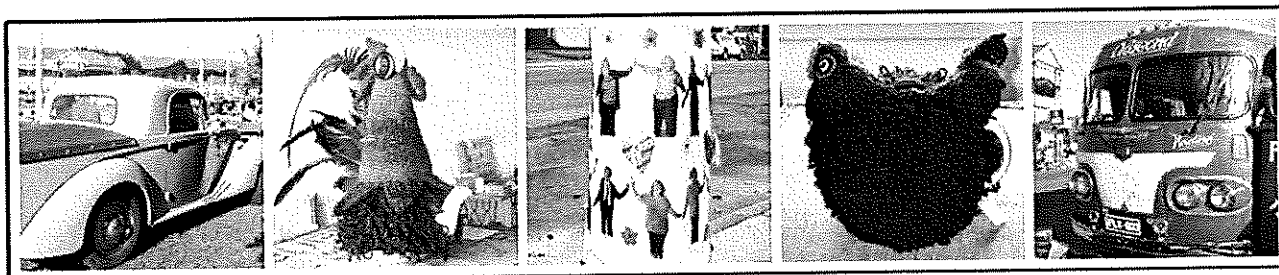
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What a great time we had in 2013! The town was abuzz with visitors and events, and it could not have happened without **you**, the St Marys community.

Special thanks to the **Cranks and Tinkerers** for their amazing car show once again, and to all **the artists** who participated by showcasing their skills with their creative and colourful power pole wraps. So many individuals and groups also contributed - **thank you**, everyone!

You are invited to participate again in a variety of ways for our 2014 event. Here are some suggestions, and a form for you to express interest. Free advertising for all participants!

Let's join together, have fun AND put St Marys on the map!

Ideas to get you thinking

Flower bombing – decorate the town with handmade flowers (crochet, knitted, felted, fabric – use your imagination) - see Rita at *Gone Rustic*, St Marys

Mug cosies – make a mug cosy to display in an exhibition; the more colourful and wackier the better (these will be sold to raise funds) - see Rita at *Gone Rustic*, St Marys

Discounts – local businesses, think about how you can offer incentives for people to come and spend the weekend in our great little town

Events – organisations and businesses, think about what you could offer to add to the buzz

Busking, exhibitions, sales, kids activities, etc. - the ball is in your court!

Want to participate? (or did you do something last year and want to be in it again?)

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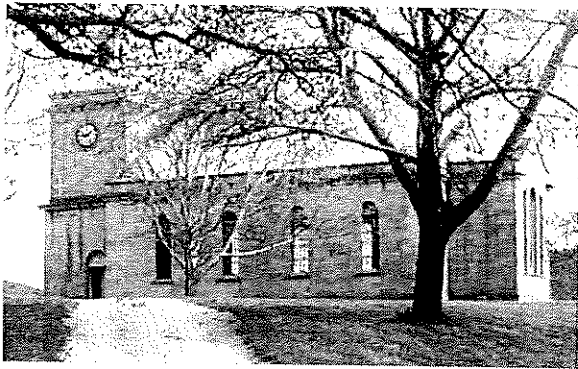
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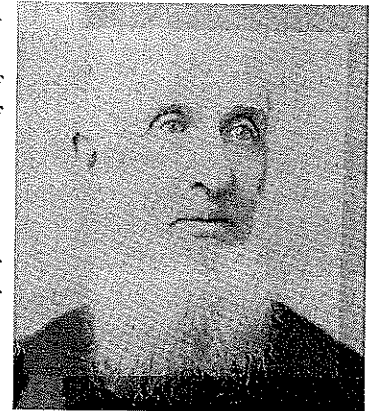
Avoca, The Building of a Town.

John Story Snr's (1787-1878) first project, apart from settling his family in the Fingal Valley in 1836, was the building of St Thomas' Anglican Church, Avoca. He was one of the founding members on a committee formed at a public meeting at the 'Cottage' in Avoca on November 1st, 1838, to raise the other half of the construction costs, already granted by Sir John Franklin in 1837. St Thomas' was built of ashlar (or freestone) from nearby Bona Vista. It is in a Romanesque Revival style with a two-story Bell Tower, and was completed in 1842.

dealers who built Entally House; and whose great-aunt Mary Reiby, Thomas's mother, appears on the \$20 note) were married in St Thomas' Church on November 21st 1849, and went on to have 10 children and 26 grandchildren, mostly through their son Frederick John Story Kerkham and his wife Mary Ann Kerkham (nee Grandfield).

Built in 1845 as a hotel, Blenheim or Marlborough House (named after the Duke of Marlborough, statesman and soldier to Queen Anne and winner of the battle of Blenheim in the war of Spanish succession at the beginning of the 18th century which gave Gibraltar's fort to Great Britain) could not, because of its close proximity to St Thomas', gain a liquor licence. Used instead as a private residence and coaching stop, it was in 1856 opened as the Avoca Grammar School by Orangeman John O'Brien, who in the same year married Jane Maria Story (1817-1911), daughter of John Story Snr, and sister of John Story Jnr. Needless to say, in this propitious year of 1856 when Van Diemen's Land became the self-governing Tasmania, John O'Brien and Jane Maria Story were married over the road in St Thomas' church.

Next on the list of things to do in Avoca were the provisions of the Crown and By-Roads Act of 1860. To this end at 12 noon on January 15th 1862, a meeting was held at the Union Inn, Avoca, attended by (amongst others) John Story Snr., John Story Jnr.

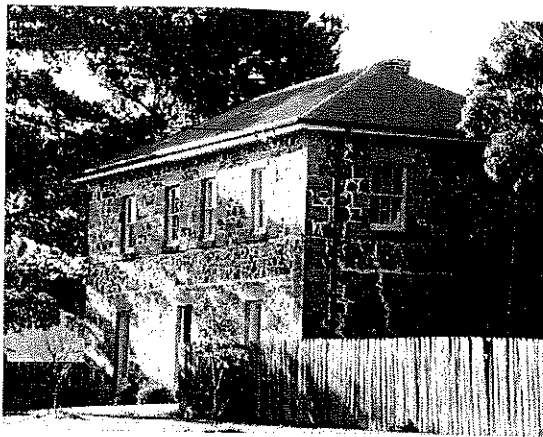


Richard Charles Kerkham

and Cpt. Arthur Wright. John Story Snr. carried on in his role until he and Robert Wardlaw retired as Trustees of the St Paul's Road Trusts in 1886. John Story Jnr. then took over his father's role.

In 1890 John Story Jnr. retired in favour of a relative, William McKenzie, to be the candidate for the Fingal Municipality, but was made a Justice of the Peace in 1894. In 1895 at noon on April 27th at the Union Inn, Avoca, John Story Jnr. of Henbury, Avoca, and Claud Irving of Lewis Hill, retired from the Road District of St Paul's, but John Story Jnr. was re-elected along with C.W. Foster of Avoca.

John Story Jnr., as well as running Henbury (then 1,750 acres), was a lease-holder of 'Eastwood' (variously described as the first section of Leona Road before Henbury; or as actually being Eastbourne), and of Red Rock (then 3,000 acres) from 1864. Wife Margaret Makieg was also busy at home, trying to bring up 14 children...no rest for the wicked...

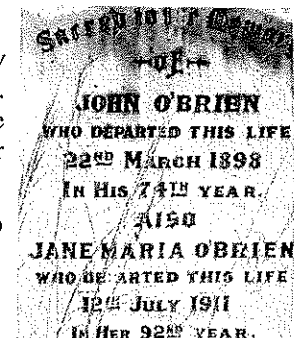


Blenheim or Marlborough House

Meanwhile, in May 1903, the Northern hounds met for their first run in the Avoca district...included in the run were Miss Ellen Story (1871-1954) another of John and Margaret's 14 children, on a bay mare; Mr Hanleth Fletcher (also related)...with lots of circling, fence jumping and avoiding of the Black Marsh...followed by lunch at Benham with Mr and Mrs O'Connor. (Better not tell the Fox Taskforce)...Launceston Examiner 6/5/1903.

Connorville Estate, including Windfalls and Connorville in the Lake River District (Cressy et al) along with Benham in the Avoca district were all bought by Roderick O'Connor c. 1826 with inside knowledge from his job as Land Commissioner. After 1883 the O'Connors also managed the Lake House, a property owned by the Corney and Fletcher families (also related to the Storys through John Jnr.'s brother Thomas).

The O'Connor's then, when first suggesting the site for Avoca in 1827, could truly be said to be the founders of Avoca.





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A SPECIAL VINTAGE.

I was sitting on my neighbour's verandah drinking Pinot Noir while he explained why he'd sold out to the Devil. The neighbour was Andrew McNair, talented winemaker and producer of the very fine Pinot we were drinking, and the Devil was Multicorp, a huge conglomerate to whom wine was just another consumer perishable.

"You know that I used to make ends meet by selling some of my grapes to other wineries," said Andrew. "Multicorp bought up most of the wineries around here. They wanted mine too, but I didn't want to sell. All of a sudden, the Multicorp-owned wineries didn't want my grapes anymore. I was struggling, because I didn't have enough of my own wines ready for release and I needed those grape sales. Finally I decided to put pragmatism before principles and accept Multicorp's offer. I thought what the hell, I'll sell up, go work in Europe for a couple of years sharpening the skills then come back and buy a swish little winery in the Barossa. I'm staying 'till this year's vintage is in the bottle, then I'm out of here."

"I take it then, that Multicorp are not flavour of the month?"

"No, but this Pinot is," said Andrew, topping up my glass. "Pity there won't be any more."

I pointed to a small dust cloud creeping up Andrew's driveway.

"Visitors?" I asked.

"No," said Andrew. "It's Multicorp. They've been sending this officious little so-and-so to stocktake. I nearly have to account for every single damn grape. He's suspicious too - always convinced I'm trying to hide something."

A silver Lexus pulled up in front of us, and a designer suit got out.

"I'm here to inventory the wine vats," said the suit.

"Go and start without me, I'll be down in a minute," Andrew replied. "And by the way, don't go up the walkway over the vats. It's a bit rickety, and there's nothing to interest you up there."

Mr Multicorp covered us with dust as he sped down the short driveway leading to the big zinc-alum shed where Andrew makes his wine.

Andrew's wife, Kristina, joined us. She'd been slaving away in the kitchen thawing some frozen quail in the microwave. Andrew fired up a hibachi. We grilled the quail and ate them with fresh grapes warmed through in a splash of Riesling and a loaf of crusty Italian-style bread, accompanied by another bottle of Pinot Noir.

We demolished the food and the wine, then we had coffee, then we remembered the Multicorp man.

"It's a wonder he's not up here chasing me by now," said Andrew. "We'd better go and have a look."

The Multicorp car was parked outside the winery, but there was no sign of life. This proved to be an unfortunate turn of phrase. Entering the shed we were confronted with a row of tall, shiny stainless-steel cylinders.

"Where's that dodgy walkway you were talking about?" I asked.

Andrew pointed upwards to a narrow wooden deck which extended the length of the shed, suspended six feet below the roof. There was a gap in the decking, directly over one of the vats. Andrew leaned a ladder up against the vat, quickly climbed it, then just as quickly climbed down again.

"Looks like curiosity killed the Multicorp man. I did tell him not to go up there, but he obviously thought I was hiding something so he'd better have a look. He must have fallen in when the decking gave way. The vat's only half full; he wouldn't have been able to climb out. He must have swum around in circles until he got tired and drowned."

I climbed the ladder and looked down into the vat. We had a floater all right. It's obviously just as easy to drown in Cabernet Sauvignon as it is in water.

"Well," I said, "that's the end of that particular batch of grape juice."

"Oh I don't know," Andrew replied. "I might make a few cases of special vintage for the Multicorp directors. I'm told they're partial to a full-bodied red."

Bill Greer, Mathinna.



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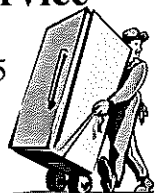
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OLD ROY, AKA SANTA.

Seeing it's that time of the year, I think a Christmas story is in order. I woke up early this morning so I had better haul bones, get out of bed and hit the computer to tell you the tale - is it a tale? Well not really, but it has kept me from the sleep of the just.

In all the countries of the new world as they called Australia, the Americas and parts of Africa, there have been a special breed of characters. This special breed were not, as the original inhabitants might have told you, particularly special and the lands they conquered were not particularly new either. They had lived there for eons.

If we delve back even further in time (say a few million years give or take an eon or two) we might find even these 'original inhabitants' were not all that original either. They had simply out-thought and subsequently killed off the Neanderthals or whatever breed of pre-human existed in the region, at that time. Evolution can be cruel and certainly holds no sentimentality for the 'original inhabitants'. The same evolutionary traits that were

bringing about the original inhabitant's demise were creating the modern man. He had less body hair but kept some hair, as a sort of token to his wildness, on his chin. Modern man also developed that symbol of his modernity, a pot belly.

What on earth has this to do with Christmas you might ask? Not much, I might answer, but it does bring us to an enduring image. Most of us that live in both the new and old worlds know exactly what Santa looks like and the reason for this is that he has a full beard and a pot belly. Actually he is rather fat but he fools us into not noticing by wearing outrageous red clothes trimmed in white, and to be perfectly frank with you, a ridiculous red extended beanie style hat with a white pom-pom, and of course we can't see how fat his jowls are because of that beard.

A similarly enduring image we have of our pioneering forefathers in North America, but more particularly in South Africa and especially in Australia, is the same full beard. Look at any picture of early Australian settlers, not just bushrangers like Ned Kelly or the heroes of the Eureka Stockade but pretty much everywhere in early Australia, a haven for the unshaven.

One never saw a roman with a full compliment of facial hair dangling and swaying below the chin and catching crumbs and droplets. That is not to say Santa Claus was Australian or a denizen of the South African Transvaal for that - he was of course European.

He was simply too busy feeding reindeer and bagging up toys and keeping elves in line to shave. Mrs. Claus hated his beard but he kept it as a symbol of his independence. She wasn't that keen on his pot belly but couldn't really mention it as she was a bit of a pudding herself. Santa was not the only one who felt this way about his jowly locks. Bushmen in the new world felt this way as well, no roman shaved chin for them.

It so happens I knew a man to whom most of the preceding applies, that is to say he was Australian, kept some of his wildness, had a pot belly and wore the full bushman's beard down to the level of the first buttoned-up button on his shirt which was the third from the top.

Let's call him Roy, and a very fine man he was. He came from a loving family and Christmas was a pretty big deal in the Clomp family. Roy had started his hirsuteness at high school as he thought it was pretty cool to have what was at the time a fuzzy chin. Why in the great blazing heavens Roy thought this was attractive is only known to teenage boys, but it must have had some effect because they were often seen in the company of teenage girls.

As the years passed Roy left school and went to work for the local council and there he stayed for almost a lifetime, working diligently and honestly and all the while his fuzz grew and grew.

Roy also liked other things, one of which was one of those same teenage girls who became his bride; this was after high school of course and the fuzz was now a light thatch with a touch of the van dyke about it. As a staid and tried and true type of Aussie man Roy went to his local pub after work on most days and developed lifelong friendships with other mates who enjoyed the odd cleansing ale. They laughed a lot, loved a lot and were pretty jolly all round. They all developed a love for the Australian countryside and often went bush when they were not actually in the pub. This did have a side effect for them and for Roy in particular as they liked a drink while in the bush and naturally at the pub. The collected result of a 'few cleansing ales' was that he developed a pot belly.

So Roy developed into a jolly, pot bellied man with a wonderfully full beard, and of course looked like one Mr. Clause. Roy was still a fairly young man when the local chapter of The Australasian Order Of Old Bastards asked him to stand in for old Tom McGuinness who strangely never touched stout but was very stout himself. Tom had been Father Christmas for years and delighted in handing out gifts to the little tackers at the annual 'Old Bastards' bash. Tom was very ill and so weak he "couldn't blow the froth off a Fosters", when into the breach stepped (you guessed it of course) Roy. The only thing he needed to do was dye the face fungus to a sort of silver white and Bob's yer Uncle...hey presto...Santa.

Roy, 28 at the time, enjoyed the role so much he did it for the next 48 years. Poor Tom McGuinness never blew the top off another Fosters or anything else as he passed away before the next Easter and Roy just sort of took over.

For 48 years Roy donned the hot red suit, the red extended beanie style hat, with a pom-pom of course, and practised his ho-ho-ho's, though he didn't really need the practice. He made the dreams and some of the wishes of generations of kids come true and even better, he made them feel the magic of Christmas. He was real, he was Santa. Oh he didn't actually live at the North Pole, he didn't know one elf and reindeer were something for picture postcards or Laplanders in Northern Europe. But he did have a Mrs. Clause...err Mrs clomp and she was a shade portly.

Roy Clomp and his bride were loved and even revered by generations of children and their parents whether it was

holding court in the local pub during the year or ho-ho-hoing up a storm in the ten days before Christmas in halls, local parks and on a dreadfully tacky old sleigh pulled along behind the 'Old Bastard's' president's beat up Chev Impala. They didn't go to church much except for the odd wedding or christening, they preferred to go fishing or off camping in the bush on weekends, they didn't belong to any service clubs except the 'old bastards' They went to the pictures on Tuesdays till pay TV came along. Their children grew up, grew away. Roy even died in August 2009, leaving just enough time to find another Santa.

Ah!...the man was dedicated.

Written by Roger Crates.

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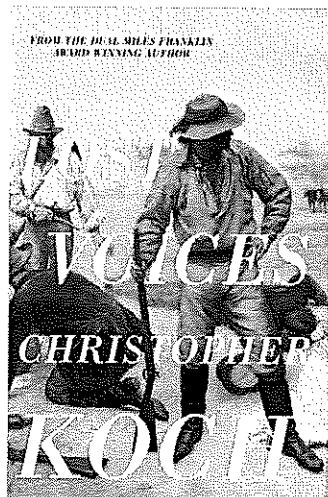


Book Review.

This month the Mount Elephant and Beyond Book Group discussed *Lost Voices* by Christopher Koch. Koch is one of Tasmania's most acclaimed writers, perhaps best known for *The year of Living Dangerously*. He died in September this year and *Lost voices* was his last novel.

The novel is set in and around Hobart, and the narrative is divided into three parts. The first part takes place in 1950 and concerns Hugh Dixon, then aged 18 and about to leave High School.

Although Hugh would like to go to Art School, his father wants him to study law but even this would depend on Hugh winning a scholarship. Hugh's life takes an unexpected turn when he overhears an argument between his parents about their dire financial situation. James Dixon has 'borrowed' a large sum of money from his employer J. & P. Fitzpatrick to



bet on a 'certainty', intending to pay the money back before the loss is discovered. When the horse fails to win, Hugh's father faces disgrace and prison. James is estranged from his family and Hugh doesn't know them but, in the few days before the accounts at Fitzpatrick's will be reconciled, Hugh decides to approach his great uncle Walter for help. Walter not only helps out with a loan to cover the theft, but also takes Hugh under his wing. It would seem that Walter would like to have been an artist himself and, recognising Hugh's talent, he pays the boy's fees at Art School.

As well as educating Hugh about the great artists, Walter often refers to the family history, particularly his father's encounter with bushrangers Liam Dalton and Lucas Wilson.

In the central part of the novel Hugh's great grandfather Martin Dixon spends several months of 1854 with the bushrangers in their fledgling utopian community at Nowhere Valley, located near what is now Collinsvale. When the Dixon family home is raided Martin accompanies Wilson and Dalton back into the bush in order to gather information for a newspaper article. The community aims to be self-sufficient but its charismatic leader Lucas Wilson and his comrade in arms Liam Dalton supplement its produce by raiding neighbouring properties. It seems a precarious existence.

Once the irredeemable Roy Griffin joins the community at Nowhere Valley an inevitable sequence of events is set in train and it does not end well.

Part three returns to Hugh Dixon, now 20 and working as a newspaper artist on *The Tasmanian Mail* in 1953. He continues to paint in a studio at his uncle Walter's home at Montrose but there is a change of atmosphere as Hugh develops a passion for the secretary/housekeeper Moira Doran. Hugh's old school friend Bob Wall, introduced in part one, and now a budding comic strip artist, returns to Hobart and goes to work for commercial artist Max Fell. When Fell commits murder and frames Bob for the crime, uncle Walter again saves the day but at great personal cost.

There are numerous parallels between the storylines of 1854 and the 1950s; both Hugh and Martin resist their respective father's ambitions for them although only Hugh is able to pursue his own choice of career. In both narratives there are enigmatic older women and vulnerable young girls, and implicit sexual violence. But the most obvious parallel concerns two totally amoral characters – Roy Griffin in 1854 and Max Fell in 1953 – and with both men there is a suggestion of a malign spirit world.

Koch does not really pursue the question of the nature of evil until, at the end of his life, Walter briefly talks about Max Fell, a man of 'no ordinary wickedness. At times one encounters people who seem genuinely possessed by a demon. I believe Fell may have been one of them.'

Although there are such parallels between the characters in the two narratives, each storyline could exist independently and the structure of the novel is ultimately not totally convincing. The characters seem to be somewhat remote and it is difficult to relate to most of them; the women in particular seem to be merely sketched in. However, the language of the novel is very evocative and the descriptions of the landscape particularly of the Collinsvale area are quite lyrical, almost painterly. The geography of the novel is very familiar to anyone who knows Hobart well as most of the action takes place in the city or the northern suburbs.

The bushrangers' story in part two is engaging and could stand alone. Liam Dalton is very loosely based on the real-life transported convict and bushranger Martin Cash, and some of the episodes in the novel are based on the latter's own memoirs, most notably the escape from Port Arthur. It is interesting to consider how close the convict experience was in the 1950s: Walter had heard about the bushrangers from his father and as a child he had actually met Liam Dalton. Of course, that sort of direct connection is now lost. *Lost Voices* is an interesting novel, a good yarn and easy to read.

Written by Lindy Scripps.

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- 2 diced onions
- 4 crushed garlic cloves
- 400g tinned tomatoes
- 2 cups red lentils
- 1 TBS ground cumin
- 1 TBS ground coriander

- 2 tsp ground tumeric
- 5 cups water or stock (1 more for soup)
- 2 tsp salt
- Add in 4 lamb shanks

Cook for 6-7 hours on low. Half an hour before serving remove lamb shanks and strip meat from the bone. Cut into chunks.

Return the meat to the slow cooker with:

- 2 TBS Sweet Chilli Sauce
- 1 cup coconut cream
- 1 cup baby peas

Serve with flatbreads or rice, and green leafy salad.

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Actual Court Transcripts.

Attorney: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

Witness: No.

Attorney: Did you check for blood pressure?

Witness: No.

Attorney: Did you check for breathing?

Witness: No.

Attorney: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

Witness: No.

Attorney: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

Witness: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Attorney: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

Witness: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practising law.

Attorney: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

Witness: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

Attorney: And why did that upset you?

Witness: My name is Susan!

Attorney: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Witness: Are you qualified to ask that question?



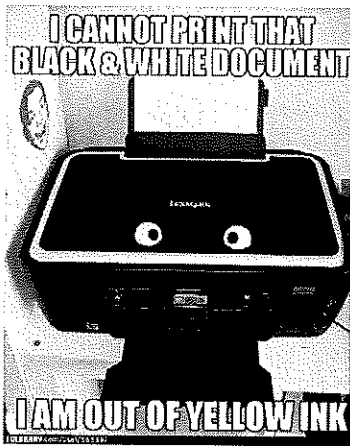
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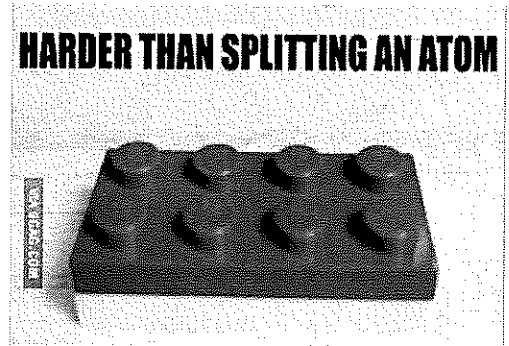
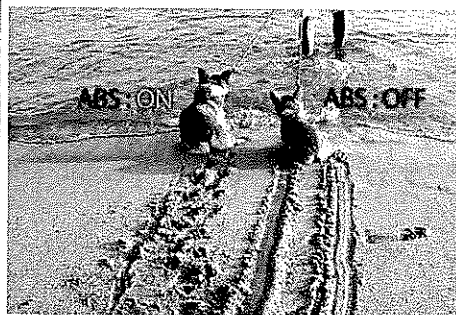
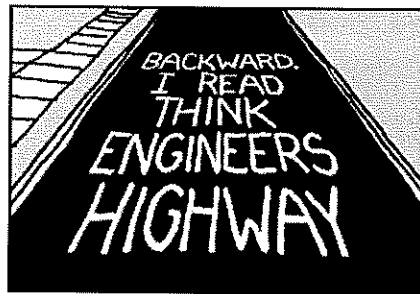
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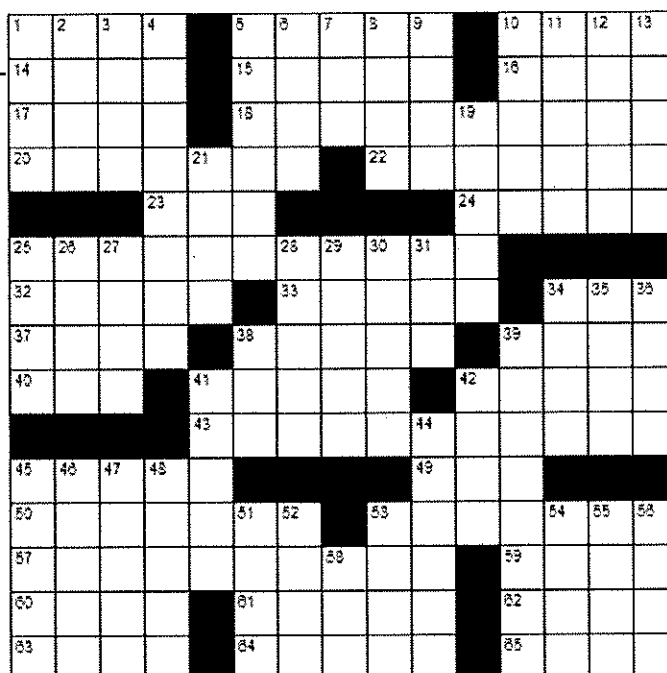
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15. Ancient Roman magistrate
16. Laugh
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18. Leather shorts
20. Security activities
22. Next to the forehead
23. Gorilla
24. Prepared
25. Mediation
32. Knells
33. Plateaux
34. A law enforcement agency
37. Transgressions
38. Gave out
39. Happy
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41. Compacted
42. Path
43. Unwanted
45. A loose coverall
49. Feline
50. Honors
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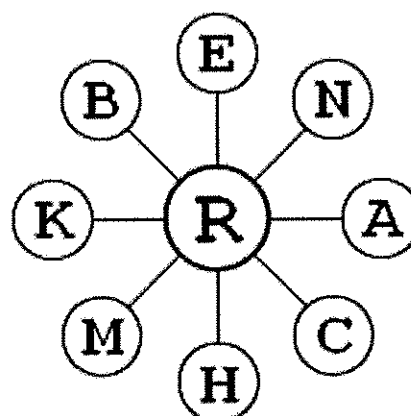
1. Assistance
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4. Viscera
5. Bank employee
6. Poems
7. Disencumber
8. Musical staff symbol
9. German for "Mister"
10. Gleamed
11. Noodles
12. Coming up
13. Virile
19. Brass musical instruments
21. Chooses
25. Church alcove
26. Bridle strap
27. Prohibits
28. Alter
29. Make fun of
30. Small islands
31. Bran source
34. Flaccid body fat
35. Get-out-of-jail money
36. Doing nothing
38. Lair
39. Thankful
41. Noblemen
42. Streetcar
44. "Stick" of frozen water
45. Gash
46. Devilfish



47. Not inner
48. Illegal activity
51. Focusing glass
52. Gush
53. Jetty
54. Roman emperor
55. A dog wags one
56. By mouth
58. Pair

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How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central letter R and no letter can be used twice. Proper nouns are not allowed but plurals are. There must be a nine letter word. Excellent 69, good 51, average 35.

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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

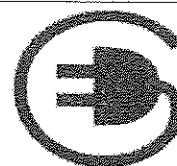
This is a bring-and-share lunch followed by a great time of friendship and fellowship. You are very welcome to join us and share our JOY!

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Tuesday JAM 3-5pm every
Tuesday except school
holidays. Envoy Melanie
Norton 6372 2099

Break O'Day Anglican Parish 6376 1144

St Helens 8am
St Marys 10am
St Helens 10.30am
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3rd Saturday of each month
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"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."

The Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. Facebook page features a selection of lovely photographs of the valley and coastal areas taken by local people. Please visit and leave your comments, or send us some of your pictures. Ed.
<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyEastCoastVoice?ref=hl>

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Cyril Latt
18/12/13- 31/1/14

Dr K. Rawnsley
27/12/2013

Dr E. Reeckman
16th-19th Jan 2014

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
25/12/13- Christmas Day
26/12/13- Boxing Day
1/1/14- New Years Day

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

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.**



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.

AFTER HOURS CONTACT NUMBERS

Please phone
GP ASSIST ON- 1300 780 011
AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or
EMERGENCY 000
ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
6372 2111
Please RING before presenting after hours
Lifeline 131 114
Saving Lives, Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PATIENTS

Please be aware that Dr Latt's Surgery is currently fully booked for appointments 1 week in advance as of 18/12/13

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

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

HEALTH CENTRE ACCESS

The driveway access for the Health Centre is:

Off Gardiners Creek Road or the gravel driveway off Hugh Street. Please abide by the ONE WAY and SPEED signs at the Centre.

When parking at the back of Reception please **DO NOT REVERSE** into these angle parking bays. Thank you.



On behalf of the staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre we wish you all a happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. Thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the Centre.

Keep watch for all our regular and new services that will be on offer in 2014.

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

18 Dec **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.

Day Centre– Last session for 2013. Day Centre will resume again on Wednesday 29/1/2014. For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111

19 Dec **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.

20 Dec **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments

25 Dec **Public Holiday**– Christmas Day

26 Dec **Public Holiday**– Boxing Day

January 2014

6 Jan **Spirometry Clinic**– Lung Function testing. For appointments please phone 6372 2111.

8 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide. Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

13 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service

TML Psychologist– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.

14 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

Continence Nurse. For appointment please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.

15 Jan **Podiatry North**. For appointments please phone 6336 5155

Australia Hearing for appointment please phone Australian Hearing on 6332 4700

NEW SERVICE!

Healthy House– Amanda Beams
Free Health Check and Nutritional Consultation. Every 2nd Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm. To make an appointment please phone 6376 5242

20 Jan **TML Psychologist**– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

Physiotherapist– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

TLC Meeting (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) 10:00am in the Day Room

21 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

22 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

27 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

TML Psychologist– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.

28 Jan **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

Lightfoot Podiatry– Perry Daly. Phone 6331 9568 for appointments

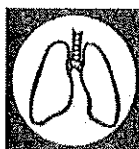
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31 Jan **TML Diabetic Educator, Physiologist and Dietician**. Appointments available by referral from you GP.

For details of all other service bookings over the Christmas/ New Year period please phone the reception on 6372 2111

SPIROMETRY CLINIC APPOINTMENTS



A Spirometry Clinic (Lung Function Testing) is regularly held at the St Marys Health Centre. Appointments can be made through reception but a referral is needed from your GP.

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Mobile Oral Health Van will be located at the St Marys Community Health Centre from:

27 Nov 2013– End of Jan 2014

If you require an appointment please phone the Kelham Street Clinic on 6336 4100 for enquiries.

The Valley East Coast Voice Inc. Guidelines

Opinions in any letters published are not necessarily those of the Editor and voluntary workers.

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Please do not attack the editor, the paper or the authors of previous articles. Letter writers will be given the chance to respond over a suitable period of time. Subjects may be closed at the editor's discretion.

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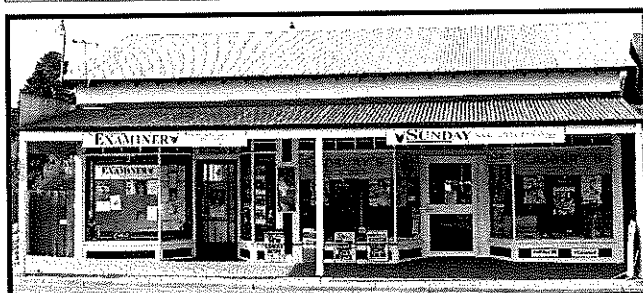
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Dec. Monday 23	Karl Balzer	FVNH
Tuesday 24	Lundy Vosper	
Wednesday 25	Xmas Day	
Thursday 26	Valmai Spencer	
Friday 27	Drew Adam	FVNH
Monday 30	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
Tuesday 31	Karl Balzer	
Jan. Wednesday 1	Valmai Spencer	
Thursday 2	Heather Griffiths	
Friday 3	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
Monday 6	Debbie Barnes	FVNH
Tuesday 7	Pam Bretz	
Wednesday 8	Louise Keady	
Thursday 9	Liz Rice	
Friday 10	Drew Adam	FVNH
Monday 13	Ruth Aulich	FVNH
Tuesday 14	Trish Pike	
Wednesday 15	Valmai Spencer	
Thursday 16	Yvonne Salter	
Friday 17	Trish Pike	FVNH
Monday 20	Pam Lynch	FVNH
Tuesday 21	Lundy Vosper	
Wednesday 22	Lorraine Gill	
Thursday 23	Valmai Spencer	
Friday 24	Drew Adam	FVNH
Monday 27	Karl Balzer	FVNH
Tuesday 28	Lundy Vosper	
Wednesday 29	Trish Pike	
Thursday 30	Valmai Spencer	
Friday 31	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
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Wednesday 5	Valmai Spencer	
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Friday 7	Lorraine Gill	FVNH
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Tuesday 11	Trish Pike	
Wednesday 12	Louise Keady	
Thursday 13	Liz Rice	
Friday 14	Drew Adam	FVNH

ST MARYS SPORTS and SOCIAL CENTRE INC.

Opening hours:

Thursday 5.30-7.30,

Friday 5.30-8.30 and Happy Hour 6.30-7.30,

Sunday 1.30-4.30.



CONDOLENCES

The Committee and members would like to express their deepest sympathy and condolences to Trevor and all of the family with the recent passing of dear Mary, we know she will be sadly missed. R.I.P.

NEW PRESIDENT. It gives me great pleasure to announce and welcome Bobbie Harwood to the position of President. Thank you Bobbie!

BOWLS NEWS. Unfortunately St Marys was beaten by Swansea last week at Swansea but this week we had a win at home against Scamander. Well done! Our next game is not until January 11th at home against St Helens. All members should be thinking about getting their Championship matches started, the draw is on the board.

GOLF NEWS. Black Rock Sunday is still going well. Roll up is at 1pm, we only play 9 holes so please come along and join in. Brad McDonald took the coveted prize this week.

Please Note: An executive decision has been made. We will not be opening the bar on Boxing Day for the test match. All volunteers have had a busy time of late so we are taking a day off.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER. Please note change of date. Our Christmas get together will now take place on Friday 20th evening during normal opening hours. We will, for a small fee, be providing a light meal. We will also be running a Chocolate wheel, holding our members draw as well as Jag the Joker. (\$2 a ticket) JACKPOT IS NOW WORTH \$220. Who knows, Santa may even pay us a visit. PLEASE, NEW AND OLD MEMBERS, LIFE MEMBERS ETC. COME AND JOIN US.

Annette Wines, Secretary.

St Marys IGA.

Still taking orders for all your Christmas needs, meat, fish, fruit & veg. Drop in and have a chat to our helpful staff for any special requirements.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal customers for their support in 2013, with all the laughs another year has just flown by!

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and new year period.

We look forward to doing it all again in 2014.

Cheers, Mark & all at IGA St Marys.

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Promotions from 18th to 31st December.

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Rump steak	9.99
Leg of lamb	9.99
Ingham fresh chicken cuts	2.79
IGA corned silverside	5.99
Beef mince	8.99
Short loin lamb chops	14.99
Chicken kebabs	1.65ea
Coolroom/Freezer	
Peters ice cream 4L	4.99
McCain sliced beans/corn cobettes 1kg	3.99
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Meadowlea spread 500g	2.79
Kraft dips 185g	1.99
National party pies/sausage rolls 12pk	3.99
Pauls brandy custard 1L	3.99
Shelves	
Pedigree canned dog food 1.2kg	2.49
Devondale long life milk 1L	.99
Garden fresh cooking oil 2L	6.99
Arnotts clix/savoy/shapes 160-250g	1.99
Cascade apple isle sparkling drink 750ml	2.49
Fronti lambrusco red/white drink 750ml	3.49
Gravox gravy mix 9canister 120-140g	2.79
Ham and Turkey	Per Kg
IGA COB ham 1/2 & full or cut to size.	7.99
Banjo ham	9.99
Lethborgs Tas gold nugget ham 1.5kg	14.99ea
Ingham frozen ready to roast turkey thigh roll 1kg	12.49
Ingham frozen ready to cook turkey breast roll 1kg	17.99
Chocolates	
Cadbury milk tray 200g	6.99
Cadbury roses silver boxed 225g	6.99
Lindt blocks 100g	2.49
Cadbury dairy milk marvellous creations 290-300g	2.99
Mars greats 292g	4.99