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128th St Marys Pacing Cup 2014

Divas Delight, right, wins the 128th St Marys Pacing Club Cup 2014.

Fashion on the Field winner was Kristy Smith of Launceston (below right) who received a winner's sash and a \$200 cash prize donated by Cense Business Centre of St Helens.

Runner-up was Kaylee Nash-Rawnsley (below left) who received hair products donated by Ana's Hairdressing Salon, St Marys.

Third place went to Dot Hardcastle who received an umbrella donated by the St Marys Pharmacy

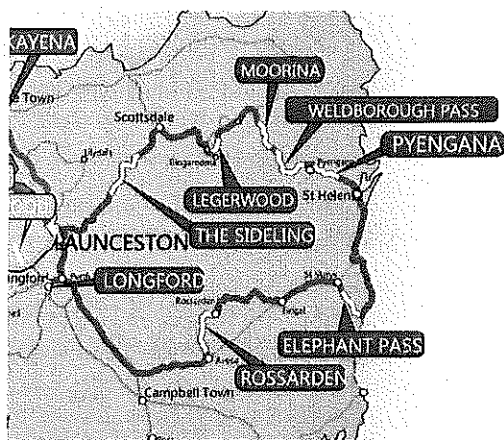
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Photo by Glyn Johnson



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<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/2229208/gallery-st-marys-cup/?cs=132>



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ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April 2014

The St Marys Memorial Services Association will commemorate the

Dawn Service

at the St Marys Hall at 6a.m. followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

If you would like to lay a wreath you are welcome to do so after the Service.

For further information call Reon or Wendy on 6372 2094

The 11a.m. Service will be commemorated at the Cornwall Hall, Cornwall.

If you would like to lay a wreath please call Raz McDonald on 6372 2261.

All are welcome.

Wrapped in St Marys and Car Show ~ May 31st and June 1st 2014

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Community Announcements

AA St Helens (Alcoholics Anonymous) Wednesday at 8pm in the St Pauls Anglican Church hall, St Helens. Call Murdoch on 6376 3335.

AA St Marys (Alcoholics Anonymous) Friday 7pm at Holy Trinity. Mick or Shirl 6372 2909.

AI Anon St Helens (Family Group) helps families & friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of someone close. 2pm Sunday at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall St Helens. Anne or John 6376 4270 / Rose 6376 3335.

Beaumaris Swap Markets 1st & 3rd Sundays in summer at Beaumaris Park from 11-2pm. Swap, barter or buy fresh produce, herbs, bread, flowers, crafts & more. Plastic bag free, gold coin donation per stall (bookings required). Laura 6372 5687

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

BODRA Break O'Day Regional Arts holds meetings on the first Tuesday monthly in the Supper Room at St Marys Community Hall, 4pm. e: bodregionalarts@gmail.com All welcome. Workshops happen regularly so keep your eyes peeled for posters.

The B.O.D. Stitchers meet each Friday 10-3pm at the Neighbourhood House Bungalow in St Helens.

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

The Cornwall Community Development Group meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7pm in the Cornwall Hall.

Jan Saunders, **East Coast Community Transport.** Community Hall, 23 Main Street, St Marys. 6372 2137

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

The **Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Op Shop** is happy to receive pre-loved clothing & goods weekdays 9-3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be left at the Centre. Come along, check it out & pick up a bargain. Deb Speers for FVNH.

Gone Rustic Studio + Gallery 37 Main Street St Marys 6372 2724 / 0417 027 424 *Operation Cover-up* 3rd Friday monthly at 11-2. Creating quilts & knitwear for those in need locally & overseas. \$5 donation towards quilt wadding; BYO lunch, cuppa included.

Greater Esk Tourism meet 7pm at Fingal Neighbourhood House on the 2nd Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified. 0412 425 666

Meals on Wheels meeting dates for 2014: 15/5/14, 21/8/14, 20/11/14, held in the Community Health Centre St Marys. Lundy Vosper, Secretary. 0488 384 344

RAYC Regional Arts Youth Company (school aged children) is on Thursdays 3.30-5pm. Session cost \$5 p/week or \$40 p/10 week term. Michelle on 0407 046 865

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. New members are most welcome.

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

The St Helens Walking Group walk each Wednesday and 3rd Saturday monthly. New members are most welcome. Call Healthy House 6376 5242 or Bryan Edhouse 6376 3439 for info.

St Marys/Falmouth Playgroup is held 10:30-12:30 each Wednesday at the Falmouth Community Centre. Join us for only \$3 per family in a relaxed & friendly atmosphere for all the family. Tash Speers 0419 591 905 / Amy Faulkner 0417 152 337

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meet monthly on the 1st Monday at 2pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

St Marys Ladies' Midweek Tennis 9.30am each Wednesday. New players & beginners welcome. Child minding included - a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Karon 6372 2382 or Dana 6372 2033

St Marys Markets are held monthly on the first Saturday at the St Marys Community Hall 9-1pm. June Market is on 31st May this year due to Annual Car Show/Wrapped in St Marys. Easter and Christmas may see a second market in the month - stay tuned for updates. Bookings or queries call Michael Smith (BODR Arts) on 6372 2056 or 0407 046 865

St Marys Online Access Centre, 23b Main Road St Marys. Mon~Fri 9.30-4.30 Sat 11-2. 6372 2005

Community Announcements

The **St Marys School Association Op Shop** is happy to receive pre-loved items (not electrical) weekdays 11-3 & Market Saturdays 10-12.30. Small donations can be left at the St Marys Newsagency. Coordinator Janet Drummond 0404 562 320.

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. meets every second month on the 3rd Wednesday, 3pm at various venues. Barry 6372 2575 (aulich@bigpond.com) or Jim 6372 2127 (jimhaas@bigpond.com)
www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

Stallholders' Market Inc. is a nfp organisation that holds markets on Saturdays 8-12 in the Portland Hall St Helens. e: sthelenmarket@yahoo.com.au

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

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

Targa Tasmania Thursday May 8th 2014

Road closures will occur in the following areas:

- ◆ **Rossarden** Storys Creek Road 7.18 -11.48
- ◆ **St Marys** Elephant Pass Road 8.17-12.47
- ◆ **Pyengana** Tasman Highway (Lotta Road and Pyengana) 10.19-2.49
- ◆ **Weldborough** Pass Tasman Highway (Pyengana and Weldborough) 10.30-3.00
- ◆ **Moorina** Tasman Highway (Weldborough and Moorina) 10.45-3.15
- ◆ **Ledgerwood** Ledgerwood Lane 11.16-3.46
- ◆ **The Sidling** Tasman Highway (South Springfield Road and Corkery's Road) 11.58-4.28 and 11.30 from **Launceston** end

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 10am in the Council Chambers, Georges Bay Esplanade, St Helens. Minutes from Council meetings are available online.



On this day in 1967
The newst Greek regime
banned miniskirts.

For Sale

Dressed softwood studs & beams (new) - 2 / 5.8m x 190 x 40mm \$40 ea, 3 / 4.8 x 90 x 45mm \$15 ea, 1 / 4.2 x 90 x 45mm \$13 ea, 4 / 2.6m x 100 x 50mm \$10 ea, 2 / 2.6m x 90 x 45mm \$8 ea. **6372 2626**

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

Hay, small squares cut in late December, \$5 ea. **0447 151 871**

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

Wanted

Culvert pipes, call 0407 944 158

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the following people for their continued generosity and kindness toward the St Marys Salvation Army.

When wonderful friends support me with such Christ-like love, I stand on the mountaintop!

Then I can return to the Valley, and am more able to help those in need.

Don and Valerie Brown
Vicki Howard
Stuart Kerr
Meaghan Mackenzie and SMDS staff
Barney Trainor
David and Joanna Stronach

(Mel Norton)

Letters to the Editor

Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

Email: Phillip.Thompson@dpipwe.tas.gov.au

Wendy Dawson, Editor

Valley and East Coast Voice Inc.

St Marys TAS 7215

Dear Ms Dawson

Richardson road dam - St Marys

I refer to our previous emails in regard to the existing status of Crown Land containing the Richardson Road dam.

I also refer to previous emails and telephone conversations between Acting Break O'Day Council Mayor Hannah Rubenach and myself regarding this matter.

I have undertaken some research into the Crown land and the dam and can provide the following information:

The Crown land has a status of unallocated and was accessed in 2006 under the Crown Land Assessment and Classification Project (CLAC). The dam was noted within the report and comments were sought from the Break O'Day Council.

In 2007, Break O'Day Council comments noted that the land contained water supply infrastructure used for emergency purposes only and would consider having the site containing the dam transferred to local government ownership.

Given this statement, it was assumed by this department the area was being maintained by the Break O'Day Council.

I have managed to amass a small amount of history of the dam and recent events:

The dam was, apparently, constructed by council and used for irrigation purposes, construction date unknown.

In 1999, the irrigation scheme was abandoned after council sourced a new water supply via a bore.

In 2009, the dam was offered to the then Ben Lomond Water but was not accepted as an asset as the water supply was not required.

In January of 2014, Taswater received a complaint about platypus burrowing into the dam walls and sent officers to inspect the area. According to Taswater, their officers inadvertently assumed the infrastructure was managed by Taswater and decided to open the valve and drain the dam to prevent catastrophic failure. Taswater has since confirmed they believe the structure to be owned by Break O'Day Council.

Regarding questions raised by both Hannah Rubenach and yourself, I can provide the following information:

This department will continue to manage the entire Crown land area but is not in the position to maintain infrastructure. After inspecting the area and noting the water depth, vertical walls, unstable platform, the close proximity to a public road and inadequate fencing, this department will not be refilling the dam in its current state.

It may be possible for the area to be licensed, preferably by council, and the dam refilled; however as the structure has been drained, any rebuilding or repair works would need to be assessed and approved by the Water Management Branch. The concrete dam wall would also

require structural assessment.

It may be possible to lower the existing spillway to provide a water source for native wildlife but any works would also need to be approved by the Water Management Branch and the area licensed.

Tasmanian Fire Service has stated that, whilst the area may have been within their books as a possible source of water, they do not rely on any such water sources whilst fighting fires. It should be noted that there is another large dam approximately 900 metres north that could provide a similar source of water.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the officer nominated at the head of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Phil Thompson

Regional Property Officer North

CROWN LAND SERVICES

11 April 2014

Dear Editor,

The Cornwall Community Development Group put in a request to the committee of the St Marys Memorial Services Association asking if we would collaborate with them to commemorate A.N.Z.A.C Day Services. It was put forward for discussion and all members were in agreement. It was decided to alternate the dawn and 11am service each year. Therefore, on the 25th April St Marys will hold the Dawn Service starting at 6am followed by a Gunfire Breakfast. Cornwall will hold the 11am Service.

Next year St Marys will perform the 11am and Cornwall the 6am. We hope that this partnership will be met favourably by the community so we can all come together to remember our fallen.

Lest we forget.

Wendy Brennan, for and on behalf of the St Marys Memorial Services Association

East Coast and Fingal Valley Junior Football Association

AUSKICK Registration Day

Sunday 4th May.

10.30 start at the St. Marys Football ground.

All new players welcome.

AGM will start at 10.45

Free sausage sizzle!!!!

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**Fiona on 6372 2088 or Amanda on
6372 5220**

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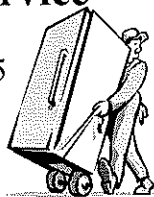
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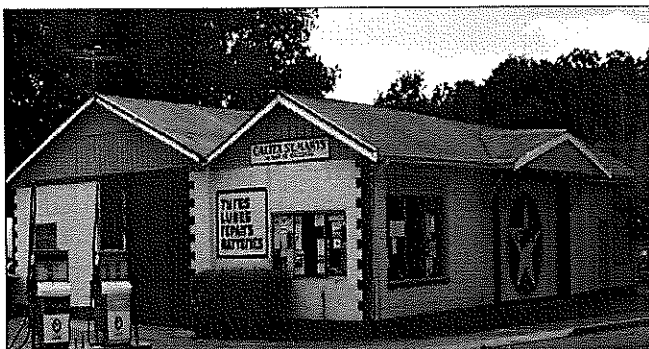
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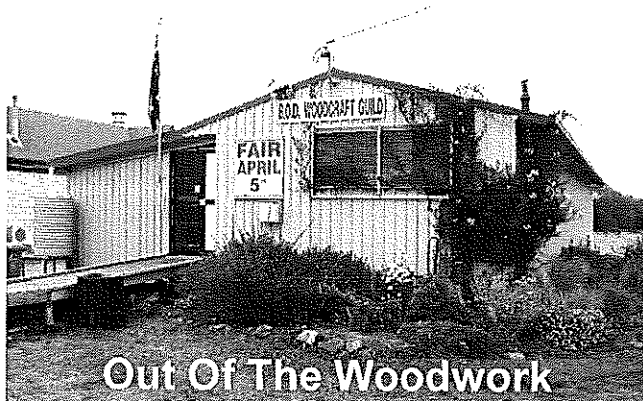
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Out Of The Woodwork

Wendy Brennan Secretary 6372 2094

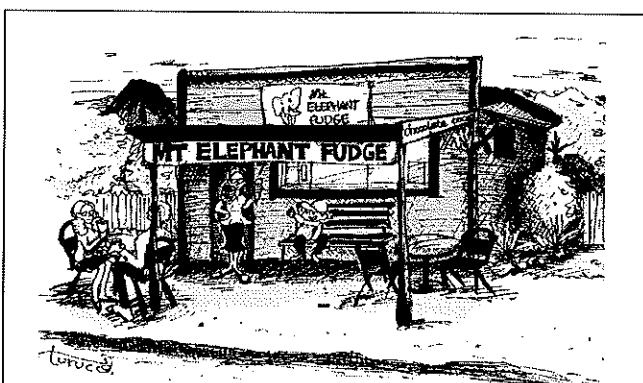
www.breakodaywoodcraftguild.weebly.co

www.facebook.com/pages/Break-ODay-Woodcraft-Guild-Mens-Shed/654672894597969

The Woodcraft Guild pays homage to the significance of A.N.Z.A.C Day.



LEST WE FORGET



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The Say...by Cagerattler



Last night ABC TV showed a story that revolved around the Australian car industry's demise, focusing mainly on GMH.

I am in real fear of this current philosophy of the Federal Government's policy on no longer subsidizing heavy industry. I think not helping these companies out is SO WRONG.

The main issue for me whilst watching this thought-provoking report was concern for the parts manufacturers (which number in the hundreds as it happens) that supply components to Ford, Holden and Toyota. One industry analyst said that 44,000 jobs were directly affected and about 198,000 indirectly. How can this happen?

Our Government has this seeming preoccupation with returning the economy to surplus, to the detriment of manufacturing industries. If I ever get the chance to ask a serving Federal Liberal member how they can sleep at night by supporting such policies I will. And it's not just the car industry either unfortunately - this stupidly selfish government policy is affecting, or will affect, so many other manufacturing arms and just so the Prime Minister can say "Oh good, we returned the economy to surplus."

Australia is one of the world's most resource-rich economies, yet downstream processing of our own resources jobs is being sent offshore so we can buy it back at cheap prices...Why can't Australian governments, of all persuasions, take a more holistic approach and definitely a much longer term look at things instead of all this rubbish? When we lose across-the-board manufacturing industries we lose our skills base too and become a country reliant on imports as time goes on; if we continue to pander to countries buying our country right from under our noses what do we finish up as?

It has to stop. We have to say to this crazy government 'You can't do this... Stick up for us... Don't sell us off'. I have a clear conscience. I didn't vote for this mob whose lack of support for the car industry hasn't helped at all.

Time to reflect on ANZAC Day...I was telling my US friend about ANZAC day and how we 'commemorate' rather than 'celebrate' this hugely important part of our identity as a nation, and how the sacrifices by the original diggers on April 25th 1915, the weeks and months before that day at the very early part of the Great War and in World War II, and all conflicts right up until now are not and never will be forgotten.

The ultimate sacrifice by so many, but also those who lived the rest of their lives with terrible handicaps and disabilities, cannot be allowed to be taken for granted - not ever.

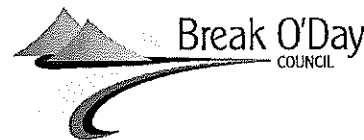
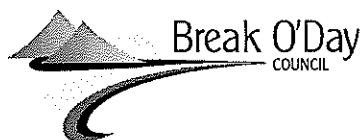
What do you think?

Rod McGiveron.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. Mark Twain

**Greens Senator
Christine Milne
briefed on
projects in Break
O'Day**

17th April 2014



Senator Christine Milne visited St Helens on April 17th 2014, as part of a regional tour. Senator Milne was briefed by Break O'Day Council officers and Acting Mayor Hannah Rubenach on a range of projects of significance and local challenges faced by the community.

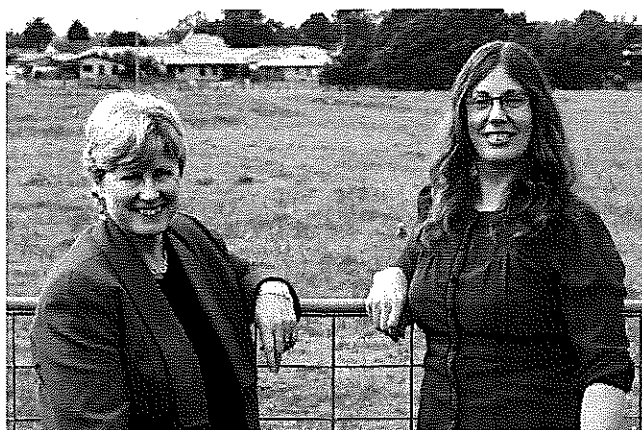
A presentation was given outlining major strategic projects forming Council's long term vision to upgrade infrastructure, improve accessibility and promote economic development.

Projects covered included key strategic infrastructure, such as the St Helens-Pelican Point and Barway Marine Infrastructure project to secure safe ocean access to Georges Bay, and the redevelopment of the St Helens Aerodrome with projected benefits for the seafood, dairy and tourism industries.

Council also detailed the comprehensive range of funding commitments made to the area prior to the state election, and advised that discussions with the Hodgman State Government regarding the delivery of these commitments are already underway. Senator Milne was pleased to hear about Council's proactive approach to strategic planning, and reinforced the need to incorporate the issue of climate change into plans for infrastructure and development.

Site visits followed the presentation, with Senator Milne and Acting Mayor Hannah Rubenach inspecting the proposed site for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital, as well as viewing the site for the proposed sinking of the HMAS Tobruk, off Binalong Bay, as an artificial reef and dive wreck.

For further information please contact Acting Mayor Hannah Rubenach on 0417 528 088.



Senator Christine Milne and Acting Mayor Hannah Rubenach inspect the proposed site for the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital

Rice grass menace returns to Georges Bay
10th April 2014

A new infestation of the rice grass weed was found in Georges Bay last month by University of Tasmania researchers surveying saltmarsh communities for an NRM North climate change adaptation project.

Rice grass is an aggressive estuary invader that alters estuary shores, changing water and sediment flows and destabilising ecosystems. Unchecked in Georges Bay it could rapidly spread around the Bay, potentially choking off-shoreline infrastructure, impacting the local aquaculture industry and increasing flood risks.

This new infestation is flowering (pictured below).

'NRM North is working with the Parks and Wildlife Service to quickly control it before it spreads around the Bay,' said Emma Williams, Coastal Coordinator at NRM North.

'If anyone thinks they have seen rice grass recently around Georges Bay or other estuaries please report the location to Break O'Day Council, the Parks and Wildlife Service or NRM North,' said Ms Williams.

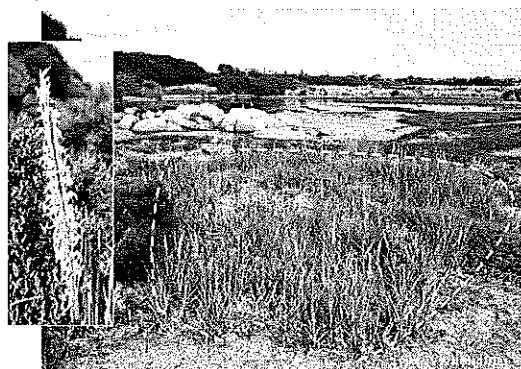
'Georges Bay has been invaded by rice grass before,' said Polly Buchhorn, Break O'Day Council's NRM Facilitator.

'From 1998 it took five years of effort by the Tasmanian Rice Grass Management Program to control two earlier infestations. Rice grass remains a serious uncontrolled weed in the Tamar and Rubicon and other estuaries. This new incursion in Georges Bay could have drifted around from the north coast of Tasmania. It is likely though that people brought it to Georges Bay again, in a boat or in mud on a vehicle or shoes or even in a beach bag. Another possibility is it may have established in another location in the Bay or nearby.'

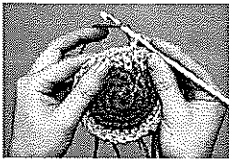
'Just as at home, good environmental hygiene is important when visiting your favourite fishing spots, beaches, bushland or any natural recreation destination,' said Mr Buchhorn. 'Hitching a ride is the best way for aquatic pests, weeds and soil pathogens to get around fast and become a headache for us, yet we often provide that free ride,' he said.

For more information contact NRM North on 6333 7777 or Break O'Day Council on 6376 7900.

Photo by V Prahalad of UTAS



Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House
FVNH is funded by the Dept of Health and Human Services

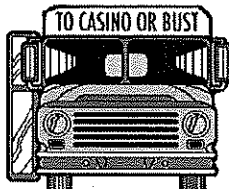
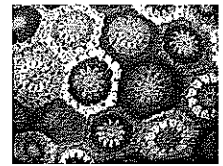


Basic Crocheting

Classes will be starting in April at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. once a fortnight for 1 to 2 hours in the afternoons.

NAMES NEEDED

If you are interested in learning basic crocheting please call us on 6374 2344 for more information.



Launceston Country Club Casino trip

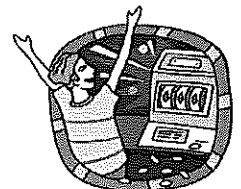
on Thursday May 1st 2014

Have a nice affordable meal at the water garden and a flutter if you want.

Bus fare: \$15 pp (does not include meal)

The FVNH commuter bus will leave at 5.30pm.

If you are interested, call into the office or phone 6374 2344 to book your seat.



WANTED

Volunteer drivers are required for the FVNH Inc. commuter bus and car. The bus is a 12-seater, both vehicles are automatic and no special licences are required. FVNH has zero drug and alcohol tolerance. If you're interested please call in to the Neighbourhood House for more info or phone 6374 2344.

EATING WITH FRIENDS *Happy Mother's Day*
MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON



Come along and join us at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc for a lovely early

Mother's Day Luncheon on

Wednesday May 7th 2014

Cost: \$10 per person and a gold coin donation for young children

Time: 12 noon for 12.30 start

If we meet the magical number of 50 people attending you have a chance to win \$50

Refreshments will be available

Contact us on 6374 2344 or call in to the office before Friday May 2nd 2014 to book your seat.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a great time!!



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Help celebrate Tasmania's
Neighbourhood House Week on
12th - 16th May, 2014

Come along to your friendly Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc.



- ◆ for a catch up with what's happening and be a part of your Neighbourhood House
- ◆ to help us plan the next part of the year with activities and ideas
- ◆ come along and be part of us.

Light lunches will be provided.

A gold coin donation would be welcomed for these lunches.



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Call Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. on
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Some Thoughts

What's your definition of a friend? What does friendship mean to you?

Most people have some knowledge of the 'Golden Rule'. You know it.... *'Do to others as you would have them do to you'*.

But where can I find that you ask? You'll find it in the Bible, in the Book of Luke, in the New Testament, chapter 6, verse 31.

In fact there's a great deal in the Bible about friends and friendship. Have you ever looked into all the Proverbs - there are hundreds of them, and so many of them teach great wisdom about relationships and friends.

Sometimes we're disappointed in our friends. Sometimes we feel let down, betrayed even.

But have we put them on a pedestal? Have we expected too much?

Have we given too much to the friendship, when in fact our gift of love was being taken for granted? Or have we just been misunderstood?

The very best friend is the one who knows the worst about us, but loves us anyway. That kind of friendship is probably the closest thing to 'perfection' in any kind of relationship.

For me that is best exemplified by my very personal relationship with Jesus. He is my absolute best friend. He *never* lets me down. He always listens to me, at any hour of the day. He loves me so much that He wants me to grow to be like Him. And that in turn makes me *want* to be more and more like Him in return.

This is not dissimilar to the way little boys want to be like 'daddy', so much so that they compete in the playground for whose Dad is the 'best'. And usually the Dads are very proud when they know that their sons want to be like them - I well remember when my boys would even put their hands in their pockets, just to copy their Dad!

Charles Caleb Colton (1780-1832) famously said *"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"*.

My heavenly Father wants me to be like His only son Jesus, in the same way - to reflect his character. As I learn to do that more and more, my always prayer is that I will be able to be a good friend to others.

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Mel Norton.



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Community Transport available fulltime

Tasmanians will now have fulltime access to the state's biggest not-for-profit, community transport service, thanks to new federal funding. Federal Lyons MP Eric Hutchinson said he was delighted to announce additional recurrent funding to CTST of more than \$750,000 would enable the organisation to operate across the state.

Community Transport Services Tasmania chief executive Stuart Davies said that its share of the HACC funding means the group could employ its regional coordinators fulltime.

"We were doing more than 90,000 passenger trips with part-time coordinators," Mr Davies said. "This will enable us to lift the number of passenger trips to 120,000." Community Transport Services Tasmania Inc. is unique nationally, Mr Davies said.

"We are just about the only one to provide urban, rural and regional transport across an entire state," he said. "There are other organisations that deliver transport as part of their broader services but we are the only organisation delivering specifically transport. We are an accredited transport operator but we are not a commercial transport service."

Mr Hutchinson said that government funding for CTS Tasmania was an excellent example of the very practical way the Federal Government was helping Australians live independently at home for as long as possible. He said other organisations to receive funding from this latest HACC round were also using it to expand existing services and create new ones.

"We know there is a real need in my Lyons electorate for community transport, domestic help and social support just as there is right across the state," he said. "It is often residents in rural and regional communities that become isolated. These kinds of services are essential for older people to stay safe and well, connected to their community and in control of their own lives."

Mr Davies said Community Transport had 10 transport coordinators using a fleet of about 70 vehicles (comprising cars, buses and about 370 volunteer drivers) in the service's ten districts across the state. He said that advances in medical technology meant many people were able to live at home longer but it also meant they needed reliable transport to access medical care, domestic supplies and other services to keep them living independently. He said a large proportion of Community Transport Services Tasmania's business was taken up with transport for non-urgent medical appointments.

Transport could include carrying a client from Circular Head, in the far North-West to Hobart or anywhere in between for social and non-emergency medical purposes.

Mr Davies said that the additional funding gave Community Transport the capacity for the first time to advertise and grow its services.

"Prior to the funding being awarded we were not in a position to advertise due to limited capacity of coordinator hours," he said.

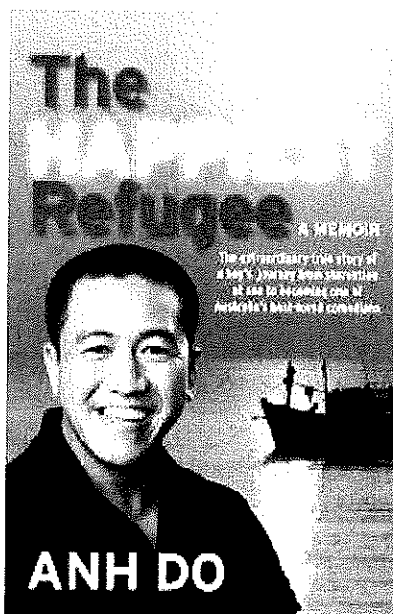
Mr Davies said that Community Transport Services Tasmania's state-wide service was a different operation to the state-funded community cars which were run by organisations and associations providing particular client outcomes.

Book Review

In April the Mt Elephant and Beyond Book Group met to discuss *The happiest refugee* by Vietnamese-born Australian Anh Do. At the 2011 Australian Book Industry Awards the book won the Book of the Year and Best Newcomer awards, and was joint winner of the Biography of the Year.

The happiest refugee is a memoir that follows Anh Do's journey from post-war Vietnam to the comedy stage, where he is one of Australia's most recognisable comedians. Anh Do was born in Vietnam in 1977. Despite the formal end of the Vietnam War and the merging of North and South Vietnam to form the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, hostilities were far from over. Hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese were sent to re-education camps, including two of Anh Do's uncles. Life for the defeated people of the former South Vietnam was far from easy and many fled the country.

Anh Do's father, Tam, rescued the two uncles and organised a boat to take the extended family of 40 people to safety. Their small fishing boat was attacked twice by pirates who stole everything from the refugees except a small amount of water. In the nick of time a German merchant ship rescued them and, after several months in a Malaysian refugee camp, Anh Do's family was accepted for resettlement in Australia.



On their arrival in Sydney Anh, his parents and younger brother Khao found Australia a welcoming and generous country. Determined to make a better life for their family the Dos worked hard and saved hard but this wasn't always enough. Anh's father invested in a duck farm that failed, losing not only the family's money but also that of his relatives. Tam Do had always been the go to man in his family and he keenly felt the responsibility for the failure. He sought solace in drink and finally deserted the family when Anh was 13 years old.

Anh's mother, Hien, struggled on alone to provide for the family, often working at several poorly paid jobs at once, but the children's education was not negotiable. Although Anh and Khao won part scholarships to St Aloysius College, uniforms and textbooks were still unaffordable.

Anh got by without textbooks by borrowing them from his friend Phil but, despite Hien's efforts to lengthen sleeves and transfer school badges to other clothes, he was still the boy in the uniform that wasn't quite right.

Anh contributed to the family finances where he could. At the age of 14 he developed a business breeding aquarium fish and later on he sold American Indian artefacts at markets. While at university he also began to work in clubs and pubs as a stand up comic. His long-standing ambition was to buy his mother a house.

After completing a degree in business law, Anh looked set to enter the corporate world but on realising that success in this sphere required a 60-hour working week, he decided instead to pursue a career as a comedian. He said yes to every job offer, a policy that landed him in some interesting situations. On one occasion he landed a gig at an RSL club, and it occurred to him that not so long ago many of the men there would have shot people that looked just like him.

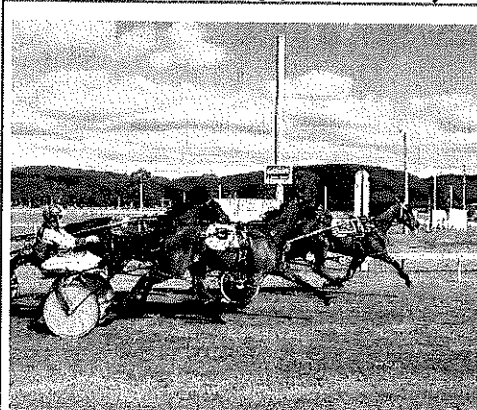
The book begins and ends with Anh meeting his father after an absence of many years. He expects to hate this man who abandoned the family and left them in such dire straits but after all Tam was his father, a man to whom he also owed a great deal. He often quotes Tam's favourite saying, 'There are two times in life, there's now and there's too late.'

The book is an interesting portrayal of the refugee experience and gives a more personal dimension to our perception of 'boat people'. Anh was only a toddler when his family came to Australia and the story of *The happiest refugee* is of course enhanced by a shared family history. The story is simply told and easy to read.

It is often funny and occasionally touching, while the determination and closeness of the family is quite inspiring.

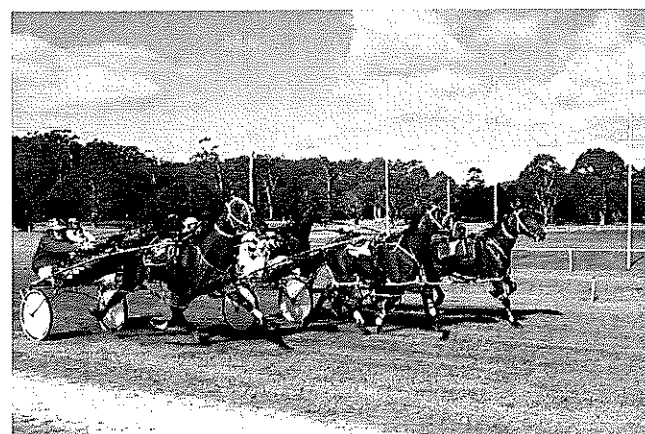
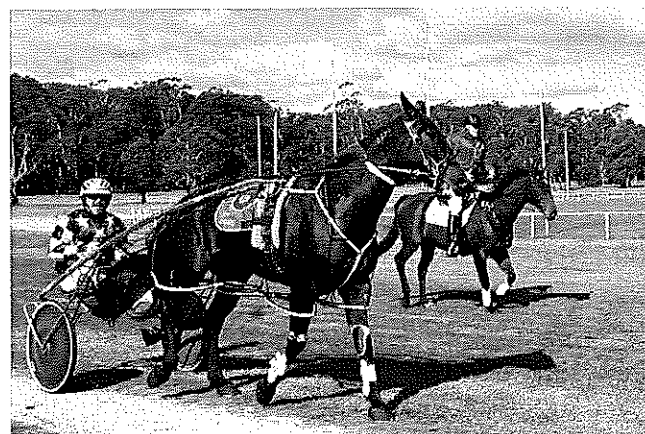
And yes, Anh did buy his mum a house.

Lindy Scripps



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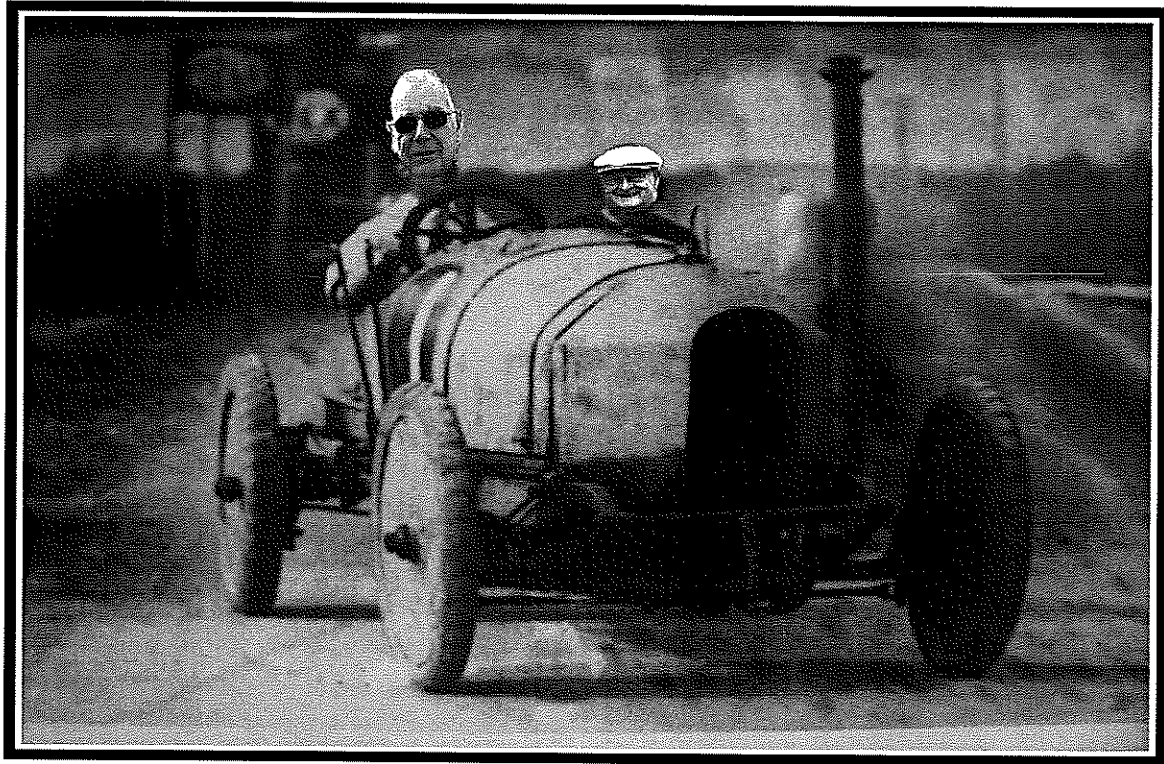
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The People Poles Project

St Marys Tasmania



Our St Marys People Poles Project submission to the Tasmanian Community Fund for \$90,000.00, after a lot of hard work, is finally on its way.

It was a huge job, much bigger and time consuming than I had realized so many thanks to Ian Whitehouse and Jane Grosvenor for compiling the original draft working document, Mary Knowles who provided valuable feedback and input, Wendy Dawson from the Valley Voice who edited and to Glyn Johnson who proof read the final document. Also special thanks to Rita Summers from Gone Rustic who provided comments and encouragement and to Graham and Margaret Derbyshire and Postmistress Sue who tolerated my stress and provided support, as did all my animals especially Pippa and Billy!



Please be aware that, regardless of the outcome of the TCF grant submission,

the People Poles Project will continue, perhaps just a little slower. We have already raised nearly \$2,000.00 and we are still taking donations, plus there are other grants we will apply for, potential corporate sponsors and sponsors of individual People Poles.

The next stage will be to start researching to decide which characters will be represented and we will be welcoming your ideas and input, especially details of actual historical characters including old photographs. We hope to then have a list and drawings of possible characters, and their likely locations, which can become our work plan.

With the funds we have already raised we will be producing at least one portable model People Pole, approximately 1/3 the full size, which can be shown to potential sponsors and funding bodies, plus a number of "mini-models" to be distributed around local businesses to illustrate the project and possibly sell for further fund raising. Postmistress Barbara Longue and Heather from Madd=Mudd will also be working on creating "Peg People" from wooden clothes pegs and we hope the community, especially our young people, will become involved in doing this.

Finally, many many thanks to all the contributors and donors who enabled the project to get underway. Your support is truly appreciated.

Diana Foster (Coordinator)

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See you all soon!!!!

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Tasmania's Education Minister has taken the first step in the Government's plan to extend 21 Tasmanian high schools to Year 12.

Jeremy Rockliff has written to the state's 28 regional schools for expressions of interest in taking part. The policy will cost \$45.5m over four years. Mr Rockliff says four schools will be extended in time for first term next year. The Government has set aside \$6m to upgrade schools and employ up to five new teachers at each of the first four schools. He expects many other schools will apply.

"It has been expressed that a number of high schools, a number of regional and rural areas around Tasmania are

excited about this prospect," he said. "We know that to get the best chance for our students is to invest in education but also of course extend their school years to grade 12." The following schools have been invited to express interest:

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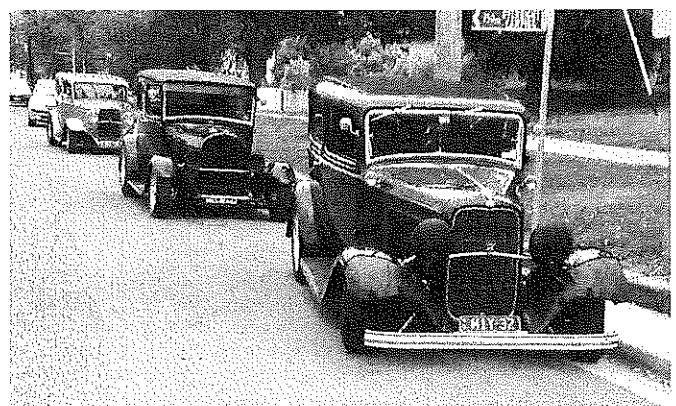
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Thousands of parents illegally home schooling by Ian Townsend

As a new school year begins, more than 50,000 Australian children will be home-schooled and in most cases, their parents are doing so illegally. It is compulsory to send children between the ages of six and 16 to school, or register them for home schooling, but more parents are opting out of the traditional school system and keeping their children at home. However, thousands of parents across the country are not registered and that means they potentially face prosecution. Governments have been reluctant to take legal action, but in a landmark case last October, Bob Osmak from the Home Schooling Association of Queensland was prosecuted for not registering with the Home Education Unit to home school his 13-year-old daughter.

Mr Osmak had home-schooled his nine children. He was charged under the Queensland Education Act that says parents have to enrol children of compulsory school age in a school, or register them for home schooling. Mr Osmak was found guilty and fined \$300 plus costs.

"I didn't register with the Home Education Unit. I refused to do that because I see education as something of a parental right," he said. "We as parents know and love our children best. It's not some cold faceless bureaucrat in the education department that knows what's best for your child. Many home-schooling families kind of do it secretly because they fear Education Queensland taking legal steps against them and so forth, sending police to the door and that kind of thing."

Underground education There are 942 children registered with the Home Schooling Unit this year, but Mr Osmak believes there may be another 10,000 home schooling underground in Queensland. During the past decade the home-schooling community has boomed, thanks to the internet and the availability of how-to-do-it kits and mail-order curricula. At a get-together of home schoolers in a suburban park in Brisbane, one mother, Cindy, said she was about to start home schooling her son but was afraid of the paperwork involved.

"I'm not planning (on registering) because of the work involved," she said. "I'm not very organised and disciplined in that sense so that would be a big thing for me to undertake."

Cindy is one of a large number of underground home schoolers but the secrecy and distrust has made it difficult for

researchers to get hard data on whether home schooling produces a better or worse education.

"There is this sense of distrust; this general sense that 'the Government doesn't tell us what we need to know. It's like they don't want us to exist,'" said Glenda Jackson, who did her PhD on home schooling at Monash University. "We can't find the families to do a population sample testing that's even, and when you interview, when you're doing research with these parents, they can be very suspicious about who you are and why you're doing the research."

Why home school? The Tasmanian Home Education Advisory Council recently asked its 600 registered parents why they decided to home school in the first place. 17% said the main reason was religion, nearly half listed philosophical reasons, 27% were not happy with the local school and 7% had children with special needs.

The challenge now for education departments around Australia is to get home-schooling parents to agree to some form of monitoring of their children's education.

"Standards exist for a reason and they're about the kids, not about the parents and their ideas about what they should do," said the acting manager of the Queensland Home Education Unit, Hanne Worsoe. "That's why we live in a civil society that provides that capacity to represent children and to monitor their educational needs. If people aren't registered I'd say you're breaking the law, and if you're doing the right thing by your kids you've got nothing to hide."

abc.net.au/news/2012-01-28/thousands-of-parents-illegally-home-schooling/3798008

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Has Apple maps found the Loch Ness Monster?

A mysterious shadowy form spotted using Apple's satellite map app has Nessie believers convinced that the sea monster has been found. Since its inception in the 6th century, the legend of Nessie has endured unreliable sightings, doctored photos and faked footprints, but a satellite image has given fresh hope to believers. The image depicts a shadowy form of around 100 feet in length with something akin to flippers in the water of the Loch Ness.

"We've been looking at it for a long time trying to work out exactly what it is," Gary Campbell, president of the Official Loch Ness Monster Fan Club, told the Daily Mail. "It looks like a boat wake, but the boat is missing. We've shown it to boat experts and they don't know what it is."

After studying the image for six months, and with apparently no other obvious explanation, the Club has concluded that shadow is probably the Loch Ness Monster.

"Whatever this is, it is underwater and heading south, so unless there have been secret submarine trials going on in the loch, the size of the object would make it likely to be Nessie," Campbell said.

One of the spotters, Andrew Dixon from Darlington, said: "It was a total fluke that I found it. I was looking at satellite images of my town and then just thought I'd have a look at Loch Ness. The first thing that came into my head when I saw it was, 'That's the Loch Ness Monster'."

This supposed sighting is the first reported in 18 months, the longest that Nessie has been missing since 1925. All three sightings of the monster in 2013 were found to be fake – one was a duck, one was a wave and one wasn't even taken at Loch Ness. Article by Zachary Davies Boren, 19 Apr 2014 telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/10775966/Has-Apple-maps-found-the-Loch-Ness-Monster.html

The shadowy form measures around 30.48 metres and has been studied for six months by experts at the Official Loch Ness Monster Fan Club
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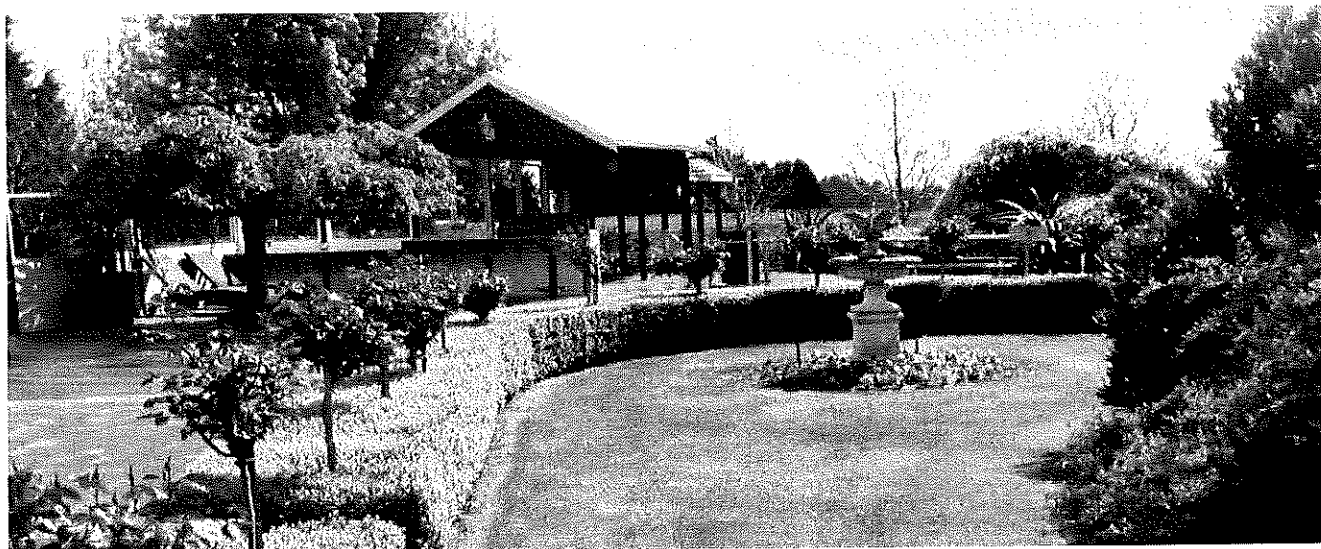
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History or Mystery? Harold John Hooper (b. 1888) and Florence Celia Terry (b. 1889)

Part 1

Any family historian knows, or should know, that not all the information he or she uncovers will be palatable. Skeletons in the closet, family secrets – these can come to light as pleasant or unpleasant surprises. It's also a bit of a shock when we find that certain 'facts' passed down to us are not facts at all. [I first came across this in my research on the Aram family (see earlier article entitled *Who is Sarah Major?*).]

Just over the past few days, another discrepancy has been found – this time in the Hooper/Terry family. Family members have believed for almost 80 years that Flo Hooper, nee Terry, died from drowning due to a shipwreck near Swan Island off Eddystone Point. Her husband, known as Jack, apparently watched helplessly from the shore as the boat sank. He was the keeper at Eddystone Lighthouse at the time this was supposed to have happened.

It all began when I came across a death notice in the Examiner Newspaper, dated 4 April 1928:

On the 3rd April 1928, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. D. Sharp, Branhholm, Florence, beloved wife of H. J. Hooper, Eddystone Lighthouse and fifth daughter of Eliza and the late Charles Terry, Gould's Country, aged 38 years. (No mourning by request.)

As you can imagine, we were surprised to find that Flo had actually died at her sister's home. We were also puzzled as to why there was 'no mourning by request'. When I receive an answer to my email to Archives Tasmania about the actual cause of death, we might better understand why this clause was inserted into the death notice.



H J (Jack) Hooper and Florence Cecilia Hooper, m. 1916

My husband then remembered that we had a photograph of his great-aunt Flo's headstone, although at that stage we didn't know where she was buried. When we found it, the inscription on the headstone confirmed the date and her age, but not much else.

With the help of an online genealogical group, a funeral notice was unearthed, also from the Examiner Newspaper:

HOOPER - The funeral of the late Mrs. Florence Hooper is appointed to leave 63 York Street This Day (Wednesday, April 4) at 1 o'clock, for interment in Carr Villa Cemetery.

This helped us to identify where Flo is buried. However, no funeral service is mentioned, just 'interment'. The mystery deepens.

I decided to go right back to the beginning and re-check all the dates and other information researched so far in order to attempt to find out the truth.

The first thing I discovered was that there seems to be some confusion between two men, i.e. our Jack (H J Hooper) and another man called Robert John Hooper (or R J Hooper).

Robert was older than Jack, having been born 14 years earlier. If Flo was his wife, she would have been 13 years younger than him. This in itself is not

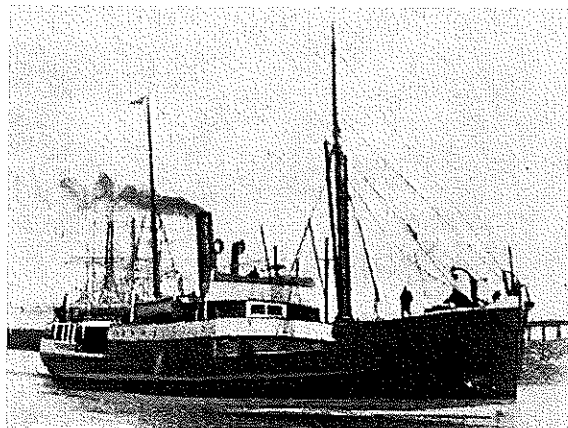
unusual. Amazingly, when I began researching Robert, I found that he also had been a lighthouse keeper! Not on the East Coast, but on the West Coast, near Strahan.

I was also astonished to find that Robert's wife and two sons had died in a shipwreck in 1907, when the steamship *Kawitiri* went down as the result of stormy weather and rogue waves. Could this indeed be our Flo?

The dates just didn't add up. The Examiner Newspaper, in its report on the tragedy (dated 14 August, 1907), listed the children's names and ages as William Walter Hooper, 5 years, and Horace Jack Hooper, 7 years. Our Flo would have been only 18 years old, and it was extremely unlikely that she would have had children aged 5 and 7 years.

As more information came to light, it seems that other genealogists also confused the two men, R J and H J Hooper. Some information they shared with me was helpful, but in some respects we are none the wiser as to what really happened. However, we were able to identify the Mrs. Hooper who died as Marion, R J Hooper's first wife.

My mother-in-law was about 14 years old when our Flo died in 1928. Yet she had been told that her Aunt Flo had died by drowning due to shipwreck. What really happened? Did the family find it convenient to use the story of what happened to another Mrs. Hooper as a substitute to the truth? If so, why?



The S.S. Kawitiri which was wrecked at Macquarie Heads, Tasmania on the night of August 13th, 1907.

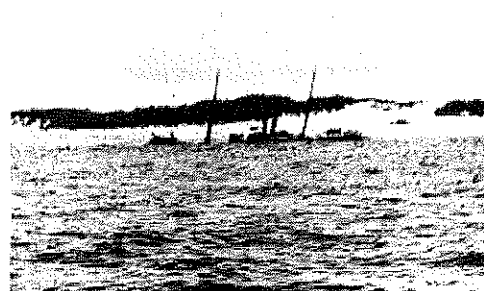
P. Mason, Photo, in the Australasian.

I tried another tactic. I began searching for a shipwreck near Swan Island or Eddystone Lighthouse. I could not find any information about a shipwreck or drowning in the area during the year 1928.

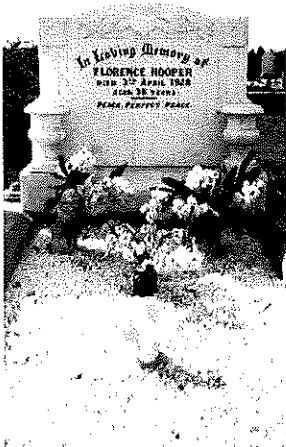
Of course, this doesn't mean on its own that the Swan Island incident didn't happen. However, in the light of all the other discrepancies, it does seem unlikely.

In the article entitled *Working Backwards to 1747* (Vol 46 No 20) I shared a photo of Flo and her sisters. They were attractive girls, and it didn't take long for them to be courted by the young men of the day.

Flo was no exception. After being courted by her dashing beau, the inevitable wedding took place in 1916. The wedding photo shows a happy young woman in all her bridal finery standing with her hand resting on the shoulder of a well-dressed man who looks very pleased with himself.



The S.S. Kawatiri



*Gravestone of Florence
Cecilia Hooper, d. 1928*

So, what really did happen to Flo?

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Scientists call for end of handouts to parent who don't vaccinate their children.

A group of eminent scientists has called on the Abbott Government to crack down on handouts to parents who refuse to vaccinate their children. According to the latest National Health Performance Authority report there are 75,002 children aged five and under not fully immunised with one in five of those, or 14,869 children, registered as conscientious objectors in 2012-13. Registered conscientious objectors can obtain the family tax benefit A supplement immunisation bonus worth \$2100. The Australasian Virology Society, The Australasian Society for Immunology and The Australian Society for Microbiology, who collectively represent approximately 4000 of Australia's most prominent researchers, clinicians and scientists, have written to the government calling for action to close the loophole.

Eminent biologist Sir Gustav Nossal said conscientious objectors were making a mockery of the system put in place to increase vaccination.

"I am not in favour of these people getting a financial benefit for not vaccinating their children," Sir Nossal said. "Almost 8% of Australians do not have their children vaccinated and only 2% of those are genuine conscientious objectors, and if that was all there were it wouldn't be too bad, but the other 6% are not informed and just heard in the supermarket vaccination was bad, they are not genuine conscientious objectors."

"No other government on the planet pays people to NOT get their kids vaccinated," added Dr Peter Speck, from the Australasian Virology Society. "Childhood vaccination rates in some regions of Australia are falling to dangerously low levels. The current system in which parents can refuse vaccinations for their children yet still receive the incentive sends a mixed message to the community and ultimately endangers lives. Under this policy, the rate of conscientious objection increased by over 600% between 1999 and 2012," the scientists wrote.

Last year, during the Sunday and Daily Telegraph's No Jab No Play campaign which called for an end to government handouts to conscientious objectors, Prime Minister Tony Abbott promised that if his government was elected, parents who, without a legitimate medical reason chose not to vaccinate their children, would no longer receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A Supplement.

"To date, the Australian Federal Government has not implemented the promised changes. We call on the Government to implement its promise to encourage parents to vaccinate their children by making this a requirement for the Family Tax Benefit Part A Supplement, unless there is a legitimate medical reason to not do so," the scientists said.

A statement from the Department of Human Services confirmed conscientious objectors were within their rights to claim the immunisation bonus. "All parents who declare a conscientious objection to immunisations and who are otherwise eligible for and have claimed Family Tax Benefit would have received payment in the last year," a spokesman said.

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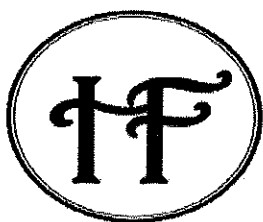
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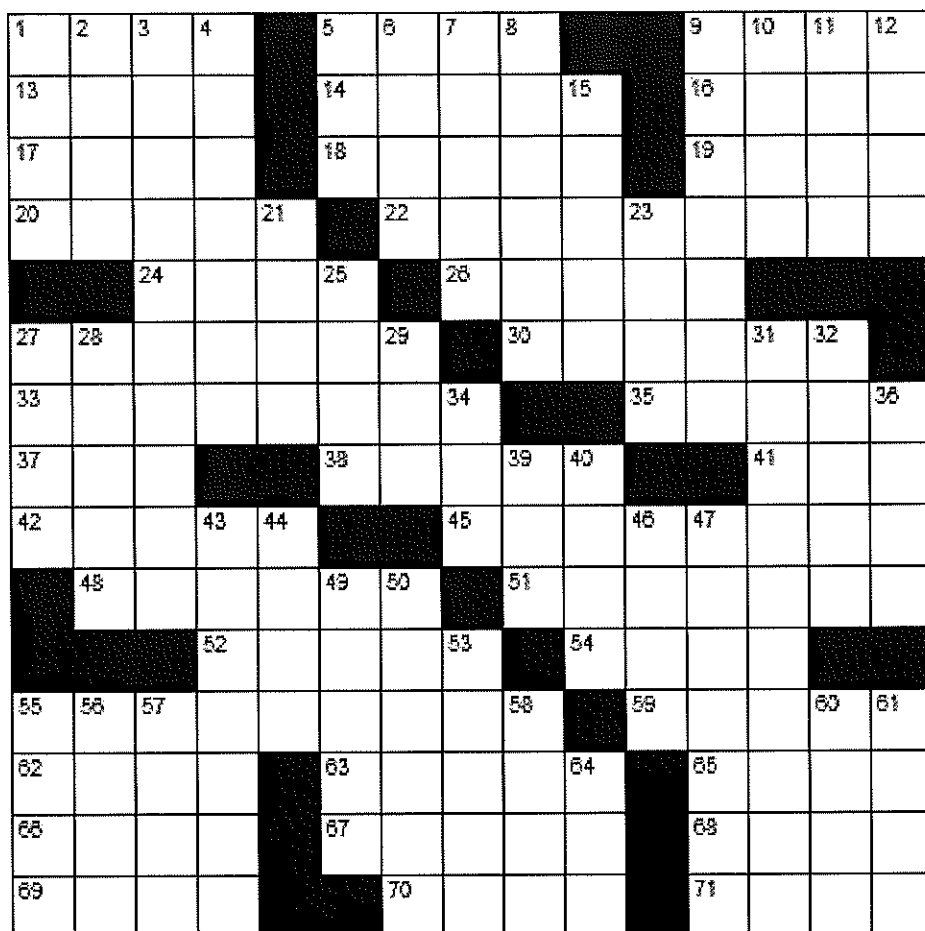
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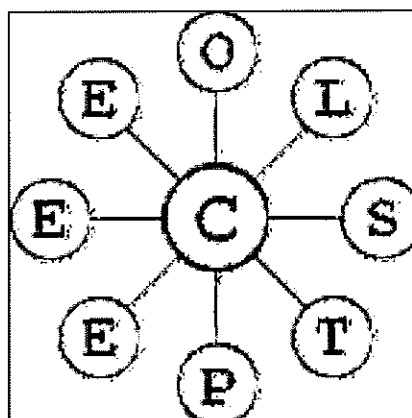
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7. Discussion group
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9. Procession
10. Margarine
11. Teller of untruths
12. Small boat
15. Creepy
21. Frost
23. Colored part of an eye
25. Sexual assault
27. Decree
28. Arm of the sea
29. Pen part
31. Vacillation
32. Balderdash
34. Point
36. Hurried
39. Chemist's workplace
40. Afflicts
43. Ask someone to marry you
44. Found in a cafeteria
46. Weaving machine
47. Due
49. Academy award
50. Rampaged
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| 13. Leave out | 37. Former boxing champ | 68. Diving bird |
| 14. Humiliate | 38. African virus | 69. If not |
| 16. Hodgepodge | 41. Take in slowly | 70. Consider |
| 17. A climbing plant | 42. Lure | 71. Terminates |
| 18. Numbskull | 45. Car exhaust system part | |
| 19. Back | 48. Panic | |
| 20. Fragrant oil | 51. Distended | |
| 22. Area | 52. Fertile area in a desert | |
| 24. Arab chieftain | 54. Kind of bean | |
| 26. France's longest river | 55. Nonsense | |
| 27. He fights blazes | 59. An exact duplicate | |
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How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central C and no letter can be used twice, however, the letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are. Can you find the nine letter word? Excellent: 51 words. Good: 40 words. Average: 30 words.

Tasmania's East Coast named as one of Australia's best driving holidays

by Tracey Button 18th April 2014



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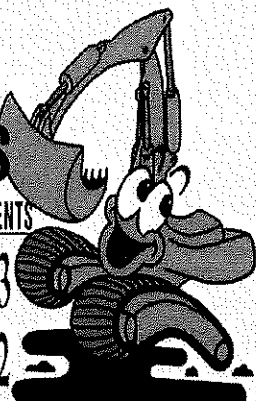
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- Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 24 April **Healthy House**– Amanda Beams *Free* Health Check and Nutritional Consultation. Every 2nd Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm. To make an appointment please phone 6376 5242
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 25 April **ANZAC DAY**– Public Holiday
- 28 April **TML Psychologist**– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388
- 29 April **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday– Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 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.
- 30 April **TAZREACH**– Antenatal Clinic with Katie. For appointments please see your GP.
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- 1 May **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- Relationships Australia**– Leanne McMurtie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
- 2 May **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- 5 May **Hospital Auxiliary Meeting** 2:00pm in the Family Room

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

- 5 May **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.
- 6 May **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday– Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Lightfoot Podiatry**– Perry Daly. Phone 6331 9568 for appointments.
- 7 May **Physiotherapist**– Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- 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.
- 8 May **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- 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
- 9 May **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments.
- Stepping Out Program** 10:00am-2:00pm. Please phone Fiona Watts at LINC for details on 6376 2742.

The St Marys Community Health Centre will be commencing a protocol around meal times. This will be known as Protected Meal Times. Research has found that a percentage of patients on leaving Hospital appear to be more malnourished than on admission.

What are protected meal times? Protected Meal Times enables quiet time for patients to eat meals without interruptions.

How can you help?

– Avoid visiting at meal times unless assisting with patients to eat their meals

– Understand why staff may ask you to leave during meal times

Meal times are: 11:45am-12:45pm and 4:45pm-5:45pm

SPORT NEWS

St Marys Sports and Social Club

Thursday 5.30-7.30 Friday 5.30-close.

Happy Hour 6.30-7.30.

Sunday 1.30-4.30

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

A good time was had by all who attended the dinner.

Thank you to the ladies for once again putting on a terrific meal, your time and effort is always appreciated.

Bowls trophies were presented and went to the following people:

Club Singles Champion – John McDonald

Club Pairs Champions – Liz Baldwin & Nicky Leedham

Club Junior All-Rounder – Liam Davern

Most Improved Junior - Joel Cox

Thanks to the Bowls President, Secretary, selectors and green keepers for all the work they have done over the year.

And where would we be without our other volunteers? A big thank you to you all, you know who you are!

GOOD FRIDAY 'SWISH & FISH' Reverse Course

A bit of rain couldn't put a dampener on this very successful day!

32 players battled the elements and another ten joined us for fish and chips.

Troy's "Caravan Crushers" took out the major prize, closely followed by "Rogers Regrets". There were numerous other prizes presented on the day.

A special thank you to the Donald and Spilsbury families for sponsoring the day.

This day was so successful that a decision has been made to combine the reverse course and Swish and Fish on Good Friday again next year. Thanks Macca for running the competition.

CLUB RAFFLES

All raffles were drawn on Good Friday. Thanks to all members who bought or sold tickets. Winners for the Easter Raffle were:

1st Prize Julie Flynn (Launceston)

2nd Prize D Praciak (Launceston)

3rd Prize Phil (Lake Leake)

The Milwaukee power tool was won Tamika Davern.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Please members, consider supporting this function. It's a great opportunity to take Mum out for that special day or even Dad for that matter, because it's not restricted to the lady of the house. Everyone is welcome! Details on page 18 of this edition.

JAG THE JOKER and MEMBERS DRAW!

Jackpot is now \$240 so come along on Friday evening and have a go. Just \$2 a ticket and open to members and non members. Members Draw is a carton of beer but you must be there to win it.

BLACK ROCK SUNDAY

Details of each week's game are on the board in the club.

Annette Wines Secretary

A Phone Rings



I'm walking down a deserted street in Hobart when I hear the phone ringing in a public box. I pick it up.

'Hello?' I say.

'Hey Louie, is dat you?' The accent is straight from Chicago.

'No, this is Peter.'

'You ain't Louie Veccionni, runs a joint down on 23rd Street, drives a big Stutz Bearcat?'

'No, I'm Bill Greer. I write fiction. I live in Mathinna and I drive a small Toyota Rav4.'

'Shit,' says the Chicago voice. 'I only got time for one phone call and this is it. Okay, listen kid. You want to make a hundred bucks?'

'Sure,' I say.

'Okay, get your arse down to Louie's joint and tell him Sam says it's all going down tomorrow night. Got that?'

'Got it,' I replied. 'How do I find Louie's place?'

'Take a cab. Tell the driver Big Louie's. They all know it.'

I look out into the street. It's busy now, bumper to bumper traffic. All big, old American cars. I hail a Packard with a taxi sign on its roof and jump into the back seat. I look for seat belts and there aren't any.

'Take me to Big Louie's,' I say.

The air in Big Louie's speakeasy is thick with cigar smoke. The dance floor is packed with bodies, moving to some hot jazz. I make my way to the bar. The barman puts a china cup in front of me.

'Two bucks,' he says.

I keep my money in my pocket. 'I've got a message for Big Louie,' I say.

He points to a fat guy at a table near the band. I go over and deliver the message.

Big Louie grins. 'Hey, punk,' he says, 'this is good news. You've just earned yourself a C-note.' He tucks a hundred dollar bill into my top pocket. I turn to go and I am face to face with a beautiful girl.

'You're not leaving?' she asks.

I gaze into her big brown eyes and I am telling her that nothing is further from my mind when she looks over my shoulder, screams and dives under the table. I look where she's looking and see three guys with sub-machine guns. I am under the table with the girl when the guys open up. There are bullets flying everywhere, and lots of them end up in Big Louie, who is not as quick as me at getting under a table.

I think about my situation. My worry is that the guys with the guns might not want to leave any witnesses. The guys are between me and the door. It won't be long before they look under the table; this is a desperate situation.

But wait! I'm a fiction writer. This is only a first draft - nothing that a re-write can't fix.

I'm walking down a deserted street in Hobart when I hear the phone ringing in a public box. I think *Must be a wrong number*. I ignore it and walk on.

Bill Greer, Mathinna



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Specials from 23rd ~ 29th April 2014

Butchery	per kg
Leg of lamb	10.99
Lamb bbq chops	8.99
Gerello roast	8.99
Bacon hocks	6.75
IGA chicken breast fillets	12.99
Coolroom & Freezer	
Ski yoghurt 1kg	4.99
Eta 5 star spread 500g	1.99
Kraft Chilli Philly 250g	2.99
Barons Table hamburgers 400g	3.49
McCain frozen peas 1kg	2.99
Shelves	
Kleenex toilet tissue 8pk	3.99
Duo laundry powder 500g	1.89
Continental cup-a-soup 2pk	.99
Nescafe Blend 43 coffee 250g	9.99
Bushells teacup bags 100s	2.99

Specials from 30th April ~ 6th May 2014

Butchery	per kg
Rump steak	10.99
Nichols 6 legged chicken	4.99
Beef mince	9.99
Beef casserole steak	9.99
Corned silverside	6.99
Taste Tasmania	
Juicy Isle long life juice 2L	2.69
Birds eye frozen peas 1kg	3.49
Duck River soft butter 375g	3.49
Tamar Valley greek yoghurt 700g	4.99
National traditional meat pies 1.3kg	12.99
Only \$1.99ea	
Cadbury fingers/Freddo choc biscuits 125-200g 150g	
Dove milk chocolate 150g	
Arnotts Clix/savoy/shapes 160-250g	
Natural Confectionery Co. bags 140-200g	
Sour patch kids 170g	

Bacon Hock Soup



- 1 bacon hock
- 4 cups (1 litre) chicken stock
- 4 cups (1 litre) water
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 cloves
- 8 peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 8 medium potatoes, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 400g tin chickpeas, drained
- 1 cup peas
- fresh parsley, chopped

Simmer ham hock in large covered saucepan with water, stock, peppercorns, cloves and bay leaves for 1½ hours. Remove hock and set aside to cool. In another saucepan, sauté the onions in the oil. Stir in the potatoes and carrot. Strain in the stock. Peel the hock, chop the meat then add it in. Bring to a boil then cover. Simmer until potatoes are cooked. Stir in peas and chickpeas then when heated, add parsley.

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