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Lions Club of St Marys Annual Christmas Party and Parade

Christmas Eve Wednesday
December 24th 2014

Party begins at 3pm - Santa arrives at 3.45pm
Parade entrants assemble in Newman Street at 4.45pm
Parade begins 5pm sharp

To comply with Police safety regulations, everyone on a float must be seated. No throwing of lollies from floats.
We would appreciate help from three Lollypop Traffic Controllers for the Parade.

Children's bike entrants to assemble at the Library.
Because of our Club's dwindling numbers, we would appreciate some assistance on the day with our BBQ, issue giveaway raffle tickets, hand-out drinks, chips and ice creams.

Free Jumping Castle Bucking Bull Rides
Face Painting



Get Ready

Bushfire Season is Coming

Tasmanian Fire Service

in conjunction with

Falmouth Fire Brigade

will be conducting a

Bushfire Information session
for

Falmouth, Four Mile Creek and
surrounding area residents

Saturday December 13th 2014 at 12pm

A sausage sizzle will be held prior to the information presentation. All residents are welcome to attend

Information regarding Bushfire Survival Planning, Property Preparation and Shared Responsibility will be disseminated

Learn about how to make your property more able to survive a vegetation fire

Discuss your Bushfire Survival Plan, and whether you intend to *Stay and Defend*, or *Leave Early*

Please come to discuss your fire season planning
Know the Risk - Make a Plan

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St Helens Neighbourhood House Market Day - December 7th

Carols by Candlelight St Helens foreshore - December 13th

Christmas Carols in the Park, Avoca - December 20th

Lions Club Christmas Parade St Helens/St Marys - December 24th

St Marys Twilight Races - January 1st

Oceania Orienteering Championships and World Cup Round One St Helens - January 9-12th

St Helens Rotary Regatta and Wood Chopping Carnival - January 24th

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

On Monday November 10th I, along with approximately 100 other people, were privileged to attend the Tasmania Opportunity statewide leaders summit in Launceston. It was such a day of positives and hope, I feel I must share briefly.

The Tasmania Opportunity is a growing, multi-sectorial leadership initiative, assisting our governments. Tasmanians, Australians and asylum seekers all benefit in a plan to transition Australia's asylum seeker processing from the extremely expensive current offshore locations to the smarter, cheaper, safer option - Tasmania. The Tasmanian Opportunity is formulating a proposal in national and state best interests to:

- ♦ comply with international law
- ♦ redeem Australia's relations and reputation
- ♦ invest \$1b p/a into Tasmania
- ♦ create substantial economic growth and new jobs by focussing on capacity-building investment and empowering small enterprises
- ♦ relieving pressure on Tasmania's health, education, infrastructure and development budgets
- ♦ strengthening government agencies and service organisations

abc.net.au/news/2014-11-10/tasmania-seen-as-humane-asylum-seeker-processing-centre/5880104

Guest speakers for the day:

Mr Damon Thomas, former Hobart Lord Mayor
Misha Coleman, Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce
Mr Hung Nguyen, prominent Tasmanian surgeon
Julian Burnside QC, recipient Sydney Peace Aware

Letters of support were presented from:

Professor Of Law Tim McCormack, Melbourne Law School
Hon Bryan Green
Malcom Fraser
Hon Margaret Reynolds

Did you know it's currently costing approximately \$61m p/month to finance a private company to operate Manus Island Detention Centre?

In the Christmas season of goodwill, will you take the opportunity to look at this wonderful Tasmania Opportunity?

Beverley Rubenach, Gray

Dear Editor

In Valley Voice 15th November, Cagerattler rightly said we would be inspired and proud when we read the story of a brave Tasmanian sailor who gave his life to save his mates. This was "Teddy" Sheean, a young Tasmanian. I have been interested in Teddy's story since moving to Tasmania in 1999, and have collected several articles from newspapers and other sources, following the progress of his family's efforts to get a VC awarded to him. I quote from one article: "in 2008, The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal ruled that it was technically and legally impossible for Ordinary Seaman Sheean to be awarded a

Victoria Cross." What rubbish! Was it technically and legally impossible for Teddy to die?

It is hard to understand the reasoning behind this ruling, but maybe because he has already been honoured with the naming of a submarine after him, a Memorial Walk in Latrobe, an oil painting depicting his last moments hanging in the Australian War Memorial, and a bar in his name in HMAS Cerberus, the authorities do not consider his courageous act is worthy of a VC as well. Well, many members of the public, his family and nephew Garry Ivory, and former Senator Guy Barnett, would strongly disagree with them.

Sadly, Teddy isn't the only Tasmanian sailor to be ignored. Francis "Dick" Emms from Launceston was in Darwin when the city was attacked by the Japanese. He lost his life by manning a machine gun although he was actually a cook on the ship at the time, but had been trained as a gunner. Dick was mortally wounded but stayed with the gun and later died from his wounds on a hospital ship. Former Senator Guy Barnett has also been instrumental in seeking a VC for Dick, so far to no avail. Dick was a little older than Teddy, married and had a daughter. I don't know if the R.A.N. still comes under the authority of the British Admiralty as apparently it was at the time of WW2, but it is to be hoped that by now the Royal AUSTRALIAN Navy will be able to make their own judgements and accept the facts given to them about these brave men's actions, and any others who are worthy of recognition.

Thank you Cagerattler for bringing up this topic. As you can see in answer to your last question - This is What I Think!!

Toni Brewster, Chain of Lagoons



Celebrate
what's
great!

Australia Day –

Monday 26 January, 2015

Break O'Day Council Australia Day Committee invites producers of local food and beverage to be part of our annual Australia Day celebrations to be held on the St Helens Foreshore, St Helens. The event will run from 9am -2pm with various events and music from 11am. This event also offers a great fundraising opportunity to community groups, sporting and service clubs.

If you would like to be part of this event, could you please contact *Chris Hughes* on 6376 7900 or email chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au by no later than the 19th December, 2014.

Chris Hughes

Manager, Community Services | **Break O'Day Council**

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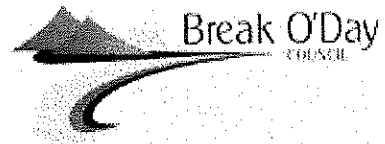
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What's another word for "thesaurus"?

BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2014/2015

The Community Funding Program provides grants to communities to improve facilities/programs in their township or to improve the overall amenity of their town. All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their community



Projects that will be considered for funding but not necessarily restricted to

- ◆ Beautification projects
- ◆ Projects to improve or construct recreation Facilities
- ◆ Projects that will improve the amenity of the township/community

Projects that will not be considered

- ◆ Any projects on privately owned land or which cannot be freely accessed by all community Members
- ◆ Capital Works projects (ie. footpaths, kerb and guttering etc.)

Eligibility

- ◆ All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township/area are eligible to apply for funding.
- ◆ Only local **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** community groups will be given consideration for funding assistance.
- ◆ Preference will be given to incorporated organisations with proven capacity to administer grants.

A detailed submission must be developed. Applications can be made under the Community Funding Program up until Friday February 27th, 2015.

Chris Hughes –6376 7900 / chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au
or download an application form from www.bodc.tas.gov.au

Another undergraduate gem: 'In the 19th-century city, prostitutes occupied a variety of positions. The historical impression of prostitution notoriously has a shady storyline suspect to more probing. Prostitutes are commonly depicted as being very sexually promiscuous. Some historians suggest that the history of prostitution is largely oral.'

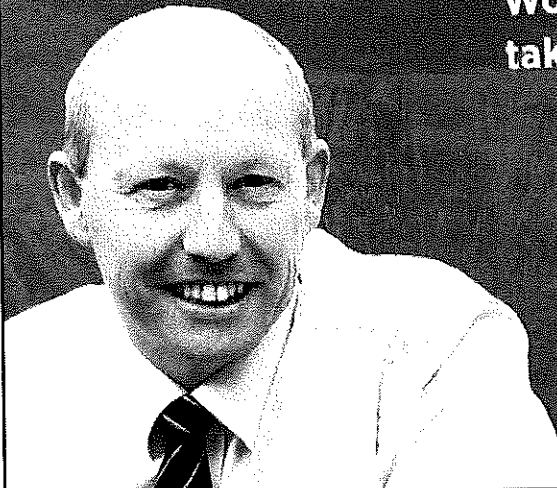
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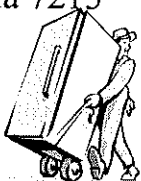


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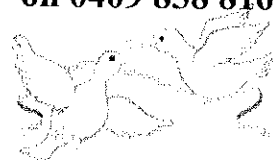
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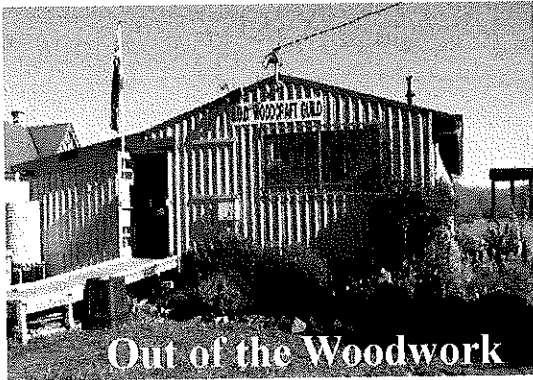
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The Guild is open every day except Friday and Sunday (depending on volunteers), and other times by appointment.

Well, as the year is nearing its end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who have contributed to the Guild through their kind donations and time. To Marcia and Leo who have worked tirelessly to give our memorial garden the attention it deserves, we say thank you.

I would like to personally thank Tracy McDonald who administers our facebook page, and never becomes exasperated when teaching a luddite like myself when it comes to the intricacies of the computer. The Sizzler King would like to express gratitude to the butchers Scott and Aaron, who have always made sure the haute cuisine snags are up to his discriminating taste, as well as Mark and all the crew at the IGA who have always looked after the needs of the Guild, and never treated us as a tedious interruption to their day. Not to forget Margaret and Grahame Derbyshire for the continual donation of onions. Lorraine Gill, our trusty ticket seller, for her contribution to our raffle ticket sales we say thank you, and to Jan Sparkes for her kind donation of wood and Barry Harrison for the gift of tools. Thank you to Wendy Dawson and all the volunteers at the Valley Voice (and especially Glyn) who keep a keen eye on my numerous grammatical and spelling errors. A special mention is deserving for Michael Smith and Michelle Kaal, who organize the Break O'Day Regional Arts Market (we all wish Michael a quick recovery). Many thanks to all our members - too numerous to name - whose support has been unflagging, especially Col Mackenzie, the Break O'Day Council, Kim from Second Hand Rose and the St Marys Pharmacy. If I have forgotten anyone I apologise - it was not intentional. Finally, we wish all a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and we all hope that this is a Christmas without any tears".

Guild's Home Hint:

To remove a splinter apply a quarter teaspoon of vegemite, cover with Band-Aid. The splinter will rise to the surface.





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1st of December 2014 at 10.30am
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Thank You Thank You Thank You

Who was that knocking on my door on Tuesday November 25th? No, it wasn't Christopher Pyne, as he offered (or threatened) he would. Nor any of my pre-Christmas lunch guests, but someone I had not seen for a very long time, dressed and armed for a hard slog at mowing.

Thank you Gary for all the wonderful grass-mowing, and friend Wendy for weeding. Your kindness and generosity made our, and in particular my, day!

A great gift! Many thanks Wendy and Gary, it will be long remembered. A great story.

Jan Sparkes, St Marys

After years spent in the "too hard basket", local council amalgamations could become a reality next year, with a firm date set for discussions to begin.

The State Government has consistently ruled out forcing councils to amalgamate but is now leading meetings aimed at moving the issue forward.

Local Government Minister Peter Gutwein says he has now written to all 29 councils, inviting the mayors, deputy mayors and general managers to a meeting in February.

"One of the key challenges that we've got is to ensure at all levels of Government were operating as effectively and efficiently as we can, and I'm beginning a conversation with local government early in the new year on that basis," he said.

Recent local government elections delivered 14 new mayors, who will serve four-year terms.



COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE FORUM

FALMOUTH - FOUR MILE CREEK AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Falmouth Community Centre, Morrison Street
12:00pm - 1:30pm Saturday 13 December 2014

Are you prepared to manage BUSHFIRE risk?

You are invited to attend a community information session to talk about local bushfire hazards and you being ready for this year's fire season.

WHO'S INVITED? All residents, Tasmania Fire Service (including Volunteer Fire Brigades)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE at 12pm


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Carols on the Foreshore

Australian Army Band - Tasmania

Don't miss this special Christmas Show full of wonderful Christmas favourites and traditional Carol singing for everyone!

Venue: Percy Steel Reserve, Georges Bay Esplanade, St. Helens
Date: 7.30pm, Saturday 13 December

Free event

*If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to
buy her friends?*

The Rethink Mental Health Project is a state-wide independent analysis of the Tasmanian mental health service system, and a key part of the government's election commitment – *a long term plan for mental health*. This project will map the existing Tasmanian mental health service system in order to guide investment and system reform over the next decade, and create an integrated mental health service system in Tasmania. As part of this project, the Mental Health Council of Tasmania will be holding a consultation with the community in St Marys on the January 14th 2015, and would like to invite you along.

During this session, participants will discuss a range of questions about the current system and look at what is working well and what we need to do differently, working in small groups under a group facilitator. The information provided in the consultations will be used in the Rethink Mental Health Project analysis. All contributions will remain anonymous, as information from sessions will be collaborated to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the existing mental health system, and opportunities for the future. A light lunch will be provided.

An Eastern Tasmania consultation will be held from 12pm - 2pm January 14th 2015, at the St Marys Community Health Centre. For other consultations across Tasmania or for more information about the Project, please visit the Rethink Mental Health Project page at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/rethink. RSVP e: project2@mhct.org, or call 6224 9222.



Tasmania's average household electricity bill is set to drop by \$10

The Australian Energy Regulator has issued a draft decision to transmission and distribution company, TasNetworks, about how much revenue it can raise for the next four years. TasNetworks was formed earlier in the year when the newly elected Tasmanian Liberal Government restructured the state-owned energy sector, taking the electricity distribution business from Tasmania's only electricity retailer, Aurora Energy, and merging it with transmission company Transend. Jim Cox from the regulator said transmission costs make up about 15 per cent of household and business energy bills in Tasmania.

"Prices for residential customers will fall about \$10 a year and prices for small business customers will fall about \$16 a year," he said. "Prices will also fall for TasNetwork's light industrial customers, who are important users of its services."

In the 12 months to June, the state's energy prices fell almost 4%. Over the same period the number of Tasmanians seeking help to pay their power bills doubled. In October, Tasmania's economic regulator approved an 8% drop in energy prices that is not connected to today's draft decision.

ST HELENS / ST MARYS COMMUNITY BANK®

The St Helens/St Marys Bendigo Bank Steering Committee says goodbye to November with the achievement of a major milestone: total value exceeded \$840,000 from 275 pledges, and over \$10m in business on the books being attributed to members of the Break O'Day community. This achievement could not have been possible without the many hours of hard work of all previous and current committee members and importantly, those BOD community members with faith in the establishment of a Community Bank® in both St Helens and St Marys. Thank you.

Also this month, the St Helens/St Marys Bendigo Bank Steering Committee welcomed local business and sporting identity, Tim Harrison, to it's ranks. Many will recognise Tim from his café in Bicheno, the St Helens ANZ bank and currently at LJ Hooker St Helens. The Committee is looking forward to working with Tim who has extensive experience in regional banking and small business operations.

Please remember the purpose of establishing branches and/or agencies in these two towns is to not only provide an alternate banking option, but about providing jobs and professional experience to local people. Overall, the Bendigo Community Banks have issued grants to the value in excess of \$130m to their communities since 1994, with many hundreds of thousands of dollars granted to Tasmanian organisations.

For the St Helens and St Marys communities to benefit from this, the Steering Committee needs you to show your support by making a non-binding pledge. In addition, please follow this link <http://www.facebook.com/StHelensStMarysCommunityBank> to our Facebook page to like and share, or phone any of the following committee members:

- ♦ Andrew MacGregor 0419 894 072
- ♦ Roger Harlow 0417 684 463
- ♦ Margaret Tweedie 0417 509 780

- ♦ Len Miles 0419 565 648
- ♦ Chris Triebe 0417 524 392

St Helens / St Marys Bendigo Bank Steering Committee



Lions Xmas cakes

Lions Club Xmas cakes are now available from Lion Len Miles. He can be contacted on 6372 2285

A Merry Xmas to all from our club



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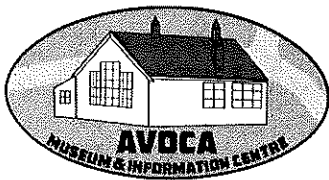
Greens back "The Tasmanian Opportunity"

The Tasmanian Greens Leader, Kim Booth MP, and Senator Peter Whish-Wilson, welcomed efforts from the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce in continuing the public discussion about the opportunities that would flow from processing refugees in Tasmania, rather than in expensive and cruel off-shore processing facilities.

Senator Whish-Wilson said, "The Tasmanian Opportunity is a clarion call for rational policy making in this highly politicised space. Taking in asylum seekers is a moral and legal obligation. Where better to process asylum seekers than in the welcoming arms of Tasmania? It would be a win for fairness, a win for the tax-payer and a win for the Tasmanian economy. I am proud to say that the Greens have always led on this campaign. I hope that the politicians from other parties begin to repudiate offshore processing and see that The Tasmanian Opportunity is the better way."

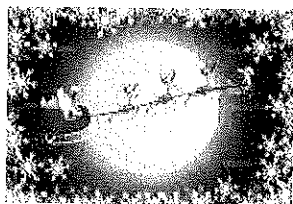
Kim Booth MP said, "The Tasmanian Greens continue to call for an onshore processing facility to be established in Tasmania, and urge the other two parties in the State Parliament to also endorse this humane alternative option. No matter how tough Tasmanians are doing it, we have a proud tradition of still being able to see beyond ourselves and offering others doing it harder a helping hand. Many are appalled at the inhumanity of the Abbott government's off-shore internment camp regime.

"We believe there is merit in alternative models, such as that proposed by Mr Julian Burnside QC, and we are committed to assisting in the development of a formal plan to be put to government to establish Tasmania as a humanitarian on-shore asylum seeker processing centre," Mr Booth said.



Avoca Museum and Information Centre

Old School Building
AVOCA TASMANIA 7213



Carols in the Park

6:30 for 7pm Saturday December 20th 2014

Bring a picnic and something to put on the BBQ

Battery operated candles (profits to Lymphoedema)

Don Ives, Mark Money's Street Organ and locals performing

Supper at AMIC afterwards

Rossarden & Friends Kids Christmas Inc.



Christmas Party

December 14th at the Primary School

Santa arrives at 11am

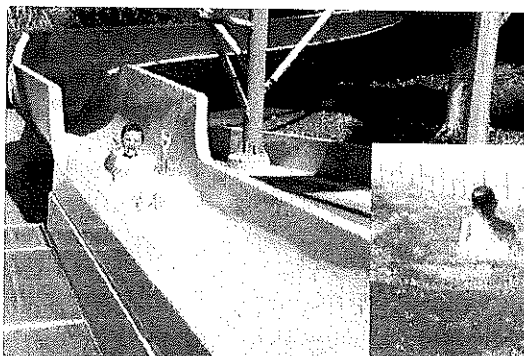
Please bring a plate of party food

Parent contributions to Leesa or Helen before 1st Dec to ensure your child's inclusion.



The **Aquatic Centre Trip** on Saturday November 8th was a great excursion, with close to 60 people enjoying a picnic at the Tailrace Park before an afternoon of fun at the Aquatic Centre.

A big thank you to the Northern Midlands Council and the event organisers.



Rossarden Working Bee planned for Sunday November 30th had to be cancelled due to lack of sufficient interest. Many thanks to those few who turned up to the first two working bees but the job is too large for so few people.

The next **AMIC Market** is **Saturday 20th December 2014** in the park.

If the weather is bad, the market will be held in the hall.

Contact **Steve 6384 2188** or **Prue 6384 2119** for a stall

'The pattern of economic development from the 1830s to 1900 can be summed up in one word: ROLLER COASTER. Cities started to grow. Melbourne although exploded quicker than Sydney, some what slowed right down at a quicker rate. The first bridge in Melbourne was a bow-string iron construction built in 1854 at the end of William Street with others following in pursuit. Stores started to specialise in certain goods and awnings. Sewage started to be run though the city. In Sydney the land surrounding Oxford Street was divided into sections, with hopes of forming Sydney in a grid, although they were not completely successful, as Oxford Street is bent.'

**The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. has organised another
Eating with Friends Christmas Lunch**

Thursday December 18th 2014

\$12 per person

Please book your place by December 10th 2014 for catering purposes

Time: 12 for 12.30 start

A deposit of \$6 would be appreciated by December 10th 2014



Menu

Meats: Ham and chicken

Salads: Potato, coleslaw and green

Sweets: Plum pudding, pavlova and fruit salad

Santa gift bag: A gift to exchange on the day (to the value of \$5) from those wishing to exchange a gift.

If you are interested, call in to the Office or phone 6374 2344 to book your place.



THE GIVING TREE

Ana, of Ana's Hairdressing Salon has again placed the Giving Tree in her salon.

It was a great success last year and Ana wishes to say a huge thank you to all who donated gifts then, and extends an invitation to the community to again be generous and provide something to brighten someone's Christmas.

Gifts must be unwrapped, may be for children or adults and should be in place by the cut-off date of Tuesday December 16th 2014.

This year the gifts are to be distributed by Anglicare.

If you live in St Marys and surrounding communities, including the Fingal Valley, and you require assistance with Christmas gifts, you must supply your details to *Thom Ryan*, Anglicare on 6376 1810.

No home deliveries will be made this year. Instead the collection date will be Thursday, December 18th 2014 in St Marys at the Anglican Church between 10.30am and 12 noon.



**FINGAL VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
Christmas Parade 2014**

Tuesday December 23rd, 2014

We will be leaving the Fingal Town Hall at 6pm.

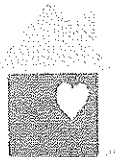
There will be a BBQ at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House in the Garden Area.

A donation would be appreciated

There will be prizes for BEST DRESSED GIRLS and BOYS Under 3, 5, 10 and 12 years

Hope to see you all there

**The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Committee, Staff and Volunteers would like to wish you all a
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**



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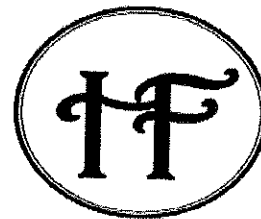
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The Say, by Cagerattler

More and more, at all levels of Government (and not targeting for that matter any particular persuasion or party), there seems to be an ever-growing trend to cut spending wastage. Prime targets are foot soldiers and middle management but will refer in general terms. It happens whenever there is an election on the cards, especially. I have a very simplistic view of all this. On one hand we are told that we are losing manufacturing jobs and at the same time we are told service jobs, resource jobs and the like also have to be cut back or eliminated.

If this trend continues, who the hell is going to be gainfully employed in a generation or two, to any great extent.

Is the Free Trade Agreement with China and/or India (or anywhere else for that matter) going to be the panacea for revolution of the redundant multitude, or are we in fact going to be worse off because of it.

Look at what the removal of tariffs on the imported cars has done to a once-thriving Australian car industry; same thing with countless call centre jobs being sent offshore. It would be fascinating to find out over the past quarter century how many jobs have gone in both these examples and how much other products like whitegoods etc. are now imported rather than exported.

All this said - surely it's about time for governments to look at the big picture and not do these knee jerk reaction, and they are, ways of saving a buck. The Carbon Tax, the Mining Tax too could have seen growth if ever done properly, with companies in good faith having to work better, not cheaper.

This is an unmitigated tragedy and could have set us up as a leader not a follower for a change.

Politicians make me mad - no foresight, no real look into the present or future and they don't learn the lessons from past mistakes.

We should demand more from these egocentric, disingenuous so-and- so's.

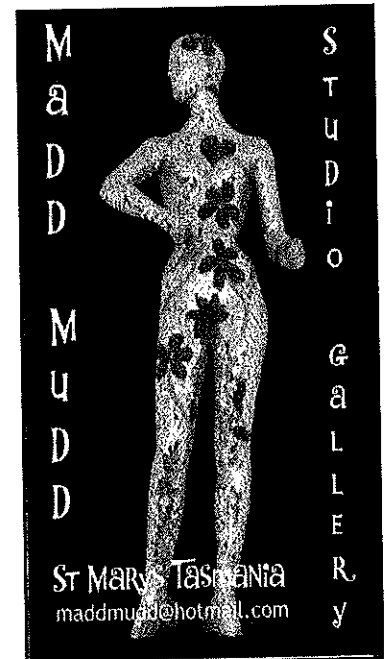
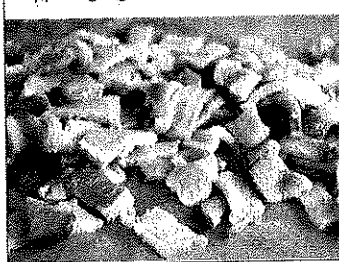
Why don't we? Let's not become a basket case.

We can do better, not least by engendering more insightful politics for a start.

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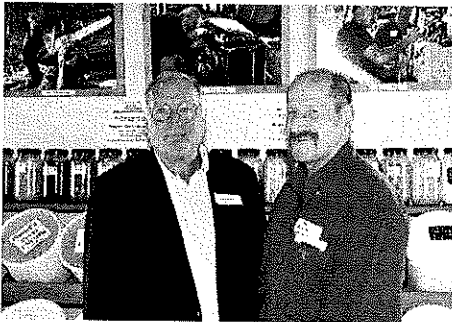
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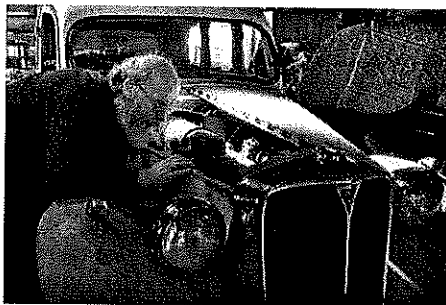
*Open Winner and \$250 Prize -
Glyn Johnson with Mayor Tucker for his
photo "Tinkering", below*



*18 & Under Winner and \$150
Prize - Catherine Bean with
Owen Hughes for her photo
"Gathering Fire Wood", below*



*Lorraine Townsend with Mayor Mick
Tucker at the launch of her two books*



The People's Choice Award and \$100 Prize also went to Glyn Johnson for his photo "Tinkering" (the 1st time the Open Winner is also the People's Choice Winner). 35 people attended an enjoyable evening with great food.

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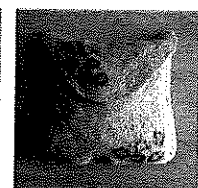
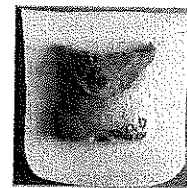


Funky Felted Bags

Tasmanian textile artist **June Hope** shared her expertise and skills with an enthusiastic group in St Marys on November 22nd 2014. Hosted by Rita Summers of Gone Rustic Studio and Gallery, the marathon 1 day workshop (9.30am - 6pm) produced some wonderful and unique creations and some very happy (and some newly addicted) felters!

Workshop participants: Felicity Bonner, Tracey Bird, Jeanette Gilbert, Bronwyn Gunner, Sue Nelson, Lindy Scripps and Rita Summers.

Article and photos by Rita Summers, St Marys



These two photos of a bag made by Rita Summers shows the amount of shrinkage which occurred during the felting process, compared to the original template



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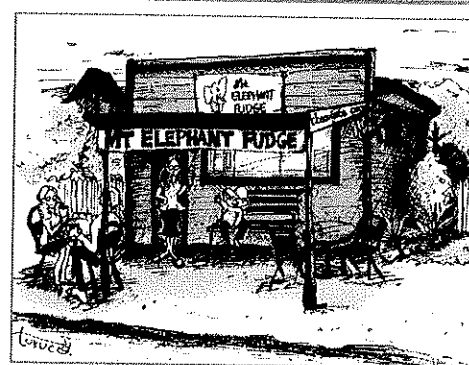
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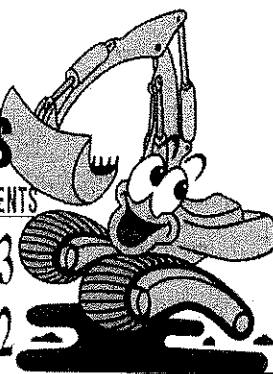
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When things come in threes...a Christmas story

Daisy Dell farm, Lower Germantown. December 1965

'It's strange how things seem to sometimes happen in threes - things both good and bad' my mother Linda reflected, pausing briefly from polishing cutlery with Silvo. The two of us were in the midst of Christmas preparations, therefore I knew her statement was a prelude to her wonderful stories of Christmas' past.

'Let me take you back three decades' she began. 'It was 1926 and I was 13. It was the year our family's three bad things occurred. Well, I guess the first wasn't a bad thing, although my mother Mary cried spasmodically for several days, because two of her daughters had flown the coop.'

18 year old Elsie and 16 year old Doris had gone to live at Falmouth, where they were working as maids at Thorold's Boarding House *Mariposa*.

Falmouth may as well be on the other side of the world, for my family could not afford to take a day off farm work to go all the way down St Marys Pass for a visit. Besides, our only means of transport was our chestnut draught horse Dobbin, or Shank's pony.

Here I interrupted my mother's story. 'Mum, did you know that until last year when I was only a little girl of seven, I always wondered what type of horse and what colour was Shank's pony? Now I know it means walking.'

Mother laughed. 'Yes' she continued. 'So now you know how difficult it would have been for us to walk to Falmouth, and how isolated and lonely my mother felt at the departure of Elsie and Doris; my mother relied heavily on them to share the workload and keep her company, as she only left the farm once a year to attend the New Year's Day horseracing at St Marys with the family.

But getting back to that bad event - secretly I was happy to see Bossyboots Elsie and Lazybones Doris leave home. For one thing, our bedroom was less crowded, reduced from sleeping six girls to four. Gwen and I still shared a bed, but squawky little Phylis now slept alone in Elsie and Doris' bed, instead of squeezed in with Gwen and I. Oh, I still had Selfish Sandy Clarice to contend with in our room but she had always been the selfish spoilt child in our family. She always had a bed of her own, and she always had both butter and jam on her bread. The other seven of us always had to choose between butter or jam (I always chose butter).

There was a bad side to my sisters' departure as the last gleaming fork was placed in the dresser drawer. She moved on to our next Christmas preparation. She flipped through her handwritten recipe book and found butterscotch. Homemade butterscotch had been an integral part of her childhood Christmas customs, and she had carried it into her marriage. So we put two cups of sugar, four tablespoons of butter and two tablespoons of vinegar into a saucepan to boil until it was golden and brittle. Yum!

'Want to hear about the second bad thing of 1926?' my mother asked. I nodded, so she continued. 'We only had shop bought lollies for Christmas and birthdays - peppermint sticks for Christmas, rock candy sticks for birthdays. Grandmother Britton lived down the road from our farm, closer to St Marys. She paid us a visit every time one of us had a

birthday, and her present was always a stick of rock candy. Of course, the birthday child was expected to be totally unselfish and break off a portion to share with seven siblings. It was now September, and both Gwen and Tom shared September birthdays - Granny was sure to visit soon. I shared the anticipation and excitement, for every year Granny would say 'Linda dear, in all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, I forgot your birthday is on the 26th of December. Therefore, I'll give you your present today.'

That was fine by me, for it meant far less sacrifice - three of us sharing our candy with four siblings rather than one person sharing with seven. So each day Tom, Frank, Gwen and I played in the bushland high on the hills above our farm. This spot offered a good vantage point to look out for Granny's arrival. Then it finally happened. Tom yelled with delight 'Here she comes!' He ran helter skelter down the steep grassy slopes to greet Granny. Gwen was of course in hot pursuit. I was the best runner in the family so I quickly took the lead.

Then wham, thump - how on earth did I manage to collide with the only gumtree growing in the paddock? Stars twinkled and circled before my eyes. Something warm, sticky and red gushed from my forehead and streamed down my face. I fell to the ground with a thud as waves of darkness washed over me.

'It's ok Lin, I'm here' I heard Frank's fearful voice, penetrating the haze in my brain. He wrapped his shirt tightly around my head. 'I'll get help' he reassured as he dashed away. Thankfully Frank had been dawdling (because he had no present to collect) as Tom and Gwen were unaware of my accident - I could have bled to death.

The next thing I knew I was lying on the sofa in our living room, mother hovering over me with needle and cotton in her hands. Terrifying memories from November of last year flooded my mind. Those of mother painfully stitching my thumb, which had almost been severed by Tom's fern hook. Mercifully, I fainted.

On regaining consciousness I found my head successfully stitched, the bleeding staunched with flour, herbs and a bandage of brown paper, and Granny handing me my rock candy. Clarice was gently saying 'You don't have to share any of your candy with me, dear sister - just please get better.'

I learnt something special that day - Selfish Sandy Clarice was only a figure of my imagination. She was really the kindest and most selfless of sisters. A pity it took a crack on my forehead to discover the truth.



Mary Newman -
inset John Newman

(continued)

From that time onward, I treated this older sister with the respect she deserved, so you see good things can come out of bad things' she concluded.

By now the butterscotch was setting in trays, so my mother decided our next Christmas task for 1956 would be collecting bark and sticks, to ensure we had plenty of kindling to light the kitchen stove each morning in readiness for the prolific Christmas baking. As we gathered bark, I noticed my mother cautiously examined each piece. I wonder if the third bad thing could possibly be connected to bark. It was!

'I'd better finish telling about the last bad thing that happened in 1926' she said, picking up her pile of kindling and heading for home.

'It was the first Sunday of Advent - the official beginning of the Christmas season. Although it was early December, there was a distinct chill in the late afternoon air, so our mother decided to light a fire in the living room fireplace. Tonight was going to be a special night - a time for the family to relax and sing Christmas songs, father playing his mouth organ and mother playing the gum leaf. They were always a very good duo. My mother picked up bark. She gave an agonizing scream! We came running. She was clutching her hand and sobbing with the intensity of pain. Clarice noticed a big, thick, hairy black spider scurrying away and Tom dinged it with a piece of wood. Mother struggled to calm herself, as she gave us instructions on how to treat spider bite. In spite of treatment, mother's hand was swelling terribly and her pain was unbearable. She began sweating profusely and seemed somewhat confused. Clarice detected the seriousness of the situation and ordered Frank to saddle Dobbin and ride to St Marys for the doctor. After what seemed like eternity, we heard the doctor's car lumbering up the road. By now, mother was experiencing tummy pains and vomiting, and having frightful muscle twitching.

Father arrived home from work at Jubilee coal mine just as the doctor announced 'I will need to take Mary to Campbell Town Hospital!' Campbell Town? That meant things were serious. If only there was a hospital at St Marys - one was being built but that was no use to us here and now.

'I have to get her to Campbell Town before she goes into a possible coma' the doctor whispered to us. But that would take hours. Could she survive such a long, arduous trip? With heavy hearts we felt we were possibly saying a final goodbye to our beloved mother. All we could do now was wait and pray.

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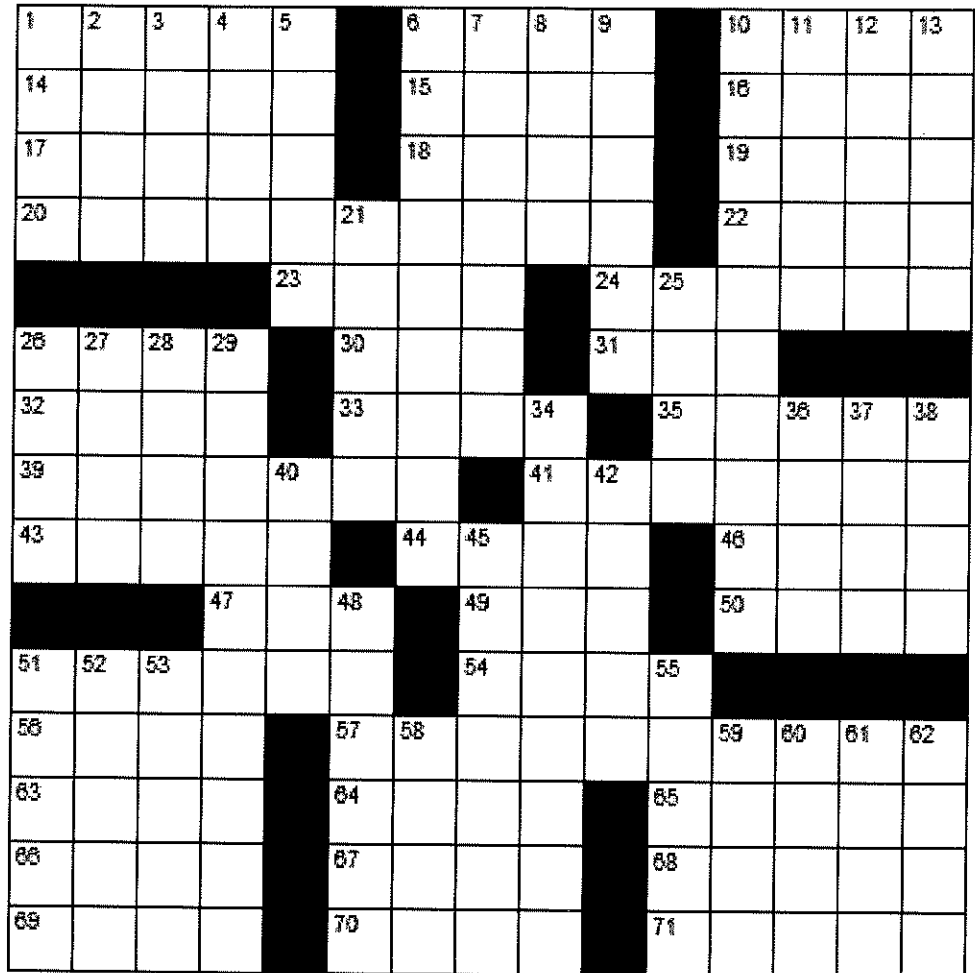
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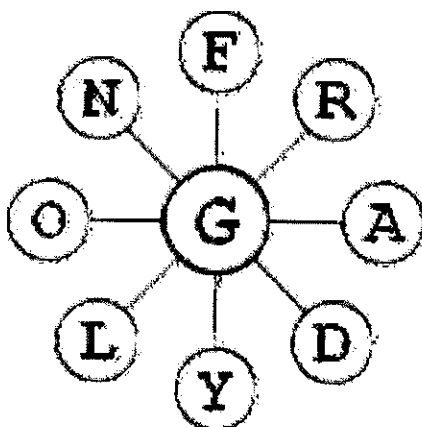
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19. Collections
20. Demoralized
22. Tropical tuber
23. Engineering school
24. Invented the light bulb
26. Mogul
30. Barely manage
31. Disencumber
32. Christmas season
33. "Action word"
35. Suffered
39. Sleep
41. Release
43. Carcinoid
44. Arid
46. Constellation bear
47. Tear
49. Autonomic nervous system
50. Observed
51. Young unmarried woman
54. Liturgy
56. Double-reed woodwind
57. Not arrogant
63. Ride the waves
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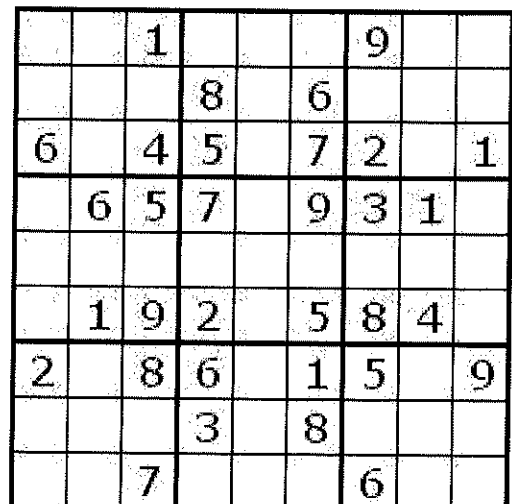
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3. In baseball, 3 per inning
4. At the peak of
5. Excellence
6. Impersonators
7. Some other
8. Anagram of "Ties"
9. Braze
10. Fussy
11. Districts
12. Backward-looking
13. A worker of stone
21. Female ruff
25. Found on rotary phones
26. Vesicle
27. Bantu language
28. Astringent
29. Repentant
34. Polishes
36. Wisdom
37. Being
38. University administrator
40. French cheese
42. Homes for birds
45. Otalgia
48. Not singular
51. Drugged
52. Bad treatment
53. Virtuous
55. European currency
58. Agreeable
59. Mother
60. Midmonth date
61. Badgers
62. A neutral color

Solutions next issue



How many words can you find?
Each word must contain the central G 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: 53 words. Good: 42 words. Average: 33 words.



ST MARYS CRICKET CLUB

*Match report - 22/11/14**St Marys v Scamander at Scamander*

The Tigers headed to Scamander to take on the reigning premiers. Scamander won the toss and decided to bat. Our opening bowlers started well but the Scamander batsmen dug in and were 2/73 at the 10 over mark. They continued on after drinks and finished with 9/148 after their 20 overs - a very handy score, and it was going to take a very good batting performance to chase down the runs.

Gary Cooper 4/22 and Chris Turner 2/15 were the major wicket takers for the Tigers.

The run chase started very shaky with St Marys 4/57 at the 10 over mark. Craig Freiboth 29 with 3 great sixes was the only top order batsmen to score freely. But after drinks the St Marys batsmen steadied and with a great display of hitting got the Tigers home in the last over, 7/150. Scott Bentley 41 with some powerful including 4 sixes and Roger Salter 27 put on a great display of batting. A top effort and a great win considering the position we were in at 10 overs. Well done fellas.

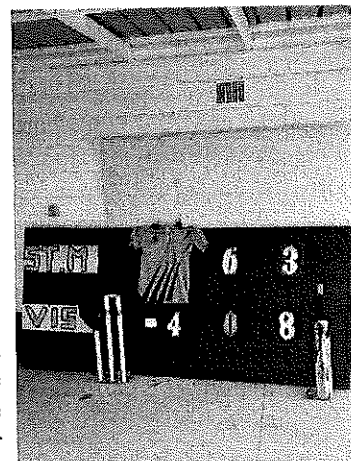
*Match report - 29/11/14**St Marys v St Helens at St Marys*

This game did not go ahead as the St Helens team forfeited.

Club Note: We all know from the past week the devastating news that Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes passed away after a freak accident. Our club decided to pay our own tribute to him. (see pics)

To Phillip's family, friends and team mates, on behalf of the St Marys Cricket Club, condolences on your loss and I would like everyone to spare a thought for Sean Abbott the player who bowled the ball.

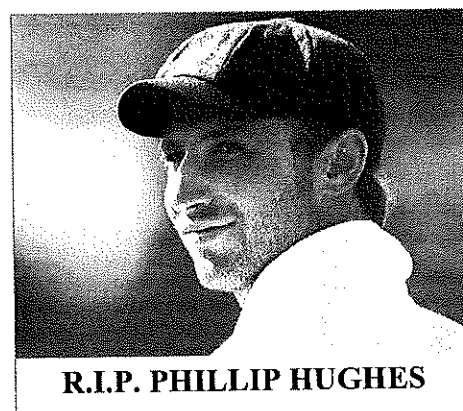
Chris Turner, Capt/coach



SCAMANDER	VISITORS
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The Scamander Cricket Club's tribute to the late Phil Hughes (right),

sent in by
Dale Matheson, Scamander



R.I.P. PHILLIP HUGHES

Vol 47.15 solutions

All words: cero, ceros, cooer, cooers, cooper, coopers, coper, copers, cor, core, corer, corers, cores, corps, corpse,

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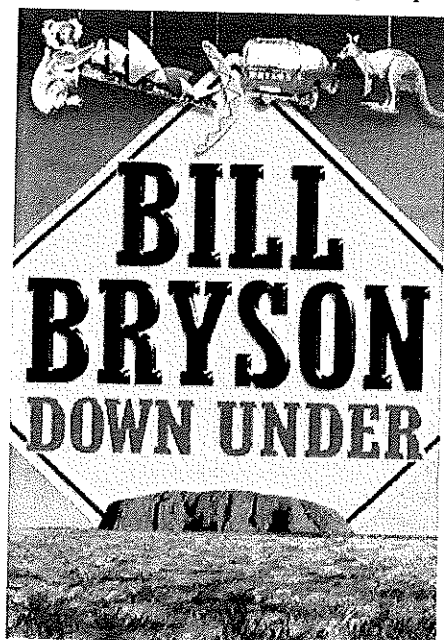
Down Under with Bill Bryson

"Australia is mostly empty and a long way away. Its population is small and its role in the world consequently peripheral. It doesn't have coups, recklessly overfish, arm disagreeable despots, grow coca in provocative quantities, or throw its weight around in a brash and unseemly manner. It is stable and peaceful and good. It doesn't need watching, and so we don't. But I will tell you this: the loss is entirely ours."

"The people are immensely likable - cheerful, extrovert, quick-witted, and unfailingly obliging. Their cities are safe and clean and nearly always built on water. They have a society that is prosperous, well ordered, and instinctively egalitarian. The food is excellent. The beer is cold. The sun nearly always shines. There is coffee on every corner. Life doesn't get much better than this."

"Australians are very unfair in this way. They spend half of any conversation insisting that the country's dangers are vastly overrated and that there's nothing to worry about, and the other half telling you how six months ago their Uncle Bob was driving to Mudgee when a tiger snake slid out from under the dashboard and bit him on the groin, but that it's okay now because he's off the life support machine and they've discovered he can communicate with eye blinks."

"As many of you already know, the Brits sent their convicts to Australia in the late eighteenth century. While the voyage took 252 days they were lucky - upon landing, the Brits spotted two French ships on the horizon. Meaning, had they taken a day longer to arrive, Australia would have been a French colony"



"I passed the time on the long flight reading a history of Australian politics in the twentieth century, wherein I encountered the startling fact that in 1967 the prime minister, Harold Holt, was strolling along a beach in Victoria when he plunged into the surf and vanished. No trace of the poor man was ever seen again. This seemed doubly astounding to me—first that Australia could just *lose* a prime minister (I mean, come on) and second that news of this had never reached me."

"Lachlan Macquarie, the Scottish governor of the colony in the beginning of the nineteenth century, was nearly successful at attempting to name every object in the continent after himself. As a result, there is the Macquarie Harbour, Macquarie Island, Macquarie Marsh, Macquarie River, Macquarie Fields, Macquarie Pass, Macquarie's Chair, Macquarie's Point and a Macquarie town. Macquarie is also a bank, university, the national dictionary, a shopping centre, an ice rink, and countless roads, streets and avenues. And that doesn't even include all the places named after his first name Lachlan..."

"A suggested name for the nation's capital Canberra was "Sydmeladperbrisho" (using the first syllables of the state capitals)."

"In 1857, naturalist Gerard Krefft caught two very rare pig-footed Bandicoots in the outback. Unfortunately, Krefft grew hungry and ate them. As far as anyone

could tell - they were the last of their species"

"Charles Kingsford Smith was the greatest Australian aviator (possibly the best aviator in the world) and held more records than anyone else. Despite this, after his death in 1935, he was notably remembered in Australia (the Sydney airport is named after him) but not abroad. For instance, in 1998, the American writer Scott Berg wrote a six hundred page book on the history of aviation history - there was no single mention of Charles Kingsford Smith."

After staying overnight in Darwin:

"In the morning a new man was behind the front desk. "And how did you enjoy your stay, Sir?" he asked smoothly. "It was singularly execrable," I replied. "Oh, excellent," he purred, taking my card. "In fact, I would go so far as to say that the principal value of a stay in this establishment is that it is bound to make all subsequent service-related experiences seem, in comparison, refreshing."

He made a deeply appreciative expression as if to say, "Praise indeed," and presented my bill for signature. "Well, we hope you'll come again."

"I would sooner have bowel surgery in the woods with a stick."

His expression wavered, then held there for a long moment. "Excellent," he said again, but without a great show of conviction."

"No one knows, incidentally, why Australia's spiders are so extravagantly toxic; capturing small insects and injecting them with enough poison to drop a horse would appear to be the most literal case of overkill. Still, it does mean that everyone gives them lots of space."

On Cricket:

"I don't wish to denigrate a sport that is enjoyed by millions, some of them awake and facing the right way, but it is an odd game. It is the only sport that incorporates meal breaks. It is the only sport that shares its name with an insect. It is the only sport in which spectators burn as many calories as players - more if they are moderately restless. It is the only competitive activity of any type, other than perhaps baking, in which you can dress in white from head to toe and be as clean at the end of the day as you were at the beginning."

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Accommodation Addlestone House
B&B St Marys 6372 2783
Fish-Tales On The Bay - pet friendly
0439 265 362 a.h. 6372 2128
Mariton House B&B, horse-riding
St Marys 6372 2059
Queechy Cottages St Helens 6376 1321
Seaview Farm & Youth Hostel St Marys
6372 2341
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St Marys
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Fingal 6374 2195
Mathinna 6377 1168
Scamander 6372 5664
St Helens 131318

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Centre** St Helens 6376 2044

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6376 7900

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0408 059 521

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St Marys 6372 2973 / 0417 017 105

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C & D Excavations 6372 2033
Trotter's Contracting 6372 2107
6372 2742

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6372 2187

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Uniting Church St Helens 6376 2405
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6387 5555

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St Helens 6376 1389

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dema Centre 6272 2900

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0417 017 105
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0488 384 344

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AH 6372 2267

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Splash St Marys 0488 777 713

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St Marys 6372 3900
St Helens 6376 7100

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Avoca 6384 2117
Fingal 6374 2197

Service Stations/Fuel
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Scamander 6372 5193
St Marys 6372 2335

Supermarkets
Avoca R/house 6384 2157
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Scamander Supermarket 6372 5125
St Helens Super IGA 6376 1177

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St Helens 6376 1972

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0488 777 713

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Shed St Marys 6372 2094

Meals on Wheels - 0488 384 344

December 8th	Karl Balzer
9th	Pam Bretz
10th	Louise Keady
11th	Liz Rice
12th	Lorraine Gill
15th	Ruth Aulich
16th	Trish Pike
17th	Lundy Vosper
18th	Sonya Allison
19th	Drew Adam

Tip locations and opening hours

<i>Ansons Bay</i>	
Long w/end Mon 12 - 4	<i>Scamander, Coach Street</i>
Wed & Sun 12 - 4	Tues & Thurs 10 - 4
	Sun 2 - 5
<i>Fingal, Mathinna Road</i>	<i>St Helens, Eagle Street.</i>
Tues & Thurs 10 - 4	Open 7 days 10 - 4
Sun 2 - 5	
<i>Pyengana, Tasman Hwy</i>	<i>St Marys, Gray Road</i>
No builders' waste please	Tues & Thurs 10 - 4
Wed 9 - 1	Sun 2 - 5
Sun 2 - 5	

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Poisons Information	131126
Police Emergency	000 & Enq 131444
SES Emergency	132500
TFS Emergency	000 & Enq 1800 000 699

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys
Sr Lorraine Groves
6372 2252 / 0409 172 741

1st Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 11.30am

2nd Sunday Liturgy
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno LWC 9am

4th Sunday Liturgy
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 11am
Bicheno 9am

Break O'Day Uniting Church
The Manse 6376 2405
St Helens 9am
Fingal 11.15 am

St Marys Salvation Army
Envoy M Norton 0409 838 816

Sunday Joy 9.30am
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!
Tuesday JAM 3-5pm (except school holidays)

Break O'Day Anglican Parish POB 143, St Helens
Tas 7216 6372 1144

St Helens 9.30am
5th Sunday Combined Service with Uniting Church 10.30am
St Marys 10am
Pyengana Please phone for service times
facebook.com/anglicanbod

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca 11am 2nd Sunday
Fingal 2pm 2nd Sunday
Mathinna 2.30pm 4th Sunday
Ross 10am 5th Sunday
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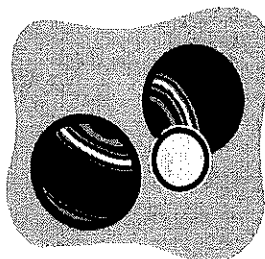
Thursday 5.30 - 7.30 Friday 5.30 - 8.30.
Sunday 1.30 - 4.30.

Bowls News

This week, the bowlers meet Bicheno at St Marys - our last game before the Christmas break. There will be a sausage sizzle at the club after the game.

Last week, we had a very close game against Swansea, losing by just a few points. Our next game will be on January 10th when we meet St Helens at home.

Don't forget to enter your teams on the board for Clive Berwick Day on December 27th 2014



New to Bowls?

Come and have a roll on
Thursdays from 5.30pm
or Sundays from 1.30pm

If there is enough interest on
Sundays we could get a friendly
comp going.

Golf News



Numbers are up and down but don't let that deter you. Dust off the clubs and get down to the club for a swing on any Sunday. Tee off is at 12.30.



Club Kitchen

Due to upcoming function bookings, Friday night meals have been put on hold until further notice.
To make a booking for a function please contact
Jacqui on 0439 978 156

For Sale

The club has a number of wooden dining room chairs for sale. They have dark yellow vinyl padded seats and backs. \$2 each.
Contact *Jim on 6372 2441*

Friday night is happy hour at the club.

Non members are most welcome.

Jag the Joker has reached a whopping **\$820**.

Kirstin Viney had the chance but missed out last week. Members draw was won by Jim Turner yet again. You have to be at the club to collect.

Club Membership is due. \$25pp
Sports Membership (those who participate in bowls or golf comps) \$60pp
Junior Sports \$40 .
(Golf & Bowls State affiliation fee's extra)
ALL PENNANT PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE PAID OR STARTED PAYING OFF THEIR FEES BY NOW!

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First grade mince	10.99
Forequarter lamb chops	11.99
Nichols chicken wings	2.99
Ingham gourmet chicken portions	5.99

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Devondale butter 500g	2.99
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Only \$1.99ea

IGA cordial syrup 2L
Eta 5 star margarine 500g
Eliza's little loaves 370g
Zoosh salad dressings 200ml
Kleenex extra care tissues 95pk

Specials from 10th - 16th December

Butchery	per kg
Netted boneless leg of lamb	11.99
Beef stir fry strips	15.99
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Nichols chicken breast fillets	13.99

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Cadbury Roses 150g	3.99
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Ferrero Golden Gallery 129g	8.99

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Call in and see one of our friendly staff for any
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At left, a National Archive photo of 'Roger' and 'Jerry', outside the St Marys pub. More information would be appreciated.

A torch is a case for holding dead batteries

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